

The Department of History

March 20, 1980

Mr. H. Ganser, Proprietor
Hotal Haus Tyrol
Alt-Aussee, Salzkammergut
A-8992 Austria, Europe

Dear Herr Ganser,

This is just a short note to thank you again for your kind hospitality during our visits to Alt-Aussee. Without exaggeration we can say that the time we spent in the Salzkammergut was the most pleasant period of our European journey. The Hotel Tyrol is a true jewel and you, along with your lovely wife, can make a total stranger feel instantly at home. Your solicitous concern for your guest, the ambiance of the surroundings, and the excellence of the service, make a stay at your hotel a memorable experience.

Shortly after we came back to the United States I intended to write to you. Unfortunately serious illness prevented me from carrying out my plan. A whole series of health problems including angina pectoris, circulatory and digestive difficulties have put me in the hospital on two occasions and had left me weakened. Now, however, I am fully recovered and have resumed teaching at the University.

Hope you are all well and that your little boy has recovered from his dermatological problems and you have no difficulties with your circulation.

If you ever visit the United States and are in Ohio or Pennsylvania, please let us know in advance. We would be delighted to see you and welcome you in our home. With the economic situation in the state that it is now, the chances are that you will come here sooner than we will be able to visit Europe again. If, however, my wife and I attend a scholarly conference in Europe we will make every effort to spend some time at Alt-Aussee and enjoy the hospitality of one of the finest small hotels on the Continent.

My wife and children join me in wishing you and your family the best of health, much happiness and prosperity.

In the hope that somehow we will meet again, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

February 13, 1979

Mrs. Dees, Visa Section
Hungarian Embassy
3910 Shoemaker Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20008

Dear Mrs. Dees:

On January 19, 1979 I called the Embassy and talked to you concerning our planned trip to Hungary under the auspices of IREX and KKI. In our conversation you indicated that the fee for the entry visas are based upon the number of passports submitted. Enclosed you will find four passports, six application forms for visa, and a check for the appropriate fee. Our two smaller children are included on the passport of our daughter Kathryn.

Also enclosed you will find the "Igazolo Lap" issued by KKI.

In case there is any problem please calleme collect (216-783-0501) so that we can straighten matters out without losing any time. Although we are not leaving for Hungary until the first week in March, I would like to get all official matters completed as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your courtesy when I telephoned you and also for handling this matter promptly. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

March 21, 1980

Mr. T. Patrick Killough
P.O. Box 370
American Embassy
APO New York, New York 09080

Dear Patrick,

Thank you for your long and most interesting letter of November. Please excuse the delay in answering but events ~~have been~~ been such that I am months behind in my correspondence.

Let me bring you up to date on life during the last year or so. As you know I was on a sabbatical during the whole 1978-1979 academic year. From September to early March we were here in Youngstown. I was able to complete six chapters on my Corvinus book and poor Eva was making preparations for our six month research trip sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies. In March we flew to Frankfurt where ~~we~~ leased VW Microbus was awaiting us and we continued on our way to Budapest. From March 14 to September 1, with the exception of two weeks, we lived in Hungary.

Research went well and two prominent Hungarian scholars read the finished chapters of my book. They were impressed to the degree that they recommended that the Academy of Sciences Press in Budapest publish the book, naturally in English. Upon further negotiation with them, they indicated that the most advantageous solution would be if the book could be published by them in cooperation with an American university press. The book would be printed in Hungary, distributed by the Academy Press in Europe and some copies with the American title page would be distributed here by a university press. Hopefully this will work out somehow. I am in the process of exploring the possibilities.

In other aspects the stay in Hungary was a mixed bag. The children adjusted to life there quite well and attended school from March to June. Our youngest, Andrew who celebrated his fourth birthday in Budapest, was enrolled in kindergarden and did manage rather well with Hungarian. The older children are completely bilingual. Our living accommodations were adequate but not as good as they were in 1970. Unfortunately both Eva and I were troubled by health problems which naturally put some limitations on our travels and other activities. Poor Eva developed a bad case of arthritis in her knees and other joints and I had a bad kidney stone attack as well as liver problems.

We did take a two week swing through Austria, Germany and France but did not get to the area of Bonn. It would have been great to see all of you but it just did not fit into our plans at that time. I do not need to tell you how expensive we found European travel with four children. Unfortunately at this rate few Americans will be able to afford the Continent if this continues. What a change from the good old days as Fulbrighters in Vienna or even the time we were in Hungary for ten months in 1970-1971.

