

The Department of History

May 7, 1981

Consular Section
American Embassy
Szahadsaz ter 8
Budapest, Hungary

Sir:

Please issue an entry visa to the United States to Mr. Laszlo Arato and his wife Marta who plan to visit us in late summer and early fall.

Mr. Arato and his wife will leave Budapest in late August and return to Hungary in early October (Tentative dates are August 31-October 8). During this period they will be our guests in Youngstown, Ohio and we will naturally assume ~~all~~ responsibilities for their maintenance. Mrs. Arato, (nee Fohl) is my wife's first cousin and we have become extremely fond of her and her husband during the course of several extended stays in Hungary. My family and I were in Budapest in 1970-71, 1973, 1979 on IREX Grants as Senior Research Professor at the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to their visit and ask the American Embassy to process their ^{documents} without delay. In case of any unforeseen problems, please contact me immediately so that we have ample time to eliminate possible difficulties.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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December 21, 1981

Dr. H. Balazs Eva
Tortenelem Tanszek
Eotvos Lorand Tudomanyegyetem
Pesti Barnabas u.1
H-1364 Budapest V, Hungary

Medves Eva,

Over two years have passed since I last talked to you on the telephone in Budapest. I was very sorry to hear from our mutual friend, Janos, that you had been seriously ill. Both Eva and I hope that you are well again and enjoying the stimulation of teaching and research.

Upon return from Budapest in September 1979, I also had serious health problems (heart, liver, stomach etc..) but fortunately have recovered completely. I had to miss one semester of teaching and even after returning to the university it was almost a year before I recovered my strength.

We often talk about our meeting, especially in recent weeks, and hope that all our friends are well.

A very special thanks to you for your kindness in reading my study on "Education in Early America" and for recommending it for publication in the Tortenelem Szemle. Your critique was most complimentary and your kind words were appreciated. The translation which was made into Hungarian was excellent and the article sounds better than in the original English. I wonder if the original will ever be published in view of recent events.

In the hope that this letter finds you in the best of health. We wish you a blessed Christmas Season and a successful, peaceful New Year.

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos

LS:ck

December 21, 1981

Dr. Zsigmond Pal Pach, Igazgeto
MTA Tortenettudományi Intézet
Uvi u. 51-53
H-1250 Budapest, Hungary

Dear and most distinguished colleague:

It was with great regret that I heard the news that the conference last year on Transylvania which was to be held at Rutgers University, was cancelled and thus your trip to the US was not possible. I had made preliminary arrangements to be able to extend an invitation to you to lecture here at Youngstown State University either following or preceding the Rutgers conference. Unfortunately all that materialized. I do hope that you will be able to visit us sometime in the future.

After some severe health problems last year, we are very well and I have several projects under way. Enclosed you will find a reprint from the Tortenelvi Szele on a non medieval subject.

I am now devoting all my energy to the completion of my book on the Age of Mathias Corvinus. The Akadémiai Kiadó has accepted it for publication and I hope to have the first complete typescript in Budapest by spring.

The outlook for a visit to Hungary in the next few years is not encouraging. Money for travel is becoming increasingly more difficult to receive as the economic problems mount.

With best wishes for a successful and healthy New Year I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

The Department of History

June 12, 1981

Dr. Paul W. Knoll
Department of History
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Paul,

It was delightful to talk to you over the telephone a few weeks ago. At that time I indicated that my plans for the California trip are still most nebulous. Your kind invitation to deliver a lecture at USC is most appreciated and I would be delighted to ~~come~~ if you can arrange it.

My preliminary plans, obviously subject to change if it is not convenient for you, would be to fly to Los Angeles on September 16 or 17, give the lecture on September 17 or 18 at USC, and stay with you, if not a burden, until Sunday morning, September 20. Then we could both fly to Asilomar, arriving sometime in the afternoon. Our panel is on Monday evening. I would probably leave for San Francisco on Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and fly home, arriving in Youngstown on Wednesday night via Chicago. Next morning is the first day of classes at Youngstown State University. OR another possibility which might also be explored would be as follows: I would fly to San Francisco, arrive at Asilomar on the afternoon of Sunday, September 20. Following the A&ASS meeting we would travel to Los Angeles together, either on Tuesday or Wednesday, I would give my spiel at USC on Wednesday or Thursday and leave for home on Thursday or Friday, September 24, 25. This would mean missing the first day of class but I could make arrangements with a graduate student to go to my classes, distribute my syllabus and announce that I shall be back for the next class session on Tuesday, September 29.

Paul dear friend, think about it, discuss it with Sue and let me know. I still have some slim hope of bringing Eva with me on this trip but at this point it does not look promising. Eva's teaching schedule requires her to be in class every Tuesday and Wednesday. Since she is relatively new at the job, she cannot cut class with impunity and this creates an obvious problem.

Concerning the lecture at USC, I plan to give a general overview of the characteristics of the Hungarian Renaissance. Any suggestions on what to include, exclude, etc. will be most welcome.

June 12, 1981

I will also send you the Asilomar paper about a month before we meet.

All is well with us and we look forward to a busy summer around the house. We plan to remodel the basement of our house and make it more attractive. If successful we will put Steven into a nice big room downstairs and thus the two boys will be separated from each other. This will be beneficial since the ten year age difference between them does create friction at times. The room Stevée will occupy does have nice large windows, is fairly large (12x16) and does not give the impression of being a basement room. He is looking forward to his own "bachelor's pad."

Eva is establishing herself as quite a competent instructor at the local Medical Center. She teaches prospective parents the various aspects of the birth process, natural, induced, caesarian, etc. The courses run 10 weeks, throughout the year, except between Christmas and New Years. She has already received excellent evaluations and I am very proud of her. Eventually she plans to get her Masters in nursing and teach either in the School of Nursing at the Medical Center or here at Youngstown State University. This is obviously some years in the future but it would have the great advantage of bringing our vacations in harmony. If we are still alive and the children are grown, I would like us to be able to travel, take our sabbaticals together and enjoy life before senility sets in. Deo volente, it might work out.

Now that I have regained my physical strength, and even more important, my "joie de vivre" I am back with my research and hope to have a large chunk of my book done by the end of the summer.

Sometime in the next month or so I will call you again and we can chat a little over the telephone. It is always so good to hear from you.

Our warmest greetings to all of you from all of us.

Vale,

The Department of History

June 11, 1981

Mr. Howard P. Smith
Columbia University Press
136 South Broadway
Irvington, New York 10533

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please send me a paperback copy of Paul Oskar Kristeller's Renaissance Thought and Its Sources, for possible adoption in my Renaissance Civilization classes.

The course, which is offered about every fifth quarter, usually draws about 20 to 25 students. There is no single text book assigned for the course and students are required to purchase and read about six paperback volumes. The Kristeller volume would fill a void in the area of intellectual history.

Your kind and prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated. Enclosed you will find \$1.00 to cover postage and handling.

Sincerely yours,

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

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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

June 5, 1981

Director of Admissions
New York University
Washington Square
New York, NY 10053

Dear Colleague:

One of my former students, Miss Gina M. Gangale is seeking admission to the New York University School of Communications. She has asked me to write a letter in her behalf, which I am most happy to do.

Miss Gangale had been a student in my Western Civilization course in the Winter Quarter of 1981. Her performance in my class was excellent. Although this is a survey course, it is an intellectually demanding class and Miss Gangale received grade of A. She showed excellent command of the material, good interpretive skills and a maturity which was impressive.

In a number of courses her grades were not outstanding thus her grade point average is not what it should be. It is my opinion that her intellectual ability and maturity is far greater than the grades in some courses reflect. I would therefore urge you to please admit Miss Gangale to the school of Communications program and I am certain that she will prove herself to be a capable and worthy student.

