

The Department of History

December 17, 1979

Dr. Erik Fugedi
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Kedves Erik,

Your "villamlevel" reached me at less than lightning speed and I immediately got in touch with the publisher of the Statistics for Social Scientists volume. They promised to send the book from their warehouse and it should arrive in about two weeks. I will forward it to you immediately. The Floud book will also be sent to you if I can get hold of a copy. It would have been sent to you sooner but unfortunately, I have been almost completely incapacitated by serious illness and only now am beginning to recover completely.

Shortly after we came home from Europe in early September, I began having severe pain in my legs which became more pronounced each day. I decided to seek a medical opinion on this problem and found that there was a thrombosis in my legs which caused the painful phlebitis. I was put on immediate bed rest, with compresses and elevated legs. The problem seemed to ease and I was looking forward to the start of the academic year although I had to miss the first week of classes. While recuperating in this fashion, I woke up one morning with terrible chest pains, covered with a cold sweat and knew that this was something more serious. Eva took me to the Emergency Room of the local Medical Center. At first the doctors believed that I might have a pulmonary embolism, the thrombosis from my leg having travelled into my lungs. Fortunately, this was not the case, instead it became apparent that I was suffering from a very severe angina pectoris attack. The Medical Center is very well equipped and a whole series of tests were run on me which revealed other problems as well. It seems that somewhere in Europe I had picked up a case of viral hepatitis which fortunately already was receding. The test also showed the beginnings of an ulcer. After several days in the Intensive Care Cardiac Unit, I was moved to Intermediate Care and then released into the able hands of Eva, whose expertise in nursing has been of great help. My recuperation has been slow. At first there were serious circulatory problems, mainly in my legs and it looked as if I will be put back in the hospital again. Fortunately each passing day has brought some improvement and the last few weeks have really brought me back to my old self. Although when we last saw each other in Budapest I did not look overweight, yet I had to lose some excess fat and am a trim 158 lbs.

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The trauma of all this, plus the medications and strict diet (low cholesterol, low carbohydrate, low sodium, gastric diet) have left me quite weak but now even that is greatly improved and I can again do some work.

As you can see, we have been through a rather difficult period in our lives but managed to come out of it with optimism for the future and a greater appreciation of those things which do make life worth living.

Thank you for getting my article accepted for publication. I hope that the translation will be fairly good. If at all possible try to check it against the original. The footnotes are in langhand and will be typed during the Christmas vacation.

You are in our thoughts very often and we think fondly of the times we spent with you at Leanyfalu and in Bp. Both Eva and I regret that such immense geographic barriers separate us for we loved to be in closer touch with you. I do hope, however, that the distance does not in any way diminish our sincere affection and friendship toward each other.

The whole family joins me in wishing you, Edina and Kristina a joyous and blessed Christmas and much happiness, good health for the New Year.

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In early January I plan to return to my teaching duties at the university. It will be difficult at first because my energy level is still not the same as it should be but I hope that all will be well in a few weeks.

We think back fondly to all our kind and thoughtful friends in Budapest, such as you, but can not help to be at times resentful of the general uncaring and ineffective performance of KKI which caused us problems we really did not need.

I sincerely hope that your work is progressing well and that the volume which your responsibility will soon go to the printer and you can breath easier.

Eva and I talk about you very frequently and hope that not so many years will pass before we see each other again. We hope that both you as well as your lovely daughters are well and wish you the very best for the coming Christmas Season.

Please extend my warmest greetings to my many dear friends at the Institute. I will try to write to most of them in the near future.

With best wishes and sincere affection, I remain

The Department of History

December 20, 1979

Prof. Denis Sinor, Chairman
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Kedves Denes,

Ever since I heard what you would be at the conference held at Brooklyn College in early December, I was looking forward to seeing you. Unfortunately the last three months have not been very good for us and I had to give up all hope of seeing my friends both from the United States and Canada as well as from Budapest.

Shortly after our return from the IREX grant in September I developed thrombosis in my legs and was laid up. While in this uncomfortable state, I woke up one fine morning with terrible chest pains, and feeling generally bad. I landed up in Intensive Coronary Care with severe angina pectoris and suspicion of pulmonary embolism. Once they were able to reduce my extremely high pulse rate and blood pressure to near normal, I was subjected to a barrage of tests and examinations which revealed (as if I had not yet enough) that I was also suffering from a receding viral hepatitis and the beginnings of a peptic ulcer.