It was most pleasant to return to our home in Youngstown in early September. During the time we were away a graduate student from the English Department lived in the house with his family. They took excellent care of the place and there was no damage to any of our belongings.

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 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.

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.

Between the Christmas and New Year Holidays I was in the hospital once more. It appears that one of the drugs which I took for the reduction of cholesterol level caused a liver malfunction resulting in jaundice and fever. Once that was solved, things began to improve quickly. As of January 3, I am back teaching my classes and have just completed the quarter. I feel that I have regained my health and am roughly in the condition I was six months ago, minus 18 lbs.

Eva was scheduled to start working at the Maternity Department of the local medical center in October. With my illness this was impossible but

The Department of History

July 18, 1980

Dr. Algalee P. Adams
Bowling Green State University--Firelands Campus
901 Rye Road
Huron, Ohio 44839

Dear Dr. Adams:

My former colleague and very dear friend, Mr. Raphael Clementis-Zahonyi has applied for the position of Instructor in Modern European History and Social Studies on your campus. He has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf, which I am most happy to do.

I have known the applicant for almost thirty years, have seen his development and growth and have the highest regard for his intellectual accomplishments.

Mr. Zahonyi-Clementis has an excellent command of the Modern European field and has done extensive research in this area. It is one of the tragedies of the current academic market situation that a man of his abilities has been unable to find a permanent position at a college or university. Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi was a limited service instructor at our institution in the field of Social Studies and was highly regarded by his students and faculty colleagues. Drastic cuts in the limited service instructional staff resulted in the loss of his position here at Youngstown State University.

The applicant brings to his teaching a wide range of experiences. Before joining our faculty he was on the staff of the Pittsburgh International Forum, has taught at the Cuyahoga County Community College and has had various jobs in the non academic area. He is well versed in foreign languages and reads the current scholarly literature in his field, published here and abroad. He has the depth of knowledge which is necessary for synthesis and is able to transmit his expertise to students with various levels of academic preparation. He proved to be a very effective teacher of survey level courses while he was here at Youngstown State University and would have no problem with upper division classes. His easy, pleasant manner made him well liked by his students.

Based on all I know about Mr. Zahonyi-Clementis, I feel no hesitation to recommend him enthusiastically. I feel confident that he would be

an excellent addition to the staff of any academic institution. He is a born college teacher who is looking for the chance to prove himself.

If there are any further questions about him please feel free to contact me in writing or by phone: home--(216) 783-0501 or office--(216) 742-3459.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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The Department of History

July 3, 1980

Dr. John J. Coffelt
President
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear President Coffelt:

A few weeks ago you wrote a note to me indicating that Dean Yozwiak has applied for the position of Academic Vice President and has given my name as a reference. At that time I was getting ready for the end of the quarter, final exams, and put your letter in my folder of items to be processed. Unfortunately it has been sitting there for a long time. I just heard that interviews for the position are now well underway and that the Search Committee has interviewed a number of candidates.

I feel very strongly about the candidacy of Dean Yozwiak for the position of Academic Vice President and although I know that this letter comes late, I ask you to please share the contents of this note with the members of the Search Committee. I would feel very badly if my slowness would adversely effect the changes of an excellent candidate.

Dr. Yozwiak was already a greatly respected professor on this campus when I first joined the faculty in 1964. Since that time I have developed a great admiration for this man as I saw him function in various capacities, such as Chairman and Dean, member of the Senate, etc.

There are few individuals on this faculty who are held in such universal high esteem as Professor Yozwiak. He has earned for himself the respect of his colleagues by his absolute integrity, fairness and dedication to this institution. There are many times when we might not agree with Dean Yozwiak but we always know that his policies are based on what he considers to be academically correct and in the best interest of the University.

Nest to the office of the President the position of Academic Vice President is the most important post at a University. Charged with the most vital function of an institution of Higher Education, the Academic Vice President can lead a university to excellence or he can allow it to stagnate and remain mediocre. This institution has developed by enormous leaps and bounds in the years since we joined the state system and it is incomparably better than it was fifteen years ago. Dr. Yozwiak is a man of vision who knows where this institution had been and in what direction it can expand and grow. Impatient with mediocrity

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he will be able to chart the academic course of the university in this second decade of its existence as a state institution. As a Professor with many years of academic service and more recently as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Yozwiak would bring to his new position a level of knowledge of this institution no other candidate could match.