Your kind cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos, PhD.
Professor of History

LD:ck

December 21, 1981

Dr. Laszlo Makkai
MTA Történettudományi Intézet
Uri u. 51-53
H-1250 Budapest, Hungary

Kesleves Laci Batyam!

Hope you are well and involved in the many interesting projects you usually pursue. I was sorry that you were not among the delegation of Hungarian historians who were here at Indiana University in Bloomington last spring. It would have been delightful to see you again.

There is a problem with which I turn to you for direction and clarification. Dr. Bela Kopeczi, who lectured here at the university at my invitation, made a statement which seems to be contrary to the research of several historians including you. He stated that by the end of the 15th century the Rumanicus were already the majority ethnic element in Transylvania. This, I believe, is a view which is not reflected in previous scholarship. The reason why this problem has aroused my interest is that a few years ago I gave a presentation at a university here in the U.S. on the Multi-Ethnic Character of the Late Hungarian Kingdom and in it I indicated that in the 15th century the Hungarian speaking element was still the dominant group in Transylvania, in fact Verancsics Antal still speaks of a Hungarian majority in the 16th century. Since my essay is being published early next year, I would be very much interested if my position is wrong or if new research has changed the position of Hungarian scholars on this point. Please write to me briefly and advise me on this problem. I will be most grateful to you for any information.

Enclosed you will find a reprint on a non-medieval and non-Hungarian subject.

With very best wishes for the Holiday Season and much success, good health for the New Year, I remain,

Sincerely yours, *B. L.*

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L.S. Domonkos *D*

LS:ck

Enclosure

The Department of History

September 29, 1981

Mr. Frank Taylor, Reservations Manager
Best Western Motor Inn
5551 Murray Street
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 2JH
Canada

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Based upon your advertisement in the AAA Tour Book I called your hotel on September 15 and made reservations for a family suite and an extra adjacent double room for the evening of September 18, 1981. The young lady I spoke with took my credit card number and indicated that the room would be held for my family and guests until our arrival.

Upon our arrival on September 18 at about 7:00 PM we were given keys to rooms which were in the old, delapidated portion of your hotel. The carpets had holes in them, the rooms were of dubious cleanliness. Furthermore the extra room I requested was not adjacent to the suite as it was promised. My wife and I were most disappointed and came to the registration desk indicating our feelings.

You informed us that you were overbooked, had no accommodations for us and directed our party to the "Niagara Clifton Hotel" saying that it was "comparable" to your establishment. Well it was not! The hotel was noisy and the location was far from ideal. The children, who had been looking forward to the two pools, sauna, whirlpool, etc. were also disappointed. All in all it was a most unpleasant experience, which put a damper on our whole week-end. We usually stay at Holiday Inn, Ramada, or Sheraton. This was our first experience with a Best Western Inn, and it left an unpleasant impression in our mind.

When you indicated that you were overbooked, you also made a promise that if we came back to your establishment you would put us up for free to partially compensate us for the inconvenience.

Because of unforeseen developments, my wife and I will be in the area of Niagara Falls on Friday, October 9, 1981. If indeed you were serious about your offer to correct an obvious wrong, we would like to take you up on the invitation and spend a pleasant evening at your hotel, in a decent room. There will be only the two of us and it would be nice to spend a "mini Second Honeymoon" at your establishment, use the pool, whirlpool. . .

I would appreciate if you would let me know immediately by telephone (216-783-0501) or letter if you could accommodate us in a fine room, so that we can make our plans accordingly.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

Home Address: 1418 Cascade Drive
Youngstown, Ohio 44511

*At that point I had serious doubts if I would ever set foot in a Best Western Hotel the rest of my life.

November 19, 1981

Director of Consumer Affairs
Best Western Hotels and Motels
Best Western Way--Box 10203
Phoenix, Arizona 85064

Gentlemen:

It is with a sense of frustration and anger that I write this letter. I have serious doubts that my note will do anything except possibly relieve some of my pent up feelings.

Some six weeks ago my family and some friends from abroad traveled to Niagara Falls with the hope of spending a pleasant couple of days relaxing and enjoying the marvels of nature. I called the Best Western in Niagara Falls Ontario, made a reservation several days before our departure and give my Visa number to insure that the rooms I requested would be held for us even if we arrived late. I had asked for a family suite and an adjacent room.

The copy of the attached letter indicates what had happened on the day of our arrival and outlines the subsequent events in some detail. (See attachment). Although I was annoyed by the inconvenience caused by the overbooking at the Best Western, I found that the offer of a free room if we subsequently returned to the motel, made by the Reservations Manager Mr. Frank Taylor, was a decent and proper gesture.

In my letter to Mr. Taylor I indicated that my wife and I would be passing through Niagara Falls on our return from a research trip on October 8, and would avail ourselves of his offer. I asked him to please contact me in this matter. Nothing happened. When it became necessary for me to finalize our travel plans, I called Mr. Taylor to inquire what the situation was. Mr. Taylor was most hostile, irritated and abusive on the telephone, questioned why I had written the letter and insisted that I was misrepresenting the facts.

He insisted that I: the facilities he offered to us were not sub-standard, and II: that he made adequate and comparable substitution by sending us to another motel.

In response to his statements I pointed out to him the following:
1. The facilities were indeed substandard. I do not invent 12-14 inch diameter holes in the carpets, do not have illusions of dirty fingermarks on doors and walls. The family suite he offered us was in a building adjacent to the main motel, and was located over the kitchen facilities. The rooms reeked of cooking grease and oil. I was not about to pay \$88.00 for such accommodations. The other room which we requested, and asked that it should be adjacent to the suite, was on the other side of the building complex. 2. The substitute accommodations to which Mr. Taylor sent us, the Niagara Clifton, was comparable only in price. This motel is located in the middle of the business-entertainment district, next to a giant amusement park. Although the rooms were adequate, the price of \$88.00 and \$55.00 respectively were outrageous for what we got. There was running and yelling all night with drunk teenagers carrying on in the middle of the night.

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Mr. Taylor's response to my complaints was to accuse me of "throwing crap" at him (his exact words) and to inform me that under the circumstances he felt no obligation to make good on his promise of providing us with a complimentary room if we ever decided to return.

When I requested the name of his superior, i.e. the General Manager of the motel, he refused to give me this information, saying that I should write the letter of complaint in his care and that he would see that my note would be forwarded to the General Manager. I told him that this was absurd and that I was not born yesterday to fall for such nonsense.

These are the facts and I hope that you can understand my irritation in this whole matter. It was I who was denied proper accommodations, offered an unsuitable substitute and generally inconvenienced, yet when I set this down in a letter it was Mr. Taylor who became abusive, accused me in a foul and impolite manner. This is not the way to treat customers, even if they would be wrong, which was not the case. Furthermore I find it reprehensible that Mr. Taylor went back on his word just because my letter caused him annoyance. This certainly does not reflect high standards of business ethics.

Obviously the damage has been done and I do not expect anything from your company. I would, however, appreciate if you would get this information of the General Manager of your hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. I seriously doubt that he would be pleased to hear how Mr. Frank Taylor treats some of the customers.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

November 19, 1981

Dr. Karoly Pulvari, President
Piarist Alumni Association
2014 Taylor Ave., N.E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Pulvari:

A very dear mutual friend, Professor A. L. Gabriel, recommended that I write to you concerning the Piarist Ball to be held in New York next February.