Once I was released from the hospital the most stringent diet and the medications left me so weak that it was impossible to do any constructive work for weeks. Fortunately the university gave me a sick leave for the entire quarter and so with each passing day I was slowly regaining my strength. At first there were serious circulatory problems, especially in my extremities and it even looked as if I might be put back into the hospital but fortunately this could be avoided.

Now I am in the process of trying to get back into shape and start teaching on January 3. Although still weak, I am slowly returning to normal.

Sorry I could not see you in New York or in Budapest. Congratulations for working out the agreement with the Hungarians on the Chair at Bloomington. Excellent.

Prof. Denis Sinor

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Our stay in Budapest was a "mixed bag," but academically quite productive. I will send you a letter concerning this in the near future along with request for your valued advice. Until then we wish you the very best for the coming New Year. May both you and Jeanne enjoy the best of health and live in love and happiness.

With warmest regards, I remain

Cordially,

The Department of History
December 20, 1979

Dr. Gyorgy Ranki
MTA Tortenettudományi Intezet
Uri u. 51-53
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Hungary, Europe

Kedves Gyuri,

Please forgive my long silence, but unfortunately we are just emerging from a very difficult period in our lives. This accounts for the delay in thanking you for the kind hospitality I enjoyed at the Institute.

Shortly after our return from the IREX grant in September I developed thrombosis in my legs and was laid up. While in this uncomfortable state, I woke up one fine morning with terrible chest pains, and feeling generally bad. I landed up in Intensive Coronary Care with severe angina pectoris and suspicion of pulmonary embolism. Once they were able to reduce my extremely high pulse rate and blood pressure to near normal, I was subjected to a barrage of tests and examinations which revealed (as if I had not yet enough) that I was also suffering from a receding viral hepatitis and the beginnings of a peptic ulcer.

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Although still weak, I am trying to get myself back into shape so that I can start teaching again in early January.

Are your plans for coming to the United States working out well? I hope to see you here for a lecture and will make inquiries in this direction.

Please be so kind and extend a message to my friend Granasztói Gyurka. I had promised him a translation of the article on "The Enlightenment and Early American Education" for the Tortenelmi Szemle, but my illness

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has prevented me from getting to this project. Please tell Gyuri that the translation will reach him before the end of January. I hope that the Szemle is still interested.

Thank you again for all your kindness, thoughtfulness while I was your guest in Budapest. We also wish you the very best for the coming New Year and hope to welcome you here in Youngstown sometimes in the spring.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Cordially,

The Department of History

December 20, 1979

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, i.h.
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet
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H-1118 BUDAPEST XI
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Kedves Tibor,

Please forgive me for not writing sooner but unfortunately we are just emerging out of a very difficult period in our lives and it is only in the last few days that a degree of normalcy has returned.

Shortly after we came home from Europe in early September, I began having severe pain in my legs which became more pronounced each day. I decided to seek a medical opinion on this problem and found that there was a thrombosis in my legs which caused the painful phlebitis. I was put on immediate bed rest, with compresses and elevated legs. The problem seemed to ease and I was looking forward to the start of the academic year although I had to miss the first week of classes. While recuperating in this fashion, I woke up one morning with terrible chest pains, covered with a cold sweat and knew that this was something more serious. Eva took me to the Emergency Room of the local Medical Center. At first the doctors believed that I might have a pulmonary embolism, the thrombosis from my leg having travelled into my lungs. Fortunately this was not the case, instead it became apparent that I was suffering from a very severe angina pectoris attack. The Medical Center is very well equipped and a whole series of tests were run on me which revealed other problems as well. It seems that somewhere in Europe I had picked up a case of viral hepatitis which was fortunately already receding. The test also showed the beginnings of an ulcer. After several days in the Intensive Care Cardiac Unit, I was moved to Intermediate Care and then released into the able hands of Eva, whose expertise in nursing has been of great help. My recuperation has been slow. At first there were serious circulatory problems, mainly in my legs and it looked as if I will be put back in the hospital again. Fortunately each passing day has brought some improvement and the last few weeks have really brought me back to my old self. Although when we last saw each other in Budapest I did not look overweight, yet I had to lose some excess fat and am a trim 158 lbs. This has also brought down my blood pressure into the normal level. Both my blood pressure as well as my pulse rate were dangerously high.