The one quality that Professor Yozwiak possesses, which to me is the most important prerequisite for the position he is seeking, is that he knows what constitutes a true university. He had repeatedly shown that academic considerations are the most important factors in the policies of a university. An institution of higher education is not a business nor a factory, its products are ideas, knowledge and reason and this has to be in the forefront at all times. This does not mean that Dean Yozwiak is oblivious to modern management policies or fiscal considerations. As a mathematician his mind functions in a scientific, realistic and efficient way. Yet his decisions are always based on what is academically sound, not what would be administratively expedient.

If this university wants a man of unquestioned integrity, familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of the institution and dedicated to those ideals which make a university great, then the candidacy of Dean Yozwiak for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs should be given careful consideration. You will find few men who are better qualified for this most important position.

With greatest enthusiasm and without any reservations I recommend his selection.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

June 30, 1980

The Pyongyang Foreign Language Bookstore
Pyongyang, North Korea
446-10-94-2-89

Gentlemen:

For almost two years you have been sending me your publications on North Korea, although I have never solicited information from you at any time.

My specialization is not in the area of Far Eastern History and I have really no interest in modern Korean studies. Furthermore I find the tone of your publications, especially the Personality Cult of your President, to be offensive. Blind devotion to one man and his excessive glorification, reminds me ~~very~~ much of the cult of personality which developed around such men as Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin. Personality Cult, whether on the left or the right of the political spectrum, is an insult to intelligence and a major hindrance to true democracy.

I would very much appreciate if you would be so kind and remove my name from your mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

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The Department of History

April 2, 1980

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

Kedves Pistam,

Just heard from a colleague that our mutual friend Ranki Gyuri is going to be in Pittsburgh toward the end of the month. If it is possible, I would like to invite Gyuri to deliver a lecture here at the University before he continues on his trip to Bloomington. Unfortunately the honorarium would be modest (\$100) but we would be delighted to have him here.

Would you please ask Ranki if he could come, and if yes, when. Let me know as soon as possible, so that I can take the appropriate steps to start organizing matters on this end.

Either write or call. I am in my office on Mondays and Wednesdays, home most other times. (Office phone: (216) 742-3459; home: (216) 783-0501) We will be in Chicago from Friday morning to Monday night.

All is well with us. After my serious illness of the fall, I returned to teaching in the winter quarter and now am back to normal in every way although I still have to be careful not to over do.

Hope all is well with you. How are your lovely Eva and your wife? Will you come to the AAASS meeting in Cincinnati.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

April 3, 1980

Mr. John P. Matthews, Deputy Director
International Research and Exchanges Board
655 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Thank you for your great patience. Now that I have regained my former strength and have returned to teaching, I have finally completed the long delayed report. I hope it is satisfactory. If there are any aspects of the report which would need further elaboration please let me know and I shall respond immediately.

There are two questions I have and would appreciate if you could send me information on them.

1. Based on the experience of former IREX grantees do you have any information on how the IRS treats the funds received from you. What part of the grant is exempt from taxes? Is the portion given for family travel exempt? Any information would be most appreciated.
2. Several months ago I remember reading in one of the IREX bulletins something about money being available for publication of research resulting from the grants. The Academy Press in Budapest has accepted my book for publication and I am looking for a cooperative publisher among the American university presses for a partner. Naturally any additional funds to cover the project would make the publication easier. Please let me know if my recollection in this matter is accurate and if indeed such funds are available.

In the hope of hearing from you in the near future. I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. SD Domonkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

February 29, 1980

Prof. Peter G. Bietenholz
Department of History
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S8N 0W0
CANADA

Dear Professor Bietenholz:

Please excuse the delay in answering your letters. A number of factors have made communication difficult in the last months. During the 1978-79 academic year I was on a sabbatical and spent most of it abroad, primarily in Budapest, Hungary. Academically the year was most rewarding and I made much progress on my book concerning the Renaissance in Hungary. My family (wife and four children) accompanied me and it was no easy task to move back and forth across the Atlantic.