Dr. Gabriel, who was my former professor and dissertation director at the University of Notre Dame, has always spoken in the most glowing terms about the annual Ball of the Piarist Alumni Association. His enthusiasm has been echoed by several of our friends who have attended in the past and have indicated that it is one of the best organized, most elegant, and all in all pleasant affairs to be found anywhere.

My wife and I have a daughter who is of debutante age and we would like to present her at the Piarist Ball this year. Would you please be so kind and let me know if this would be possible, and if yes, what steps I have to take in order to make the proper arrangements.

Asztrik has spoken so highly of you and of the Ball and I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet you personally in New York in February if an invitation would be issued to us and the presentation of our daughter could be arranged. Asztrik, naturally, also plans to attend.

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, 1981

Dr. James R. Toepfer
Pre-Medical Advisory Committee
Department of Biological Sciences
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Professor Toepfer:

One of my former students, Mr. Gregory Gomori has asked me to write a letter in his behalf, which I am pleased to do.

Mr. Gomori has completed 137 hours and plans to enter upon a career in medicine. Although his GP average is not very impressive, I am certain that he is capable of better work than his grades indicate.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Gomori is a very hard working, dedicated young man. In order to be able to go to school he holds a position at Hills Department Stores and is working 35-40 hours per week. On week ends he is in charge of a Youth Group at his church.

The candidate is a very pleasant young man who will succeed in all of his endeavors.

I recommend him highly.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 10, 1981

Mrs. Frances P. DeBonis
1030 Biscayne Drive
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146

Dear Fran,

Since you are the only one among the organizers of the 25th Reunion for whom I have an address, I decided to write this letter to you, although it is meant for all.

It was delightful to see so many of our classmates last Saturday and a special word of thanks should be expressed to all who worked so hard to make the reunion a reality and a success. The whole evening was most pleasant and enjoyable and will be remembered fondly. It rekindled many old memories and for a few hours it was as if twenty-five years had never really passed over us.

I was deeply touched by the warmth, kindness and friendliness that so many of you expressed toward me. This is particularly meaningful since I came to Farrell as a complete stranger in the fall of 1952, barely one year after arriving as a Displaced Person from Europe. Although my English was poor, my ways probably strange, the members of the class of 56 did make me feel at home and finally, after many years of being tossed around in post World War II Europe, I had found permanence, a real "home". I had longed for this stability for so long and when it came I was grateful to be able to grow up in a community with so many decent and good people.

Shortly after graduating from Farrell High School I left the Shenango Valley area and have been back only for brief visits. The Lord has been good to me and much happiness and some success has been my lot. I received an excellent education, culminating in a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. I married a beautiful and talented woman, and we have four bright and delightful children. In the last twenty-five years I have received numerous scholarships, research and travel grants, awards, honors and recognition in my field of specialization. We have lived abroad for extended periods of time and traveled widely. I have attended several international and national conferences, embassy parties and even a White House reception, yet when I think about the formative period of my life, it is always the years I passed in

Mrs. Frances P. DeBonis

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November 10, 1981

Farrell which come to mind. It is strange that although I have lived in or visited many exciting and beautiful places throughout the world, it is a small steel town in Pennsylvania which has really become home to me. The feelings generated last week when I saw so many of you again, only reinforced this belief even more.

Please excuse this long rambling, which to you might seem excessively sentimental, but believe me it comes from the heart, and is said in all sincerity. You have opened up your hearts to a stranger and have brought him joy and happiness. Sincere thanks to all of you for your friendship and kindness.

In the hope of seeing you Fran in good health and your beauty undiminished on our 30th reunion, I remain

Sincerely yours,

LSD:sf

P.S. Please send me the address of your lovely niece, as you promised.

The Department of History

November 10, 1981

Dr. Louis Zona, Director
The Butler Institute of American Art
524 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Dear LOU,

At the time you were appointed as the new Director of the Butler Institute, I had every intention to congratulate you on this great honor. Months have passed since then and I still have not carried out my intent. Since I seldom see you, I take this opportunity to send you my sincere best wishes.

The Butler Institute is most fortunate to have a man of your talents and fine personal traits as its director. It is only unfortunate that you had to step down from your Chairmanship of the Art Department in order to accept the new position. The Art Department needed people of your calibre in a leadership role, and you will be missed.

Please accept my very best wishes for an exciting, eventful and prosperous tenure as Director. The Butler is a fine small museum and under your able guidance it will continue to grow in excellence.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 10, 1981

The Honorable Lyle Williams
19th District Representative
U. S. Congress, Longworth Bldg.
Office Room 1004
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is just a brief note to thank you again for your kind and sensitive remarks during the unveiling of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Memorial at the Franciscan Friary on Belle Vista. It is good to know that there are important government officials such as you, who have a high regard for the sacrifices made by the Hungarian nation during those fateful days in 1956.

Although conditions in Hungary have obviously improved considerably since 1956, the presence of Russian forces within the country prevent the establishment of a neutral and democratic regime. The desire for freedom and independence, however, lives on. I know this from extensive personal experience having spent long periods of time in Hungary in the last decade as a Visiting Professor at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest. As an American academic, fluent in Hungarian, I was able to gain considerable insight into conditions there from both my Hungarian friends and American embassy personnel. The Polish situation will undoubtedly have a major effect upon the subsequent history of Eastern Europe. I hope we will act with greater courage than in 1956.

My wife and I enjoyed meeting you subsequently at the V.I.P. Lounge and were glad for the opportunity to exchange a few words with you. We both feel that our area is fortunate to have you as our Representative in Washington.

May I also reiterate my statement to you concerning the efficiency of your office staff. Last summer I had some research work planned at the Library of Congress. I called your local office to find out if there was any special permit which would be necessary for me to carry out my project. Your staff was courteous

The Hon. Lyle Williams

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and knew the correct answers to my questions. I was impressed with their professionalism.

Wishing you continued success in your efforts in behalf of all the people in the Mahoning Valley, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 10, 1981

Dr. Granasztói György
MTA Történettudományi Intézet
Uri u-51-53
H-1250 Budapest I, Hungary

Kedves Gyurka,

Yesterday a big package arrived with reprints of my article on American Education in the 18th Century, published in the Történelmi Szemle.

Thank you for all of your efforts in getting the article translated and published. I am most grateful to you and to your colleagues for completing this project in relatively short time and with such efficiency. The reprints look fine and now I can begin sending them to friends both in Hungary as well as here. I would appreciate if you could send me the name and address of the person who did the excellent translation, I would like to write him a note of thanks.

If there is any money left from the honorarium, I would like to have that sum paid out to Petneki Aronka, since he has been buying new and older books for me in the past.

We are all well and hope that the same is true with your family. Eva is working and is at present teaching classes in natural child-birth and infant care at the local medical center. Although her arthritis is still with her it is by far not as bad as it was in Budapest when her whole knee was swollen. We often talk about you and your beautiful wife and the very pleasant evening we spent at your home. We miss the opportunity to be with people such as you and your wife. It was so good to have Szucs Jenő here in Youngstown because it was like a breath of Budapest air. I hope someday we can welcome you as well at our home.

Time is passing so fast. Over two years have elapsed since we came back from Hungary and since my illness. Except for some circulatory problems in my legs, I am well. The children are growing up rapidly and the twins just passed their driving examinations.

Next year they will begin their last year before graduation from high school (gymnázium). Fortunately we will have two who are smaller.

I have a big favor to ask you Gyuri. In some advertisement of new books, I read that you published your study on Medieval Hungarian Towns. If it would be possible, please send me a copy and also ask Teke Zsuzsi for a copy of her Hunyadi János book. I will gladly send you some publication you might need in return.