The trauma of all this, plus the medications and strict diet (low cholesterol, low carbohydrate, low sodium, gastric diet) have left me quite weak but now even that is greatly improved and I can again do some work.

In early January I will begin teaching again and although I am still somewhat weak I hope to gain strength and be able to return to my research as well. When you talk to Mme Edit Roth please explain to her what has happened and tell her that I will do everything possible to get the first part of the typescript to her in the next few months, and subsequent sections as they are finished. Thank you again for all your efforts in my behalf. Your support has been crucial. In early January I will begin to try to find an American university press to enter into a joint venture with Akademiai Kiado. I am rather optimistic in this matter.

Did all your plans for the fall work out well and were you able to bring back from Rome the automobile you wanted? I am certain that the members of the Renaissance Research Group are very happy that you are again home and directing the operations.

Four days ago I saw our mutual friend Asztrik for an hour at the Cleveland airport. He was on his way from New York to Notre Dame University and I drove up to see him. It was my first long distance venture in the car since my illness. Gabriel looks good, still talks about going to Budapest "sometimes". In January he will spend a semester at Princeton as member of the Institute for Advanced Studies.

Please convey my warmest greetings to one of my favorite people at your Institute: Terike. I hope that she is slowly recovering from the loss of her mother.

Would you also tell your son Gabor that Fugedi has managed to have my article on Mariology in Late Medieval Hungary accepted for publication in Vigilia and that it is in the process of being translated.

Eva joins me in extending our warmest good wishes to you and your dear wife for the coming new year. May all your efforts be crowned with success and may all of you enjoy health and happiness.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

January 24, 1979

Dr. Bela K. Kiraly
Professor of History
Brooklyn College of the City
University of New York
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Kedves Bela,

It was with delight that I received your letter in which you indicate that you are planning to include my article on Hungarian Culture and Mohacs in the projected volume entitled From Hunyadi to Rakoczi.

Janos sent me the tentative table of contents and the volume looks promising. I have worked on various portions of the article since I delivered it at St. Louis in 1976 and feel it is a good piece of scholarship. I would be most happy if it would appear under your editorship.

Since September I have been on sabbatical working on my book on Hungary in the Age of Matthias. On March 10, we are leaving for Budapest on an IREX grant and shall not be back until September.

Please keep me informed on the further fate of my article, and if possible, let me know when you plan the publication of the volume.

In the hope of hearing from you before my departure for Europe, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

January 24, 1979

College Department
Longman Incorporated
19 West 44th Street
New York, New York 10036

Gentlemen:

Please send me a paperback copy of Norman Pounds, An Economic History of Medieval Europe (ISBN 0-582-48680-7) for possible course adoption.

The book would be used in Economic and Social History of Europe, I (783), which usually has an enrollment of 15-25 students.

The major text for the medieval segment of the course is currently Bautier's Economic Development of Medieval Europe.

The course will be taught either in the winter or spring quarter of next year. Decision on adoption shall be in late summer or fall of the current year.

Thank you for your kind cooperation. In the hope of receiving the above mentioned volume, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

January 24, 1979

Dr. S. B. Vardy
Department of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Kedves Bela,

It was with great delight that I received your recent note concerning a Festschrift for Somogyi Ferenc. He is a good scholar and a fine human being and I think your plan is most commendable. As one who had always admired and recognized his scholarship I would be more than happy to contribute an article to the proposed volume.

In response to your questions, here is the information you requested:

1. Yes, I shall gladly participate
2. Have two studies which could be submitted, whichever you feel would be more appropriate.
 - a. "The Hungarian Royal Chancery 1458-1490. Was it a Center of Humanism?" Paper delivered at University of British Columbia. (16 pages and notes)
 - b. "Mariology and Vernacular Literature in Late Medieval Hungary." Paper delivered at meeting of Catholic Historical Association. (16-18 pages and notes)
3. I presume that you want it by December 31, 1979.
4. In English although if necessary it could be translated into Hungarian.
5. Who are your potential contributors? Could answer this question if I saw your list.