Shortly after our return to the U.S. in September, I landed up in the Intensive Coronary Care Unit of the local Medical Center. Serious heart, liver and gastric problems incapacitated me to the degree that I was unable to teach and did not return to my desk at the university until early January. At first my teaching duties exhausted me considerably, but I have now pretty well regained my former strength and can return to full involvement in scholarly activities.

In the second half of March we will have our annual quarter break. I will use this period to finish the long promised articles for the Biographical Register. Upon completion, I will send them to you immediately. Please bear with me a few more weeks.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 23, 1980

Granasztói György, kand.
Történelmi Szemle
Uri u. 51-53
H-1250 Budapest
Hungary, EUROPE

Kedves Gyurkam!

Received your kind letter with the translation of my article less than 48 hours ago, on April 21. It seems that it was mailed on March 5 from Budapest and was sent Express and Registered but not via Air Mail. I hope that the return journey will be briefer and that the delay of about 3 weeks past your April 15 deadline will not cause you major problems.

The translation is excellent! Whoever did the work should be highly commended and praised. Although the English text was difficult, the Hungarian translation sounds very good. There are very few corrections which needed to be done. I have indicated them in red ink. There were only 2 or 3 places where a slight misreading of the original sense had to be corrected. Gyuri, please check these for Hungarian grammar and orthography. I am very grateful to you for taking this project under your guidance and ask you to please continue to follow the article through to publication. In a brief note indicate when you expect the article to appear and in which volume of the Tort. Szemle.

Both Eva and I think of you and your lovely wife fondly and remember the most pleasant evening we spent at your home. Fortunately everything seems to be improving since the very difficult time we lived through this fall and winter.

In January I returned to teaching at the University and my strength is slowly coming back to its former level. Eva has also resumed her career in February and works three days a week in the Maternity Department of the local medical center. The children are enjoying school and growing like weeds.

Thank you again for all your efforts in getting my article translated and published. Please keep me informed on the progress of the project.

Extend our greetings to your dear wife and give my regards to my wonderful friends at the Institute, especially Agnes, Gabor and Aron. God only knows when we will see each other again. Vale.

The Department of History

November 13, 1980

Dr. Steven BN Vardy
Department of History
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15219

Dear Professor Vardy:

This is just a brief note to let you know how much I enjoyed my stay at the Duquesne History Forum and to congratulate you on the excellent organization of the conference.

The Duquesne History Forum had evolved into a major meeting of professional historians and your University and History Department are to be highly commended for their vision and foresight. Each year the calibre of the panels and papers has shown improvement and the conference now has a distinct international flavor. The selection of panels certainly satisfies a wide range of interests in the academic community. You have managed to achieve something which is quite rare; namely a conference which is large enough to attract a diverse audience, yet small enough to preserve a sense of cohesion.

You have provided a good solid and varied program and did not neglect the non-intellectual side of a conference either. The accommodations were comfortable, the lecture rooms were suitable and the social functions pleasant.

I sincerely hope that Duquesne University will continue to provide this valuable and pleasant opportunity to the academic community in the future. I know that I speak for many of my colleagues when I say that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Keep up the excellent work.

In the hope of meeting you again at the Forum in the years to come, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

November 12, 1980

Dr. Saul Friedman
Professor of History
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Saul:

This is a brief note to thank you for your kind and efficient cooperation in my efforts to bring Dr. Jenő Szűcs to the YSU campus.

It is most gratifying to know that you have made available to our department funds which can be used to bring outstanding scholars to YSU and that the honoraria are generous and thus not an insult to a member of a learned profession.

Dr. Szűcs was most impressed with our university and spoke with praise about the calibre of people he met during the brief hours he was here.

It is unfortunate that his topic was so restricted and specialized. I tried to prepare the students from my Medieval Civilization Course for the lecture by giving them background material on the area. In the future, however, we should try to stir our lecturers to select topics of more general interest.

Once again let me express my most sincere thanks to you Saul, for everything. You are performing a valuable service for our department and the whole university.

With best wishes for all of your future endeavors, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos

cc: Dr. Beelen
Dr. Slavin



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of History

February 20, 1980

Prof. Dr. György Székely
Történelem tanszék
Eötvös Loránd Tudomány Egyetem
Pesti Barnabás utca 1
Budapest V, Hungary

Dear and distinguished colleague:

Please forgive the long delay in sending you my signs of life since my departure from Budapest last fall. Unfortunately the cause for my silence has been illness.