Please convey my warmest greetings to my friends at the Institute and tell them that long letters will be arriving before the Christmas Season.

To you Gyuri, many sincere thanks again. In the hope of seeing you in the near future, I remain

The Department of History

October 20, 1981

Professor Gyorgy Ranki
Hungarian Chair
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Kedves Gyuri!

Just a brief note to let you know how much i enjoyed your excellent presentation at the Duquesne History Forum- last week. In the rather hkrried and chaotic circumstances following the end of the last panel I did not have a chance to congratulate you.

I was most sorry that instead of the airport we could not have come to Youngstown. Your paper on 19th century economic development would have been most welcome here. Please let me know when you will be in the Cleveland-Pittsburgh area again so that I can arrange for a lecture by you at our institution.

Thank you for the news that my article has been published in the TSz. I am writing to Granasztói to ask him for a copy as well as permission to have reprints made.

Please extend my greetings to your wife. In the hope of seeing you again, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

September 16, 1981

Dr. Gregory Grossman, President
American Association for the Advancement of
Slavic Studies
c/o Asilomar Conference Center
P. O. Box 537
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Prof. Grossman:

It is with the greatest regret that I have to inform you that it is impossible for me to participate in the meeting of the AAASS at Asilomar and to present my paper on "Neo Platonism in Fifteenth Century Hungary."

Because of a major financial crisis which has developed in the Ohio Legislature, the University Board of Trustees has frozen all out-of-state travel until the fiscal emergency has been resolved.

I have notified by telephone Prof. Paul W. Knoll who was the Chairman of the panel as well as Dr. Janos Bak, the Commentator, indicating that I will be unable to attend.

It was with great anticipation that I was looking forward to this conference and it was with greatest reluctance and regret that I was forced to cancel my plans. I realize that this will cause an inconvenience to members of the panel, but there is no other alternative that I could take.

With regrets and sincere best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 26, 1981

Mrs. Celeste Erkard
271 Willard Street
Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Dear Mrs. Erkard:

Over a year ago while on my way to Youngstown State University you were involved with me in a traffic accident near the corner of Fifth Avenue and Commerce Street.

Officer Wess of the Youngstown Police Department (Badge No. 155) indicated in his investigation that the accident was clearly your fault, which you freely admitted.

The right front end of my car was extensively damaged and since you did not have liability insurance you promised at that time to pay for the damage you caused to my automobile.

I subsequently received several estimates of damage the lowest of which was \$224.75 given by Passarelli Bros. At that point I called you and you again promised that you would pay this amount as soon as your financial condition improved. Over eighteen months have passed since then and I have heard nothing from you. Now my finances make it necessary to press you for immediate payment of your debt. I think I have shown great patience toward you and have waited in the hope that you would settle this debt voluntarily. It is absolutely necessary that I have the sum of \$224.75 immediately. In the case that you do not reply promptly to my request, I will have no other recourse than to take the matter to the Small Claims Court, a step I am reluctant to take. I am contacting Officer Wess, who will testify in my behalf in court. I therefore appeal to your sense of decency and fair play and ask you to please send me the money without delay since I am in urgent need of it.

In the hope of hearing from you immediately, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Dmonkos
Professor of History

The Department of History

May 7, 1981

Dr. Bela Kiraly
Department of History
Brooklyn College of CUNY
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Kedves Bela,

This is just a brief note to tell you what a pleasure it was for me to hear your "After Dinner Address" at Kent last week. Even if I had not heard any other presentation but yours, the trip would have been worthwhile. Your speech was scholarly yet not pedantic, patriotic yet not filled with pathos or phrases. My most sincere congratulations and I am delighted that I had this opportunity to hear you.

Are you by any chance going to the AAASS meeting at Monterey, California this fall? Would be great to see you again and to chat a little about Maleter Pal, who was my mother's cousin. I would be very much interested to hear your evaluation of him.

Enclosed I am sending you the outline of the book I am writing. As you can see, it would be a large, exhaustive study and would fill a lacuna.

As I indicated to you, Akademiai Kiado is interested in it and Klaniczay Tibor wants to publish it in his foreign language series Studia Humanitatis. They would like to have a cooperative venture where an American university press would take over several thousand copies for distribution here.

Akademiai Kiado would take care of (1) professional critique of the book (lektoralas). They already consulted Fugedi Erik who would be the main reader. (2) AK would print the volume and bind it. The American partner would have to (1) provide the copy editor; (2) promise to take over a set number of volumes and distribute them under their own title page.

Please let me know if this would be of serious interest to you and what your reaction is to such a plan.

With warmest greetings, I remain

The Department of History

May 14, 1981

Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor
Professor Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
Wilecza 8 m.20
00-532 Warszawa, Poland

Dear Aleksander,

We have not exchanged correspondence in the past two years but I have been keeping up on news concerning you. Gabriel told me of your election as President of the World Congress of Historical Sciences. Congratulations. It could not have happened to a finer scholar or more decent human being. Recently Dr. Bela Kopeczi of the Hungarian Academy visited here in Youngstown and gave a talk at the University (no snowstorm) and he mentioned that you are now the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences. If this is indeed true, we wish you the very best, few problems, and much success. It must not be an easy position to hold even under ordinary circumstances. In view of the recent domestic developments it is even more sensitive and difficult.

Enclosed you will find a picture of the children, taken last Christmas. They have, as you can see, grown up considerably since your memorable visit with us. They bring us much joy and happiness.

Eva is now working in her profession since the children are older and more self sufficient. She is an Instructor of Parent Education at the local medical center and teaches prospective parents twice a week. She enjoys it very much and the extra income is certainly welcome in this inflationary time.

Following our return from Budapest in September 1979, I had some renewed heart problems coupled with liver disfunction, stomach irritation and a whole series of other ailments. The combined effect of all this was to weaken me to the degree that I was unable to teach for a semester. Since my return to my work, however, I have been in good health and have even readied a number of articles for publication. This summer I plan to resume the interrupted work on my Matthias Corvinus book.

Will your plans to publish the materials of the Warsaw-Cracow conference in September 1977 materialize? I certainly hope that it will appear soon. If for some reason it will not be published, please let me know and I would like to submit it to some American journal. I would naturally prefer that it should appear in Poland.

When are you visiting the U.S., dear Aleksander? You know that our home is always open to you and you are most welcome. It would be so nice to see you again and it appears that it will be some time before we will be able to visit Europe again. I did not go to Buzharest mainly because of health reasons but even now with my much improved condition, a European trip would be quite difficult to manage. Travel funds from Foundations and Universities are harder to get and prices for trans-Atlantic flights are going up. Next year I might get an invitation from the Hungarian Academy and that might mean a brief trip to Budapest. In September I am flying to California to deliver a paper at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies at the University of California at Monterey and I have an invitation to give a lecture at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. I am looking forward to these excursions for they always prove to be intellectually and psychologically stimulating.

Please write a brief note and let us know how you and your family are. Also indicate the status of the article which you were going to publish. If you are ever on the North American continent please call me "Collect" anytime (216-783-0501). Eva and the children join me in extending to you our congratulations on your newest achievements, and hope to, sometime, somewhere, see you again.

With true friendship and warm regards, I remain

Cordially,

L. SD Domonkos

LSD:sf

The Department of History

May 15, 1981

Mr. H. Gaenser, Proprietor
"Hotel Haus Tyrol"
Alt-Aussee, Salzkammergut
A-8992 AUSTRIA, EUROPE

Liber Her Gaenser und Familie!

First of all thank you for your lovely card which you sent around Christmas time. Please forgive us for not answering immediately, but the holidays are always very hectic and I did want to write to you at greater length.