Please let me know if you have received a positive response to your inquiry and whether you are definitely planning to carry

Dr. S. B. Vardy

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out this project. If yes, I will take the proposed article with me to Hungary and put the finishing touches on it there. We are leaving in early March and want be back until early September.

Enclosed you will find a reprint which is not related to Hungarian history but might be of interest to you or Agi anyway.

With warm regards and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

November 29, 1979

Dr. Istvan Deak
Professor of History
Institute on East Central Europe
Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

Bedves Pistam!

Your kind note arrived several weeks ago and brought cheer to me at a time when I was still not in the best of shape. The rumor you heard about my hospitalization was unfortunately true but everything seems to be on the best track for a full recovery.

It would have been nice to see you or at least talk to you via telephone at the conference Bela Kiraly has organized but my physician was not enthusiastic about letting me come to New York at this time. I also wanted to meet Benda and Varkonyi Agnes and was disappointed to hear that Agnes will not come. Bela also informed me that the conference on Transylvania scheduled for this spring has been cancelled. I have been gathering material for the paper that I was to give at Rutgers and am sorry that this way we will not see some of our dear colleagues from Budapest. On the other hand, I would very much like to invite Ranki Gyuri to deliver a paper here at Youngstown State University this spring. As soon as you have a definite date when he will be available, let me know so I can make arrangements here.

Pistam, thank you again for your thoughtful note. It was greatly appreciated! You will hear from me soon again concerning matters which are more academic. Until then I remain,

The Department of History

December 17, 1979

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes
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H-1250 BUDAPEST I
Hungary, Europe
Kedves Agnes es Kalman,

You probably received my greetings from Benda Kalman which I sent to you when we talked on the telephone a few days ago. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the meeting in New York and was also sorry that you were not there. On the other hand, had you been able to leave your work and had been at the New York meeting, I would have been even more depressed that I was unable to arrange for your coming to our university or meet you in New York.

Our return trip from Budapest to Youngstown was generally pleasant but exhausting. We found our home in excellent condition and immediately began to put our lives back to order. The children were in school within two days, and we were looking forward to a peaceful, productive autumn. Then everything collapsed.

Shortly after we came home from Europe in early September, I began having severe pain in my legs which became more pronounced each day. I decided to seek a medical opinion on this problem and found that there was a thrombosis in my legs which caused the painful phlebitis. I was put on immediate bed rest, with compresses and elevated legs. The problem seemed to ease and I was looking forward to the start of the academic year although I had to miss the first week of classes. While recuperating in this fashion, I woke up one morning with terrible chest pains, covered with a cold sweat and knew that this was something more serious. Eva took me to the Emergency Room of the local Medical Center. At first the doctors believed that I might have a pulmonary embolism, the thrombosis from my leg having travelled into my lungs. Fortunately this was not the case, instead it became apparent that I was suffering from a very severe angina pectoris attack. The Medical Center is very well equipped and a whole series of tests were run on me which revealed other problems as well. It seems that somewhere in Europe I had picked up a case of viral hepatitis which was fortunately already receding. The test also showed the beginnings of an ulcer. After several days in the Intensive Care Cardiac Unit, I was moved to Intermediate Care and then released into the able hands of Eva, whose expertise in nursing has been of great help. My recuperation has been

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November 15, 1979

Dr. Lucia Capodilupo
International Research and Exchanges Board
655 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Dr. Capodilupo:

This is just a brief note to explain why you have not received my IREX report as promised in our telephone conversation in early September.

Shortly after we spoke to each other a number of unexpected and unwelcome events occurred which have made it impossible for me to sit down and prepare the report and I have to ask IREX to be patient a little while longer.

Two or three days after our conversation I developed pain in my legs and sought medical advice to see what it was. It was diagnosed as phlebitis and I was put on immediate bed rest. While recuperating from this disability I woke up one morning with very severe chest pains and was taken to the hospital where I landed in the Intensive Coronary Care Unit. Not a very pleasant experience. Fortunately the doctors feel that I did not suffer permanent heart damage and that the pain was caused by severe angina pectoris. While in the hospital the doctors also found that I had a case of subsiding viral hepatitis as well as the beginnings of a peptic ulcer. Since my release from the hospital the process of recovery has been slow but steady. My blood pressure has returned to normal but there were some severe circulation problems at first which caused difficulties. This has also improved and I am almost back to normal.