Shortly after our return from Europe I developed Thrombosis in my legs and while recuperating from this was rushed to the hospital with severe chest pains. After much testing it has been determined that I have an unstable angina pectoris condition but they also found that I suffered from hepatitis and ulcers. All this meant that I was incapacitated during the fall semester and stayed home.

Since January 4, I have returned to my teaching at the university and although my strength is still far from the level it used to be, I am on the road to recovery and hope that I can return to my research on my Matthias Corvinus book.

About two months ago, while still ill in bed I received a phone call inviting me to participate at a convention of Eastern and Central European affairs. I have been invited to deliver a paper on medieval Hungarian university foundations. While going through my bibliography cards, I came across one of your articles which I do not have and would very much like to read in preparation for my presentation in May. The article which I am interested in is your: "A pécsi és óbudai egyetem alapításá" Janus Pannonius Múzeum Évkönyve (1973) I would be most grateful to you if you could send me a reprint or a Xerox copy of this study so I could incorporate it into my lecture.

In our conversation at Budapest the subject of our mutual friend Dr. Gabriel came up on several occasions and we had discussed the possibility of bestowing some academic honor upon him. In recent telephone conversations with Prof. Gabriel, he had indicated that he would prefer that the Hungarian Catholic Church should, in time honored tradition,

give him some ecclesiastical honor in recognition of his distinguished career. It would be fitting if Cardinal Lékai, in conjunction with Miklos Imre of the Office of Religious Affairs, could honor this outstanding scholar by bestowing some titular ecclesiastical dignity upon him. As a canon of Premontré and a tireless worker in the history of medieval Hungary it might be proper that he should be named titular provost of a old Premontré foundation such as Zsámbék. If this is impossible for some reason, then a similar honor could be bestowed upon him. I am certain that you will agree dear colleague, that Prof. Gabriel has achieved a reputation in international scholarly circles that few other Hungarians have ever reached, and some meaningful tribute should be given to him. Since he has been recognized by the secular world through election to various academies and scholarly societies, it is only proper that the Church, which he has served for so many years, should also honor his accomplishments. In this age of "rapprochement" between East and West, Church and State, this would be a fitting symbol of good will. I know that as a man of great reputation for integrity you could use your influence in behalf of our dear friend. Therefore, if at all possible, please take up this matter with Mr. Miklos Imre or even Cardinal Lékai. I sincerely hope that your efforts will bear fruit in the near future.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 11, 1980

Prof. Dr. György Székely
Történelem tanszék
Eötvös Loránd Tudomány Egyetem
Pesti Barnabás utca 1
Budapest V, Hungary

Dear and distinguished colleague,

A few days ago I talked to my dear friend Asztrik as he indicated that you have not received my letter which I wrote to you last winter. Instead of writing to you about the matter all over again, I am enclosing a Xerox copy of my letter of February which will clarify matters. My desire to see my former professor honored in some meaningful way has not diminished and I fervently hope that you will be able to be of assistance in this matter.

Since my letter to you in February I had the opportunity to deliver the lecture on Medieval University Foundations at the University of Cincinnati in May. It was well received and I plan to submit it for publication in a scholarly journal. I still would like to consult your article before I prepare the paper in its final format and would very much like to receive a copy of your article. If possible send it within the next two months. I will be most grateful for your help.

My health has much improved and except for some circulatory problems in my legs, I have fully recovered from my heart troubles of last fall.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

February 28, 1980

Mr. Jochen Unold, Manager
International Department
Auto-Sixt
9-11, Seitzstrasse
8000 Munchen 22
West Germany--Europe

Dear Mr. Unold:

On Wednesday, June 6, 1979 I visited your office in Munchen at which time you gave me your business card and told me that if you can be of help to me to please call on you. At that time we were leasing a VW Microbus through your company and had come to Munchen to have the car repaired. Subsequent to our meeting we continued to use the leased automobile until September 5, 1979 when I returned the car to your office at the Frankfurt International Airport.