We hope that this letter finds you in the best of health and all of you are well. Fortunately we are also healthy and enjoying the growth and development of our children, Enclosed you will find a photograph taken at Christmas time, which does show how they are all growing.

In a few weeks it will be two years that my wife and I first entered the doors of the beautiful "Hotel Tyrol" and met you. We talk many times about the most pleasant days we spent at Alt-Aussee. Somehow I would love to come back to visit you with my wife for a quiet little vacation before we are too old to enjoy life. Hopefully something will develop and I can attend some conference or symposium in Europe in the next few years, and spend a few quiet days at the Hotel Tyrol.

We have been very busy recently with my wife also working (teaching) and I am again back in good physical condition so that I can teach, research and travel as before. As you probably hear from the newspapers and TV, life is becoming increasingly more expensive here with a high rate of inflation. With four children it is not easy to provide for education, cultural life and travel. It is hard to believe but in six years two of our children will graduate from a university and hopefully then our burdens will lessen and we can do what we like so much: travel. When that time comes you can be certain that we will again come to the most charming place in Austria and to one of the finest small hotels in all of Europe, namely yours.

With best wishes and warm greetings to the whole family, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

April 23, 1981

Prof. Denes Sinor, Chairman
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Kedves Denes!

This is just a brief note to thank you and Jean for your kind hospitality during my visit to Bloomington two weeks ago.

The Conference was excellent and the papers, discussions and comments were of the highest calibre. It was an intellectually stimulating three days and I was very happy to be part of it.

It was with sorrow that I heard the news that you are stepping down as Chairman of your department. You have done an immense amount of good in that position and many of us, to whom you have always been an inspiration, will miss you. Thank you for the kindness you have always shown toward me personally and the support you have given me. You are, and always will be gratefully remembered. May you have many productive and healthy years before you.

With warm greetings to both you and Jean, I remain

Cordially, yours,

The Department of History

April 20, 1981

Dr. Edna D. Neal, Assistant Dean
Student Services
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dr. Neal:

One of my former students Miss Sharon Saadey asked me to write a letter in her behalf. She is a nominee for a YSU Pin.

It is with greatest pleasure that I support Miss Saadey as a candidate for the YSU Pin. She has been a student in my upper division history class last quarter and her performance has been of the highest calibre. Although this was a difficult and demanding class, Miss Saadey had one of the highest grades for the course. In all of her work she has manifested the type of intellectual maturity which is beyond what you would expect from an undergraduate. I was most impressed with her performance.

Miss Saadey is also a most charming young woman who has an excellent rapport with her peers. She is admired by her classmates for her intellectual abilities, charm and warmth of personality.

There are few people on this campus who combine academic excellence, service and personality as well as this young lady. Miss Sharon Saadey deserves a YSU Pin for her accomplishments and I recommend her most enthusiastically.

Cordially yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 31, 1980

Mrs. Charles B. Cushwa, Jr.
250 Tod Lane
Youngstown, Ohio 44504

Dear Mrs. Cushwa:

Thank you for your kind letter in which you indicate that my name has been proposed for nomination to the Catholic Service League Board.

I feel deeply honored that I have been proposed for such an important position and naturally would try to do my utmost to serve capably, if elected.

My wife and I have had first hand opportunities to learn about the excellent work of the Catholic Service League, having served as foster parents several years ago. Since then we had the good fortune to adopt a delightful and beautiful little boy through the agency. In all of our contacts with the Catholic Services League, we found the agency to be completely administered by people who have a heart.

If you would need any biographical information or a curriculum vitae, please let me know and I will send it to you immediately.

Thank you again for the confidence you are placing in my abilities.

In the hope of hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 20, 1981

Dr. Edna D. Neal, Assistant Dean
Student Services
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dean Neal:

One of my former students Mr. Anthony Koury asked me to write in his behalf. He is a nominee for a YSU Pin.

Mr. Koury has been in two of my history classes. I have noticed a great amount of intellectual growth in him and his performance in my Renaissance class during the Winter Quarter 1981 was excellent. It seems evident to me that Mr. Koury is a most capable young man and that he has matured a great deal during the last few years.

Mr. Koury has been most active in student government and campus activities. Based upon his excellent work in my upper division class, I recommend him warmly for the YSU Pin.

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 20, 1981

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President
International Commission for the History of
Universities
P. O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister de Quinqueecclesiae!

Sorry I took so long to respond to your note concerning the books you are willing to sell. With the trip to Indiana University and then the visit of Kopeczi things were progressing slow at my office.

Upon checking your list against my own holdings I find that I would like to purchase the majority of the volumes for my own use since many of them deal with 14-16th century history of Hungarian culture.

I would like to emphasize that this must be a strictly business proposition between us. I would like the books very much and am willing and able to pay for them the same amount that a library or book dealer would pay. My only request is that you allow me to pay the sum in \$30.00 per month installments.

Tres cher maitre, please indicate the prices on the enclosed list and I shall send the first installment on May 1. I sincerely hope that such an agreement would be mutually beneficial. These are rare and valuable books and I need most of them. It would be a shame to let them fall into the hands of people who would either not appreciate or not use them.

Looking forward to hearing from you on this matter, I remain

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The Department of History

February 11, 1981

Dr. Gyorgy Ranki
The Hungarian Chair
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Kedves Gyuri,

It was good to talk to you two weeks ago and I am looking forward with great anticipation to our meeting in April at Bloomington. All indications are that the sessions will be of wide ranging interest with excellent participants. I am delighted that you have invited me.

Every indication is that the coming of Kopeczi will work out well. Although I do not yet have a firm commitment, it looks like it will be possible to welcome him here and offer him a modest honorarium for a lecture. The preliminary plans which we discussed, i.e. that he would come here on Monday, deliver a lecture on Tuesday and continue on his journey on Wednesday, seem ideal. Since our conversation I have also been in contact with Vardy Bela and it would also fit well into his plans if Kopeczi would arrive in Pittsburgh on Wednesday morning or possibly late Tuesday night. When you "design" his itinerary please try to route him into Pittsburgh on Monday and again out of Pittsburgh according to plans made with Bela. It is about 1 1/2 hours by car from my home to the Pittsburgh airport and therefore I will be able to pick Kopeczi up, bring him to Youngstown and subsequently deliver him to Bela on Tuesday night or Wednesday. When Szucs Jenő was here we did basically the same thing.

It was with great delight that I heard last fall about your election to the Executive Board of the International Commission of Historical Sciences. Your excellence in scholarship, personal tact and organizational skill were again recognized. Congratulations. I presume that you will also meet quite regularly with my friend Aleksander Gieysztor in your new position.

If there is anything in which I can be of assistance to you during your stay in Bloomington or in connection with the conference, please feel free to call on me.

In the hope of seeing you in person in about two weeks, I remain

Sincerely yours,



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

The Department of History

January 14, 1981

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

Kedves Bela!

Enclosed you will find the copy edited text of my article. The corrections and changes made in the text and in the footnotes are generally excellent and the copy read very well. You and your copy editor are to be highly commended.

There are only two minor points which I would like to bring to your attention for I believe that the editorial changes do not strengthen the study.

1. Page 18. (Middle of page): Royal Chapel is the far more frequently used term instead of the Chapel Royal suggested by your editor. I would much prefer if the text was left as I originally had it, i.e. Royal Chapel.

2. Page 34 (This is the incomplete foot note you requested me to complete: no. 56).

Under Gedeon Borsa et al., Regi magyarorszagi nyomtatványok, 1473-1600. This is translated as old Hungarian Prints, 1473-1600. The word Prints in this context is the wrong word. Publications would be somewhat better, or possibly Printed Books. Actually the original Latin subtitle of the work which I gave to you initially should have been preserved for the sake of clarity and ready intelligibility.