The whole experience, along with the severely restricted diet and the effect of drugs, have drastically limited my abilities to do any work. The university has granted me a sick leave until the beginning of the next quarter in January and with each passing day I am recovering some of my energy. As soon as I am back to normal you will receive the report, as promised. I am certain that you and Mr. Matthews will be understanding and patient.

You will hear from me soon. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

November 15, 1979

Mr. George H. Jassman, Jr.
Manager, Client Services
Nemet Auto International
153-12 Hillside Avenue
Jamaica, New York 11432

Dear Mr. Jassman:

On the morning of September 5, 1979 I returned to Auto Sixt the VW Microbus which I had rented through your agency almost six months previously.

The young lady at the desk of Auto Sixt in Frankfurt did not have a record of the \$200.000 deposit which I paid you in January of 1979. After calculating the refund for the unused portion of the lease, (7 days) as well as making adjustments for the decline of the dollar since last spring, she informed me that I will receive DM 317.04 from your company, since you hold the deposit.

Unfortunately I have been unable to contact you since our return home due to serious illness which has laid me up in the last ten weeks.

Would you be so kind and take care of this matter for me as soon as possible. I am in urgent need of the refund of the Security Deposit and would appreciate if you could send me the check at the earliest possible time.

In the hope of hearing from you very soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

November 29, 1979

Dr. Bela Kiraly
Professor of History
Brooklyn College
City University of New York
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Kedves Bela,

Just a brief note to thank you for your kind invitation to participate at the conference next week in New York. I wish that my medical condition would allow me to be there but unfortunately the combination of a severe angina pectoris attack, thrombosis in my legs, the remains of a viral hepatitis and the beginnings of a peptic ulcer were just too much for me all at once.

Please extend my warmest greetings to my dear friends from Budapest as well as to Bak Janos.

In the next few weeks, once you are over the work connected with the conference, please check if my paper is indeed in your possession as I remember. If not, I will send you another copy.

Have you have recovered from your cough and cold. With warm personal regards, I remain

The Department of History

February 16, 1979

Dr. Taylor Alderman
Vice President for Personnel
Youngstown State University

Dear Dr. Alderman:

The welfare of Youngstown State University is something which concerns us all, and it is with this in mind that I am writing to you.

Having heard that the secretarial position in your office is vacant, I have encouraged Miss Marta Simonyi to submit her application and sincerely hope that she will be given every consideration.

Miss Simonyi is at present Executive Secretary to Bishops Malone and Hughes. She was employed by the Diocese of Youngstown twenty years ago, following graduation from Ursuline High School, and has risen to her present position by her intelligence, dedication and hard work. Both bishops have repeatedly expressed their highest praise for her abilities and personal qualities and regret that the diocese is unable to provide her with a salary commensurate with her skills. After twenty years of work in one place, she feels that it is time for a new, more challenging environment. She is looking for a position where professional and intellectual growth is possible.

As secretary at the diocese, Miss Simonyi has shown the highest degree of professionalism in the handling of confidential materials and sensitive personnel problems. Her absolute integrity and tact have been recognized by her superiors over the years and this is how she has risen from typist in the secretarial pool to her present position. I am convinced that these are the qualities you are looking for in a secretary for your office and this is why I am recommending her for your consideration. Coming from the outside would be a distinct advantage in this case. Her mind would be untainted by university gossip, rumor or prejudice. Having handled secret and sensitive personnel matters, she would need no

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training in this area. Adapting to a new surrounding would present no real problem for Miss Simonyi is a professional of the highest order, with proven skills and abilities.

If you are looking for a young woman with remarkable intelligence, maturity and the highest qualities of professionalism, Miss Marta Simonyi, is a superb candidate. I have known her for over a quarter of a century as a trusted friend and there are very few people in this world I would recommend for such an important and sensitive position, so enthusiastically and without any reservations.

The addition of Miss Simonyi to the Youngstown State University staff would be an excellent choice, and you would never regret your decision.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration and wish you continued success in your position.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Department of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

January 29, 1979

Dr. Taylor Alderman
Vice President for Personnel
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Professor Alderman:

On March 10, 1979 my family and I are leaving the United States for Hungary on a research trip made possible by the sabbatical provided to me by Youngstown State University and a grant I received from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. We will be back in Youngstown in early September.