Although I had a copy of receipt of payment indicating that Nemet Auto International had forwarded my security deposit to your company, the young woman at the rental desk insisted that the refund would be made through Nemet Auto and not by her. The amount due to me is 317 DM. Shortly after our return to the U.S., I wrote to Nemet Auto International requesting that the security deposit be returned to me. The Manager for Client Services, Mr. George H. Jassman, Jr. informed me that the security deposit was in fact paid to Auto Sixt at your Munich office and that you are the ones who owe me the deposit.

Since my original inquiry I have talked to Mr. Jassman on several occasions and he assured me that he has written to your office asking that the security deposit should be returned to me. Almost a half a year has elapsed and I still do not have the 317DM which Auto Sixt owes me.

Having exhausted all patience, I am writing to you with the urgent request that you look into the problem and authorize your company to issue the check for the 317 DM immediately. Decency, fair play and good business practice would dictate such action.

In the hope of hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

February 28, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Jassman:

Although we have exchanged correspondence in this matter and I have talked to you on the telephone, Auto Sixt has not responded to the request that they refund 317 DM, which they owe me as part of my security deposit.

Would you please use all of your influence with Auto Sixt in an effort to get this matter resolved once and for all. The problem has been dragging out since September 5, 1979 and my refund is still nowhere. Auto Sixt's behavior in this whole business is shameful and I am most irritated by the long delaying tactics employed by them.

Please write to them immediately and in the strongest possible way, demand that they take action at once. All your efforts are sincerely appreciated. In the hope of hearing some news of the resolution of this problem in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

September 19, 1980

George E. Letchworth, Ph.D.
Director, Counseling Services
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Professor Letchworth:

Mr. Raphael Clementis-Zahonyi has asked me to write in his behalf to support his application as Vocational Counselor at Youngstown State University.

I have known the applicant for almost 30 years and have a high esteem of his abilities.

He is a serious student of Political Science and History and has a deep understanding of human behavior. He was on the administrative staff of the Pittsburgh Foreign Affairs Council, has taught in the Social Science Department at Youngstown State University and Cuyahoga Community College. He has academic, administrative and business experience which would enable him to perform well in the area of vocational counseling.

Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi has held a wide variety of positions outside the academic world and is well acquainted with the career problems facing graduates of institutions of higher education today.

He has an easy-going manner and can establish rapport with students almost immediately. His teaching experience has demonstrated his strength in this area and he was popular with the students.

If you are looking for an individual who has experience both inside and outside of the academic environment, Mr. Zahonyi-Clementis would be an excellent candidate. I recommend him highly!

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.

The Department of History

March 13, 1980

Dr. Lewis W. Spitz
School of Historical Studies
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Professor Spitz:

Several years ago we exchanged correspondence concerning the Hungarian humanists Archbishop Vitez and Janus Pannonius. At that time I promised to send you an article on Vitez which was accepted for publication in 1969. After a slight delay of a decade, it finally was printed in Budapest last summer.

Yesterday evening I talked on the telephone to my former professor from Notre Dame, Dr. Gabriel. During the course of our conversation he mentioned your name. It was with great joy that I learned that you are at Princeton this year and that you on occasion lift a glass with my dear mentor at an academic "taberna."

There is the possibility that my wife and I will visit Dr. Gabriel at Princeton sometime in late March and if this plan materializes I sincerely hope that I will have the opportunity to meet you as well. I have been one of your admirers for years and would welcome the chance to talk to you.

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

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

March 17, 1980

TO: Dr. Leon W. Rand, Acting Vice President Academic Affairs
FROM: L. S. Domonkos, Professor of History

RE: Distinguished Professorship Awards.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Prof. George Beelen for the 1980 Distinguished Professorship Award.

Dr. Beelen is a rare combination of a man with a scholarly temperament and public spirited citizen. Not only is he a fine teacher-scholar but has been an excellent administrator as chairman of the History Department. Outside of the University, he has served with distinction as elected Trustee of Austintown Township and has been instrumental in developing an statewide association of trustees which owes its inception to him. His integrity, honesty and sharp mind are recognized by a wide range of governmental and civic organizations and he has served his community, the county and the State with distinction. Dr. Beelen is a Distinguished Professor in its best sense and has brought recognition and honor to the name of and reputation of Youngstown State University.