Note 56 should read as follows:

⁵⁶ Jozsef Fitz, A magyarorszagi nyomdászati, könyvkiadás és könyvkereskedelem története [The History of Printing, Publication and Book Trade in Hungary], II (Budapest, 1967), p. 130-157; Gedeon Borsa et al. (eds.), Regi magyarorszagi nyomtatványok, 1473-1600 [Res Litteraria Hungariae Vetus Operum Impressorum] (Budapest, 1971), p. 94, no. 39, p. 109, no. 49.

Thank you again for all your efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

I am very sorry that I did not get to talk to you at the Duquesne History Forum in October. I arrived in Pittsburgh on the afternoon when you left, in fact sat a few rows behind you during the Szucs Jenő presentation. I even saw you pull out your airline ticket (TWA?) to check it during the lecture. When the session was over I spoke to a few friends and by the time I looked around, you were gone. Hope that our paths cross during the next year and we can spend some time together.

With best wishes for a healthy and productive New Year, I remain

The Department of History

March 16, 1981

Dr. Romane Clark, Chairperson
Search and Screen Committee
College of Arts and Sciences
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Dr. Clark:

It is with great pleasure that I respond to your request to provide your committee with information concerning Prof. Steven Bela Vardy who is a candidate for the Deanship of the College of Arts and Sciences.

My acquaintance with Dr. Vardy goes back almost two decades and I feel that I can speak about his capabilities with certain degree of authority. My evaluation will focus on the areas of scholarship, leadership and personality.

Dr. Vardy is a scholar of considerable reputation with a long list of publications to his credit. His interests are wide ranging and varied and this is reflected in his writing. His knowledge of East Central European historiography is most impressive and there is probably no person either in Europe or the US who is his equal in this area. In the many years that I have known Prof. Vardy there were numerous opportunities to observe him at conventions and professional meetings. His presentation, commentary or critique was always of the highest calibre, he is always well prepared and his conduct is that of a professional. He has no patience with mediocrity or faulty scholarship and expects the same high standards from others that he imposes upon himself.

A Dean of Arts and Sciences obviously must exhibit leadership qualities. Steven Bela Vardy is exactly this type of a person. He recognizes problems quickly, moves with decisiveness and skill.

Although he has until now been involved exclusively in the academic area and has not held administrative positions for any length of time, he is not unacquainted with the problems of administration and academic politics. He has held office in a number of scholarly societies and has given freely of his time and council to these organizations. At Duquesne University he used his administrative skills in the organization of the History Forum, which has developed into one of the finest conferences anywhere.

Throughout the academic world it is increasingly evident that those who are filling administrative positions are managerial types where primary interests are in the area of cost analysis and efficiency. While these qualities are increasingly necessary in state related universities I certainly hope that Indiana University is still looking for individuals who can provide academic leadership. His own example as a publishing scholar, a professional in the best sense of the word, would be a source of strength in the deanship. A dean can not command respect and demand productivity from his faculty if he himself has not excelled in this area. Dr. Vardy is a born leader, and in my view, would provide exactly the kind of leadership which a great institution such as Indiana University, would need.

Prof. Vardy is an urbane gentleman who would bring the hard to define quality of class to the office of dean. At an institution where scholars from all parts of the world must be received, entertained, wined and dined, it is imperative that the dean should be a person who is not narrow and provincial but one who can perform the social aspects of his position with eclat. Dr. Vardy, because of his background, extensive contacts in the academic and government circles and general urbanity, would be a perfect candidate. He would also bring to his position an additional asset, so often neglected by Search Committees, namely his wife. Mrs. Vardy, a scholar in her own right, has the grace, the savoir-faire, which would add greatly to the effectiveness of her husband.

A Dean does, however, far more than entertain and needs attributes other than social to ensure his effectiveness. Above all he needs stamina. Dr. Vardy is a man of almost inexhaustible energy. He is always writing, organizing, preparing something. He is efficient and effective and knows how to delegate authority.

Among his positive characteristics, I would also include ambition. Although often viewed as a negative trait, ambition is obviously necessary if anyone is going to make anything of themselves. Dr. Vardy has ambition. The son of poor, hardworking emigrant parents he has risen in the academic world driven by ambition. He is highly motivated but has not accomplished things at the expense of others. His ambition is not coupled with ruthlessness, as is so often the case, but with a sense of decency and fair play.

To sum up, let me make one more statement about Prof. Vardy. I am certain that you will find many excellent applicants for the deanship, most of whom would fill the position with ability. This candidate, however, has that extra spark of greatness. Dr. Vardy has a rare combination of abilities and personality traits which make him an outstanding candidate for the deanship.

I recommend him to your Search and Screen Committee with enthusiasm and without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

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

The Department of History

February 10, 1981

Dr. Peter G. Bietenholz
Department of History
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada, S7N 0W0

Dear Professor Bietenholz:

Enclosed you will find the corrected copy of the fourteen biographies. Generally, all the changes, emendations or corrections you or your associates made are excellent and have strengthened the articles considerably.

There are a few problems which do need your attention and I hope that you can resolve them without much difficulty. The most important of these problems concerns the name of Wladislas II, King of Bohemia and Hungary (1490-1516). Somebody on your editorial staff or the external reader has changed the name in all the biographies to Ladislaus II. This is a major mistake! Both in Bohemian and in Hungarian Wladislaus (Ulaszlo) and Ladislaus (Laszlo) are two separate names. In Hungarian history there were five kings with the name of Ladislaus (Laszlo) and two were called Wladislaus (Ulaszlo). Therefore the form Ladislaus II is used where Wladislaus II was originally indicated, this will create a real problem since king Ladislaus II reigned in the twelfth century.

In the articles where the substitution has been made, I circled the name Ladislaus II wherever it occurs. I hope you will agree with me that the change is incorrect and reinstate the original form that I had submitted.

The second problem is in the biography of John Zapolyai (line 5) where he is described as emerging "as the nationalist leader of the lesser nobility." I find the word "nationalist" here to be a most unfortunate term, and the substitution distorts what was originally indicated. Zapolyai was the leader of the "national party" in Hungary, as opposed to those who wanted a ruler from a foreign dynasty. He was not a nationalist leader, an expression which can only be understood in modern terms. I would appreciate if you would correct this.

Finally, in the biography Johann Henckel, in the first sentence somebody inserted the words "in Slovakia" as a place of birth. This makes

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no sense geographically or historically. The term Slovakia was unknown in the Middle Ages or Renaissance, it is a modern word. While it is perfectly correct to talk about Transylvania, Slovenia, Croatia or Dalmatia, Slovakia as such did not exist. Again, the simple elimination of his incorrect addition will easily resolve the problem.

There is also a completely unrelated topic, which I bring up rather reluctantly, namely money. It was my understanding that the honorarium by the University of Toronto Press of \$300.00 was to be in U.S. dollars. When the money arrived before Christmas (excellent timing), I cashed it, and proceeded to "splurge." A few days later, my bank called saying that the \$300.00 check was worth only \$247.50 in U.S. currency. Would you please let me know if the honorarium ~~to be paid~~ in Canadian or U.S. dollars. If it was to be indeed U.S. dollars, as I remember, how can I recover the \$52.50 which was lost in the transaction. I am sorry to bother you with such mundane problems, but unfortunately in this inflation riddled world even \$52.50 makes some difference.