Although I realize that the contract negotiations between the Administration and the YSU-OEA might extend for a long period of time, I do hope that agreement is reached and contracts are extended to the faculty before the end of the academic year. This, however, means that I shall not be here to sign and return my contract to your office. To avoid any problems or misunderstandings, I would like to make the following arrangements:

1. I shall accept the terms of the contract negotiated by the Administration and the YSU-OEA for the academic year 1979-1980. I hereby authorize you to sign in my behalf, the contract which is offered to me, if this is necessary, and naturally shall abide by all of its provisions.
2. The signed, valid contract should be forwarded to the Payroll Office with indications that I would like to receive my paycheck in twelve (12) installments instead of nine.

If you foresee any problems, or need any additional information, please call me before our departure and I shall be glad to make any further arrangements. In the hope of hearing from you in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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February 7, 1979

Dr. Denis Sinor, Chairman
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Kedves Denes,

Before departure for Hungary in early March, I wanted to send you a brief note to thank you once more for the recommendation you wrote to IREX in my behalf. Your kindness shall always be appreciated.

We are leaving Youngstown on March 10 and plan to return by September 5. Our plan tickets are ordered, we have leased a car for the six months and found a graduate student to live in our house while we are away. Everything seems to be progressing well.

The children are looking forward to the trip and we hope that KKI will have decent housing for us. The three older children will be enrolled in a Hungarian school as auditors. Our smallest, (the little boy we adopted a day before the conference at Bloomington last year) will probably be able to learn a considerable amount of Hungarian during the 6 months. The older children are bi-lingual.

Since the beginning of the academic year I have been on a sabbatical and was able to make considerable progress on my study on Hungary in the 15th century. I will keep you posted on the progress of the project.

Enclosed you shall find a reprint on the History of Higher Education, published last year.

Please give my warmest greetings to the lovely Jean. It would be delightful if we could meet in Hungary during the spring or summer. Are you planning to be in Budapest during the period when we will be there? I sincerely hope that your health has been good and that you are able to keep your heart from causing difficulties. Fortunately my angina has not been bothering me recently and if I can keep away from emotional and physical strain, I am well.

Thank you again for all of your kindness and assistance in the

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February 1, 1979

Dr. Thomas Szendrey
Department of History
Gannon College
Erie, Pennsylvania 16541

Kedves Tamas!

Thank you for your kind letter of January 24, 1979 in which you extend an invitation to chair a session of the fifth annual conference of the Middle Atlantic States History Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities on April 27-28.

Unfortunately it will be impossible for me to attend the conference since we will be in Budapest on an IREX Grant from March to September. I am sorry that I will not be able to see you in Erie and hear Lukacs speak. A year ago, when I served as chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Catholic Historical Association, I met Lukacs in Dallas when he delivered his Presidential Address. He is impressive, interesting and spoke very warmly about you.

My book on the Age of the Hunyadi is progressing well and I hope to finish it during the six months we will be in Europe.

After our return next September, I hope that it will be possible to finally get together and have our often talked about but always delayed meeting.

Please give my warm greetings to your dear wife and to Bobi, if he is still with you in Erie.

With best wishes, I remain

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February 7, 1979

Dr. Lucia Capodilupo
Program Officer
International Research and Exchanges Board
110 East 59th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Capodilupo:

Enclosed you will find the Medical Statement which was completed by our physician yesterday. I think you now have all the necessary forms in your possession. If I have overlooked anything, please let me know.

Preparations are progressing well. We did, however, have a rude shock last week. When we last shipped our belongings to Budapest from Youngstown in 1970, the cost of air cargo was \$0.59 per pound. The price has risen to \$1.79 per/lbs. and there will have to be a lot of things left at home under these circumstances! To counterbalance the bad news was the fact that we were able to find a nice couple (graduate students) to rent our home during our absence. This does remove one major source of worry.

The money from IREX has reached our bank and we have been notified that it has been deposited in our account. Thank you.

Before our departure I will send you one more note. With best wishes to you and Mr. Matthews, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

February 7, 1979

Prof. Dr. Domenico Maffei
Viasdelle Cerchia 19
Siena, Italia
Europe

Dear Domenico,

At the time of our meeting in Warsaw we mentioned that there is a possibility that we will be in Budapest on a research grant in the near future. Fortunately, I have received an invitation from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and funds from the American Council of Learned Societies to spend six months in Budapest as an Exchange Research Professor. Eva and the four children will naturally come along with me and we will be in Europe from March 12 to September 5, 1979.