Dr. Beelen has shown himself to be an outstanding teacher, a competent administrator and a serious scholar. Combined with his commitment to the community, we have in him a rare combination of strengths seldom found in an academic environment. He deserves the recognition which a Distinguished Professorship would bring to him.

occupation they pay you to do things which are so pleasurable, namely reading, thinking, discussing problems with colleagues and students. Long periods of vacation is also great, especially if you are filled with "Wanderlust" or have a major project to complete. I have two colleagues here at Youngstown State University who did basically what you plan to do. They enjoy their second career immensely and are most happy with their life in the academic world.

Eva and the children join me in wishing you and Mary as well as the boys the very best. Please write again. We are very fond of all of you and interested in the direction of your lives. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

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Prof^a Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
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Dear Aleksandre,

Many months have passed since we ~~w~~xchanged correspondence and please forgive me for not writing to you at Christmas to wish you and your family a pleasant hol~~y~~day.

Our trip to Europe was varied, exciting, productive but also exhausting and at times difficult. It is not easy to move a family of six for such a long distance.

My work in Budapest progressed well and I hope to have a good book on the fifteenth century Renaissance ready sometimes this year. The Academy Press in Budapest wants to publish it, in cooperation with an American University Press. I am now in the process of finding a publishing partner for the work. It was delightful to be able to work at the Institute for Historical Research and meet with so many old friends and acquaintances. Such trips are always intellectually refreshing. The children found the whole European trip to be exciting and interesting. Our apartment in Budapest was not very good, although acceptable. ~~One~~ major problem was that the telephone was disconnected after three months. This was most inconvenient and aggre~~v~~ating. Unfortunately both Eva and I were also bothered by some ill health. Eva developed a very painful arthritis in her legs and hands and I suffered from a kidney stone attack as well as liver problems.

In early June we took a trip to Austria, Germany and France which was enjoyable and the children did get to see many interesting places. During our stay in Europe we rented a VW Microbus and it served our purpose very well. It enabled our large family to travel in relative comfort.

On September 5, we left Europe and returned to the United States. We found that our home, which we had rented during our absence, had been in good hands. The twins entered the first year of the High School which extends for four years. Piroska is a sixth grader while Andriska is in kindergarten.

I was looking forward to the resumption of teaching when problems began. First I developed a thrombosis in my legs and was put on bed rest

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by my physician. While recovering from this illness I started to have severe pains in my chest, Much worse than in San Francisco, and was taken to the hospital. For a while I was in the Intensive Care Cardiac department but when my condition was stabilized, the doctor let me go home in the care of Eva, who has a degree in nursing. While in the hospital they also found that I had the remnants of a hepatitis infection and beginning ulcers. For weeks after my return home I was in bed or could move only on a very limited basis. Almost six months have now past since this unfortunate event and I am now finally in the condition I was before my illness. In essence I have lost half a year from my life but am grateful that everything seems to be well now. The University was most understanding and although I had been away from teaching for a full year on a sabbatical they told me to stay home, not worry about anything and just get well.

Eva had plans of returning to work at the Maternity Department of the local hospital shortly after our return from Europe. Naturally this had to be changed when my illness made it impossible for her to leave me unattended. Since the beginning of February, however, she has returned to her profession. She works three afternoons a week and this is not very disruptive of our family life. She enjoys it and the work is most interesting.

Our mutual friend, Gabriel, is at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton this winter and spring. We talk on the telephone quite frequently and he seems to enjoy his stay immensely. He already indicated how "terrible" it will be for him to return to the "wilderness" of Notre Dame in Indiana. He will undoubtedly see you at the conference in Bucharest in August, if not sooner. It would be delightful to see you again, cher Aleksandre. We talk of you often and with much affection. May I also add that we have not had snow such as covered Youngstown on the days you were here, nor has the University closed since then because of weather conditions. Yet to us your stay here will always be memorable.

How is the plan for the publication of the material of the Warsaw-Cracow Conference progressing? I remember that you mentioned that you hoped that it can be in print by 1979. I am looking forward to seeing the volume, which will be a nice addition to the study of university history.

Please convey our warm greetings to your wife. The whole family joins me in wishing you the very best and we hope that you are well. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

on the history of education, the other study will be in the series edited by Kiraly Bela at Brooklyn College. The article deals with Mohacs as a cultural watershed.

In Hungary the journals Tortueelmi Szemle and Vigilia both accepted articles for publication. On the whole I was pleased with all these developments. My recent illness could not have come at a worse time and I will have to try to make up some of the lost months during the summer.