If there are any problems, or further queries, please let me know and I will resolve them quickly. Continued good luck on your immense task. I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

March 6, 1981

Prof. Robert Tartel
Department of Political Science
Kutztown State College
Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530

Dear Professor Tartel:

Mr. Raphael Clementis Zahonyi has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf. He is applying for the position of Instructor in International Relations and Comparative Politics in your department.

I have known the applicant for almost 30 years and have a high esteem of his capabilities. Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi is immersed in the field of International Relations and is extremely knowledgeable in it, especially in the areas of Eastern Europe and the USSR. He has continued extensive reading in scholarly sources since he completed graduate school and is constantly expanding his knowledge of the present geo-political situation.

The applicant has taught at Youngstown State University in the Department of Social and Political Science and was well liked by his students as well as fellow faculty members. Unfortunately the decline of enrollments in that department resulted in the loss of his job here and he has been unable to secure a new position in the tight academic market.

Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi has traveled extensively in Western and Eastern Europe and in Asia, speaks a number of languages, is not a provincial person but a man with a broad understanding of the current political situation as well as the events which have lead to these developments.

If you are interested in hiring an Instructor of International Relations who possesses depth of understanding in his field, is capable of communicating this information to his students and brings that extra touch to his profession which separates the acceptable from the excellent, then I recommend Mr. Clementis-Zahonyi most enthusiastically.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me either at my office (216-742-3459) or at home (216-783-0501).

The Department of History

March 13, 1981

Order Department -(619)
Barnes and Noble/Sale Annex
126 Fifth Avenue
New York, N, Y. 10011

Gentlemen:

Over a month ago I placed an order with you for a three volume set entitled A History of Auricular Confession and Indulgences in the Latin Church by H. C. Lea. (Item 0462T)

Two days ago I received from you a package containing The Foundation of Phenomenology by M. Farber (Order No. 3363000I).

There is an obvious mix-up in the order and I hope that you will correct it immediately. I am returning the Farber book to you along with a new order for the History of Auricular Confession as well as another volume.

Please be certain to remove the previous charge from my Master Charge account and include the present charges.

Almost six weeks have passed since I placed the original order and I do need the books urgently. I would, therefore, appreciate if you could rush this order and send the correct books immediately.

Your help in getting this matter cleared up efficiently and quickly will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

March 10, 1981

Dr. Sidney I. Roberts,
Chairman
Special Lectures Committee
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Professor Roberts:

At the request of Prof. Domonkos, I am writing to you concerning the possibility of bringing a lecturer to campus on April 14-15, 1981. A noted scholar of French and Hungarian history, Dr. Bela Kopeczi, Professor of the University of Budapest, (see Appendix) will be in the U. S. and L. Domonkos would like to bring him to Youngstown State University to deliver a lecture, open to the university community, on the "Condition of the Peasantry in XVI-XVIII Western and Eastern Europe."

As Chairman of the Special Lectures Committee I am turning to you for help in obtaining an honorarium of \$200.00 for the History Department, to cover the lecture fee, lodging and food bill of Dr. Kopeczi. Your help and cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

In the hope of receiving your answer in the near future, I remain

Cordially yours,

George D. Beelen
Chairman

GDB:sf

March 27, 1981

Vionuv Far, Bibliotheca
MTA Tortenttudomani Intezet
Uri Utca 51-53
H - 1250 Budapest, Hungary

Kedves Angela,

Please forgive me for not writing to you sooner. Unfortunately I became seriously ill shortly after we returned from Europe. Even after I was able to return to teaching at the university, my energy level was so low that I was unable to get much accomplished. Now, however, everything is much improved and I am catching up with things which have been delayed for over a year.

Yesterday I mailed 15 books to you (list enclosed) and they should be arriving in Budapest in about 5-6 weeks. This group of books contains some volumes which are now out of print and therefore increasingly more valuable. As I am able to gather other material, I will send a few packages every 3-4 months.

I would be most grateful to you if you would send me books in exchange which fall into the period prior to 1540. My dear friend Aronka has a list of books that I have, it would be wise to consult him in order to avoid duplication. I would also appreciate if you would send me the copies of the new "Ten Volume" as they are published.

We hope that you and your family are well. Did you travel again recently? Will you visit Canada in the near future. Maybe you could stop to see us if you would also travel in the North Eastern U.S.

Thank you again for all your kindness when I was in Budapest during our last stay. I remember you fondly and hope that someday we will meet again. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,

L.S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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The Department of History

March 13, 1981

Prof. Dr. Bela Kopeczi
Secretary General
Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Magyar Tudomanyos Akademia
Roosevelt ter/ Budapest V,
Hungary

Dear Professor Kopeczi,

You have probably heard from our mutual friend Ranki Gyuri that I have extended an invitation to you to visit Youngstown State University on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14-15. Dr. Bela Vardy will make provisions to get you here, and I shall transport you back to the Pittsburgh Airport on Wednesday for you flight East.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Bloomington Conference. Although I am a mediaevalist I am naturally familiar with your excellent publications, particularly with those in the age of Rakoczi. I have also heard extensively about you from Varkony Agnes during my visits to Budapest as an IREX scholar (1970-71, 1973, 1979).

As far as your lecture is concerned here, May I suggest something in the area of comparison between French and Hungarian Peasantry in 16th to 18th centuries. Since the great majority of our students are undergraduates, your presentation should be directed to a literate general audience and not to specialists who are familiar with the historiographical aspects of the problem. It would be ideal if you could talk 35-45 minutes with time for questions and answers from the audience. I sincerely hope that this will be agreeable to you and will not cause problems of any kind. If you like to talk on a different subject, that would also be perfectly acceptable, as long as it is not excessively specialized.

We will be able to discuss any possible problems in early April, when we meet at Indiana University.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to our meeting and hope to be able to welcome you both to the university and our home during your visit to Youngstown, Ohio.

Wishing you a pleasant trip, I remain

Cordially,



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Kedves Ersek Ur!

Nagy tudomanyu es vilaghiru tudos, kozos ismerosunk es barátunk, Dr. Gabriel Asztrik ugyeben keresem fel kedves Ersek Urat.

Tobb mint husz evvel ezelott ismerkedtem meg Gabriel professzorral, mikor a Notre Dame-i egyetemre kerultem mint "doctorandus". Negy even keresztul dolgoztam mint Dr. Gabriel asszisztense, es alatta irtam Magister Artium es Doctor Scientiarium Mediaevalibus tudomanyos fokozathoz szukseges diszertaciomat, kozepkori Magyar egyetemekrol. 1966 ban doktoraltam es azota a Youngstown-i (Ohio) allami egyetemen kozepkori tortenelmet tanitok, 1976 ota mint nyilvános rendes tanar. Gabriel Asztrikkal tovabbra is fentartom a szoros kapcsolatot es a regi tanar-diak viszonybol, meghitt meleg baratsag fejlődött ki az evek soran. Mivel Gabriel professzor, Ersek Urat sokszor emlegeti es barátjának tekinti, gondoltam, hogy egy nagyon fontos ugyben felkeresem es segitseget kerem.

Mint ahogy Ersek Ur bizonyara tudja, Gabriel Asztrik a godolloi Francia Gymnazium volt igazgatoja es a budapesti egyetem magan tanara, a kulfoldon elo Magyar tudosok kozott az egyik leg elismertebb es nagyrabecsultebb. Levelezo tagja a Francia Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, Lettres a Bajor Akademie der Wissenschaften, es tagja a Medieval Academy of America-nak. A nemzetkozi tudomanyos vilag egyik vezető egyene, ki Europa es Amerika minden nagyobb es hiresebb egyetemen eloadasokat tartott es tudomanyos munkassagaval nagy hirnevre tett szert. A mellekelt Vita reszletesen bemutatja munkassaganak szeleskoruseget es nemzetkozi mivoltjat.