We would very much like to visit Italy during the course of our European trip and would be delighted to make a brief visit to the beautiful city of Siena and its famous university. There are two questions which create problems in our mind. First, the unsettled political situation and terrorism we constantly read about in the newspaper, and second, the declined value of the dollar. Is travel to Italy for foreigners relatively safe? Are there modest but respectable hotels or, pensions in Siena where a family with four children could stay for a few days without facing bankruptcy?

It would be delightful to see you and your lovely wife again and to visit Italy sometime in late spring or early summer. We are leasing a VW Microbus and plan to show the children as much of Europe as possible.

Please extend our warmest greetings to your wife. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

February 7, 1979

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes
MTA Tortenettudományi Intézet
Uri utca 51-53
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Kedves Agnes,

Please forgive me for not answering your very kind letter and New Year's card. I sent out in December all those cards did not need extensive writing and held back those in which I wanted to write more extensively. With all the coming and going around the Christmas-New Year season, my good intentions never materialized with the result that those, whose friendship I value most, did not get cards or letters this year. I do hope that my good wishes to you and Kalman will be accepted even at this late date.

We are in the final stages of preparation for our trip to Budapest; Our airline reservations are confirmed, we are able to find a very nice young couple from the university to live in our house during our absence. As wife and mother you can understand the difficult task of preparing for a journey of six months with four children.

Since the fall I have not been teaching and have been able to devote much time to writing. Finished two articles for publication and have about 200 typed pages ready on my study on the Age of the Hunyadi. The work has taken a different direction from what I have always planned. I originally wanted to cover the political events of the period from about 1450 to 1490 in 30-50 pages and then concentrate on cultural history. As I wrote, I became more involved in the exciting developments of the age and found that a more thorough treatment of the political events is necessary, especially for an English speaking reading audience which, unfortunately does not know anything about Hungary or Matthias and still relies on Fraknoi's 1890 German text on information. Hopefully I will be able to complete all my work during the period we will be in Europe and the kind assistance of my friends at the Institute will be needed now more than ever.

On March 10 we expect to leave Youngstown, spend a day with my sister in New York and fly to Frankfurt on the evening of the

eleventh arriving in Germany next morning. If our plans work out well, we hope to pick up a VW Microbus (7 passenger) in Frankfurt and continue on our way. We expect to arrive in Budapest on March 1~~4~~ and sincerely hope that Mrs. Maria Korossy at KKI will find a suitable residence for us. Both Eva and I are basically home oriented people and a pleasant comfortable place would make our stay in Hungary doubly rewarding. We also hope that it will be possible to enroll our children in a Hungarian school as auditors. This would improve their linguistic abilities as well as expose them to the history and culture of their ancestors. Andiska, unfortunately would be lost in a kindergarten since his understanding of Hungarian is rudimentary.

In the hope of seeing you in the near future, I remain

The Department of History

February 28~~k~~ 1979

Mrs. Maria Korosy, Program Officer
Kultur Kapcsolatok Intezete
Dorottya utca 8
H-1368 Budapest V. Hungary

Dear Mrs. Korosy:

Thank you for sending the "Igazolo Lap." All our travel documents are now in order and we are making frantic preparations for our trip. Everything seems to be going well, however, and there is no expected delay in our departure from here or arrival in Budapest.

Our arrival in Budapest is on March 13 and if there would be a problem I promise to telephone or call you as early as possible.

In the hope of seeing you soon, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

January 16, 1979

Dr. Lucia Capodilupo, Program Officer
International Research and Exchanges Board
110 East 59th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. Capodilupo:

Enclosed you shall find the signed financial forms. IREX, as in the past, is very generous and we sincerely appreciate it.

We are not in the final stages of preparations in our travel plans. Would you please notify Mrs. Korosy that we shall be in Budapest on Wednesday March 14 in the early afternoon. We shall be arriving by car from Frankfurt, via Vienna, Hegyeshalom. In case of ~~major~~ major storm, ice snow, terrorist raid, etc...we will naturally cable ~~pt~~ call her at KKI and indicate the change in our plans.