Otherwise all is well. The little boy we adopted two years ago, at the time you had the last conference at Bloomington, has brought us great joy. He is everything we ever wanted, and more. The other three children love and spoil him and it would be difficult to find a happier family.

If you have time please drop me a line and indicate your reaction to the publication plans.

Please convey my greetings to the lovely Jean. With best wishes, I remain

The Department of History

March 4, 1980

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Kedves Denes,

Thank you for your kind letter dictated at Christmas time. It arrived in early January just as I was finally getting back to my teaching obligations after a year of sabbatical and a quarter of illness. Fortunately my schedule is arranged in such a fashion that I only teach on Tuesdays and Thursdays and have experienced no problems of exhaustion or chest pains. In fact I am happy to report that I am back to my old form and am again able to do scholarly work as well.

Enclosed you will find a reprint from the New Hungarian Quarterly. Although it took them ten years to finally publish the damned thing, the important thing is that it is finally done.

Academically the period we spent in Hungary last year was most rewarding and there are some concrete results. I took the completed part of my manuscript on the Age of the Hunyadi to our mutual friend Klaniczay Tibor. He and another friend, Fugedi Erik, who is a specialist in the fifteenth century looked it over and were most pleased--Klaniczay would like to publish it in the series Studia Humanitatis which is under the auspices of the Akademiai Kiado. With this in mind, he took me to see Mrs. Edith Roth, English language editor of the AK, who accepted the manuscript for publication. What the AK would really like would be a joint publication with an American University press. In this fashion, the book would be printed in Hungary, Akademiai Kiado would advertise and sell it in Europe, while the same book with a different title page would be sold and promoted here. This would work to the advantage of all involved. The American university press would save on the very high printing costs, the Hungarians would have the benefit of the volume created by the sale on this continent. What is your reaction to such a cooperative venture? Could you recommend somebody here in the States, associated with a reputable university press, I could contact to explore this matter? Any advise, suggestions or comment from you would be most appreciated and valued.

The sabbatical year was also productive in other ways. I was able to complete two articles for publication, one to be published in Warsaw by the Polish Mediaevalist Aleksander Gieysztor in a volume of studies

she did start a seven week orientation program in early February and she is in the last phase of that experience. She loves it and will be working part time, three days a week, which will be ideal.

Kathy and Steven are freshmen in high school, Priscilla is a sixth grader and Andrew is in a half day kindergarden. They are all doing very well in their studies and we are proud of them. Steven wants to be a Foreign Service Officer. I hope that you will be able to talk to him before he goes to college and give him some advise.

It was with great interest that we read your plans for the future. In response to your specific questions here are some answers which I hope will be of some use to you.

- A. There are a large number of schools which have excellent programs in Medieval Studies. Among the best are at Toronot, UCLA, Princeton, Yale, Ohio State, Western Michigan, Notre Dame, Duke. Actually there are excellent departments with strong Medieval-Renaissance orientation at all the "big name" universities with recognized graduate programs. No matter which part of the country you would settle, there would be at least one or two good institutions that I would be able to recommend.
- B. I wish I could be more encouraging about job prospects if you had the Ph.D. in hand. The academic market, especially in History and related fields, is not doing well. The number of Ph.D.s produced by graduate schools still exceeds the demands of the academic communities. There is a decrease in anticipated students due to the impact of the falling birth rate. Yet there are still students who graduate with Ph.D.s and they find jobs. There the advantage of a degree from a famous university is an obvious advantage. Most jobs are obtained by word-and-mouth advertising although the institutions go through the charade of advertising open positions to satisfy the dictates of Washington. Excellent students who are graduates of good universities and are pushed by their advisors or members usually get jobs, although not always at institutions which would be their first choice.
- C. The length of time required for a degree in your case should not exceed two years or at the most two and a half. With your excellent background in languages, a clear idea what you want to do, there should be no reason why you should be detained for longer than two academic years. You could be finished with everything but the final draft of your dissertation by the time you have put in four semesters. It is always difficult to judge how progress will go on a dissertation because there are so many intangible factors, such as the attitude of your mentor and readers, availability of sources, etc.

Although this does not seem to be the most propitious time to enter the academic world, once you are in it has many rewards and advantages. You would have the added advantage of supplemental income from your government pension. It is one