Világi vonalon sok kituntetést es dicseretet aratott

Gabriel professzor, de sajnos egyhazi teren az elismeres eddig elmaradt. Meggyozodesem, hogy az embereket életukben kell megbecsulnunk es nem necrologiaban meltatni nagysagukat. Most, hogy Asztrik pappa szentelesenek 50 éves jubileumat unnepli, illo lenne ha az egyhaz is elismerne, nagytudomanyu papjat es ~~Avalami~~ kituntetesben reszesitene olyan formaban amely szimbolizalna Magyar premontrei kanonoksagat.

Nagyon kerem kedves Ersek Urat, mint a Magyar katolikus egyhaz fejet, Magyarorszag primasat, hogy Dr. Gabriel Asztrik professzort, premontrei kanonokot, a Magyar es nemzetkozi tudomanyos elet egyik kimagasló alakjat, tntesse ki olyan keretben, hogy hazaja es egyhaza erdekeben kifejtett munkassaga vegre elismerest nyerjen. Mint a Magyar kozepkor kutatojat, szep gesztus lenne ot egy regi premontrei alapitvan cimzetes prepostsagaval vagy apatsagaval invesztalni, mint peldaul Zsamboki cimzetes prepost: Preapositus eccl. Zsambokiensis.

Bar en 6 éves kisgyermek voltam mikor szüleimmel elhagytam Magyarorszagot 1945 ben, tudom tanulmányaimbol, hogy a Magyar egyhaz a multban mindig elismerte tudos papjait, 1979 ben c. igy peldaul Fraknoi Vilmos (1843-1924), jeles tortenesz, szekszardi apat 1892 ben cimzetes arbei puspoki kinevezest kapott tudomanyos munkaja elismereseul. Ebben a szep es nemes tradicioban kerem Ersek Ur kozbenjarasat, hogy nagy hirnevenek megfeleloen Dr. Gabriel Asztrik is reszesuljon olyan kituntetésben es cimben melyet a Magyarorszagert es a egyhazert kifejtett munkassagaval kierdemelne.

Ez ugyben nagynevű történesz kollegamhoz, ~~Professzorhoz~~ Dr. Szekely Györgyhez, az ELTE vice-rektorahoz is mar folyamadtam, kerve ot is, hogy mint történesz tamogassa Professzor Gabriel Asztrik elismereset Miklos Imre, Egyhazgyi Allamtitkarnal.

Elore is koszonom kedves Ersek Ur faradozasat ez ugy elomozditasaban es remelem, hogy Dr. Gabriel Asztrik 50 éves pappa szentelesenek jubileumi eveban, unnepi keretek kozott, egyhazi elismeresben es kituntetesben reszesul Eminenciad kezebol.

Isten aldasat kerve Ersek Ur munkajara,

Szivelyes Udvozlettel,

Domonkos Laszlo, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Youngstown State University

December 21, 1981

Dr. Erik Fugedi
Corvin ter 6 /
Budapest, Hungary

Kedves Erik, Edina es Krásztinal

We hope that all is well with you and that you are preparing for the Christmas Holidays in fine health and good cheer.

The past year has been on the whole, a good one for us and we are looking forward to 1982 with cautious optimism.

Here in brief is how things have been going since we last exchanged letters.

After I had recovered from my illness, Eva started working at the local Medical Center in the area of Maternity Nursing. Last February she was promoted and now teaches natural child birth classes at the Hospital for prospective parents. The course lasts 10 weeks with a 2 hour class once a week in which Eva teaches the mothers and fathers what to do to make the birth of their child easier, explains the physiological and psychological changes which accompany pregnancy, and other useful things. It appears that she is doing an excellent job and her students speak most enthusiastically of her. She is usually away 2 times a week and so her work does not unduely disrupt our family life. The added income is also most welcome in this age of increasing inflation and economic problems.

Our twins, Kati and Istvan, just celebrated their 17th birthday, which seems hard to realize. This fall they also passed their examination for driving and thus we do not always have to take them everywhere and they can drive themselves. Kati will go to her first ball this winter, first in Cleveland and then in New York. Naturally she is very excited and preparations are already under way for her gown, etc.. Istvan plays the trumbone (puzon?) in the school ensemble and also a Jazz band. He enjoys it and is becoming quite gady fThe twins have one more year of school before they are ready for the university.

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All is well with me and I enjoy teaching my classes at the university. There are several projects which I have completed and I am looking forward to the publication of several articles this coming year. I am now firmly committed to the completion of my book on the Age of Matthias Corvinus in early 1982. The Akademiai Kiado has accepted it for publication and I now have to get really going to complete the project.

I am still far behind in much of my work. It took almost 18 months for me to get back to "full power" after my illness in 1979 and it is so very difficult to catch up. Please be patient with me on the article for Vigilia for which the footnotes are still not complete. There were a number of other articles which I had to complete, get ready for publication, and so that has been delayed. I do promise to get to it soon.

Thank you for the very fine two articles which arrived this fall. They were very interesting and I enjoyed reading them. I do sincerely hope that you will be the person doing the critical reading of my Matyas manuscript, as Tibor had promised. I have the highest regard for your opinion, fairness and acumen.

We think of all of you often and the times we spent together. The children still talk about the bacon roast at Leanyfaln as one of the highlights of our stay in Budapest.

It is unlikely that Eva or I will be able to visit Hungary in the near future. With four growing children, the expense is just prohibitive. It is also increasingly more difficult to get financial assistance for travel from foundations and academic institutions. Maybe when my book is in the final stages of preparation before publication, I can get some funds to come and see you..

December 21, 1981

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes
MTA Tortenttudományi Intézet
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H-1250 Budapest I

Kestves Agnes es Kalman,

We hope that all is well with you and the whole family. We often talk about you and wonder if your family has grown with the addition of any grandchildren.

I am happy to report that all of us are very well and are expecting the Christmas Holidays in fine health and good cheer, and only hope that our good fortune will continue in 1982.

I was very sorry that Agnes was not among the delegation of scholars who was present at Indiana University last spring. I hope that Dr. Kopeczi did convey our warmest greeting which we sent through him. He had lectured here at YSA and visited us at our home for dinner. It would be nice to welcome you here once!

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We miss you both and regret that such a great geographic distance separates us. It is unlikely that we will be able to visit Budapest in the foreseeable future. With four growing children it is impossible to undertake such a venture on our own and the travel grants from various academic sources are drying up with the declining economic climate.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

November 23, 1981

Professor Steven B. Vardy
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Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Kedves Bella,

The idea of a Kiraly Festschrift is excellent and I would be delighted to contribute an article to the volume. I have the highest admiration for Bela both as a scholar and as a human being.

The contribution I would like to include in the Festschrift is based upon a paper I read at the Midwest Slavic Conference held at the University of Cincinnati last year in May.

The article would be entitled:

"The Problems of Hungarian University Foundations"
Summary: An analysis of the causes which led to the decline of each university founded in Hungary in the 14-15th centuries. The study contrasts the successful university foundations in Prague, Cracow and Vienna with the failures in Pecs, Obuda, Pozsony and Buda. The defects in the original foundations plus the insufficient financial basis of the institutions is examined. The article is an attempt to summarize the whole state of research in this area and to give a dispassionate view of this major deficiency in Hungarian history.

Since the text is already written and the notes are fairly complete, there would be no problem in meeting your deadline of May 1, 1982. I doubt that you would have much editorial work on the article especially if you indicate ahead of time which format the footnotes should follow.

With best wishes on this most worthwhile project, I remain

Sincerely yours,