I am also writing to Mrs. Korosy to indicate to her that we would like to place the three older children into a Hungarian school. I shall forward a copy of the letter for your file.

Although we would have been delighted to see you personally before our departure, this will not be possible because we shall be leaving New York on Sunday night, March 11. Traveling with four children is no easy task, and we are trying to plan our trip as simple as possible.

In the next few weeks I shall be in touch with you on several occasions. Thank you for all your assistance. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

The Department of History

October 2, 1979

Dr. Jean M. Kelty
English Department
Youngstown State Department

Dear Dr. Kelty:

It is with regret I have to withdraw my
name from serving on the Senate for the Academic
Year 1979-80. Ill health makes this mandatory.

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

January 16, 1979

Mr. George H. Jassman, Jr.
Manager for Client Services
Nemet Auto International

Dear Mr. Jassman:

Thank you for your prompt action concerning the request I made for information on a VW bus.

Enclosed you will find the Priority Reservation Form and a check for \$50.00.

Please proceed with the arrangements so that the car will be waiting for us at Frankfurt on the day of our arrival which shall be Monday morning, (9:35 am) March 12, 1978. My wife and I will be traveling with four children and under these conditions you can understand my desire to have no delays or problems. We would like to have the car delivered to the airport, ready to roll upon the signing of the lease papers.

There are two more items which I would like to discuss with you and seek your advice.

1. According to your brochure the NAI Lease Plan is set up by full and half months, i.e. 5, 5 1/2, 6...We shall be in Europe from March 12 to September 4 or 5, which is a little more than 5 1/2 months yet less than 6. How can you arrange it so that I do not lose over \$100 per week on the unused portion of a 6 month lease. In view of the rather steep fee for the lease, as well as the low value of the dollar, we have to make every dollar stretch as far as possible.

2. The NAI brochure indicates that the rate includes: "touring documents for Western Europe." During most of our stay, we will be in Budapest Hungary although the car will be returned to its original destination in Frankfurt. Does this present any problems. I hope not.

Thank you for all your prompt assistance. In the hope of hearing from you soon I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S.Domonkos

1418 Cascade Drive
Youngstown, Ohio 44511
January 29, 1979

J. C. Penney Casualty Insurance Co.
800 Brookside Blvd.
Westerville, Ohio 43081

Gentlemen:

My car, a 1972 Dodge Dart, is covered by insurance which I purchased from your company. The Policy Number is A 228-441. I am presently on the installment plan, and according to my records the next payment is due on February 15 or 17 for the following two months.

On March 10, 1979 my family and I shall leave the country for almost 6 months and thus it is necessary to make certain adjustments in our insurance coverage.

- a. I want to continue the present coverage from February 17 to March 10. Please bill me accordingly.
- b. From March 11, 1979 to September 5, 1979 I plan to store the automobile and want only fire and theft insurance to the amount of \$2,000.
- c. Please indicate how I can promptly reactivate my insurance upon returning to the U. S. in early September.

Your kind assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. In case you need additional information, please write or call 216-783-0501.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Leslie S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

January 16, 1979

Dr. Janos M. Bak
Department of History
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1W5

Janoskam!

Thank you for your kind note and for the card from Aron. I hope you found your mother in fairly good cheer, considering her condition.

The tentative outline of the book From Hunyadi to Rakoczy, looks very good and on the whole balanced. What is the schedule for publication you and Bela are trying to keep? Will the book be sent out to the printer in 1979? Who will be the publisher?

You ask for suggestions about the possible inclusion of a western author, preferably in the "cultural" field. There is one person I can suggest, namely Tamas Szendrei of Gannon College in Erie. He is interested in ~~the~~ 17th century, especially Jesuit historiography. His knowledge of Hungarian historiography is excellent, unfortunately he is a quiet, unaggressive type and others, with far less in their head, have published materials in his field while he sat around hurt but ineffective. He is a solid scholar and I recommend him without reservations.

We are getting ready for our trip to Budapest and if all goes according to plans, we shall be in Hungary from March 14 to September 4. It is not easy to mobilize a family with four children for a trip of this length but all is progressing on schedule. Are you planning to be in Hungary during that period? It would be good to get together and drink a few glasses of wine. Let me know your plans and naturally you can always find me through the Institute or Gabi and Aron.

Hope to hear from you before our departure, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

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