

Mr. Wayne Logsdon
Administrative Officer
American Embassy Budapest
APO N.Y. 09213

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

My cousin, Mrs. Klara Graff, recommended that I write to you about a matter in which I would need your kind help and assistance.

From late March to July 18, 1988 I will be in Budapest on Fulbright-Hays and IREX research grants. My field of specialization is Medieval and Renaissance history and I will be collecting material for a book on "Medieval Buda in the Middle Ages, 1241-1526". Since 1970 this my fourth major research grant to Hungary and I am familiar with all of the research facilities.

Accompanying me on this trip of four months will be my daughter Kathryn, who is a 23 year old university student. Kathy is a junior, majoring in Business Administration, who has experience on computers and speaks fluent Hungarian. While going to school she has held two part time jobs which have improved her employment skills. At the university she worked in the ~~research department~~ ~~of section of~~ the Interlibrary Loan Department and she also is a data entry doing computer searches and other ~~research~~ related activities. She is also employed part-time at St. Elizabeth's Hospital Medical Center in Youngstown where she enters trauma cases into the computer for the Emergency Department.

While I will be occupied with libraries, archives and museums, Kathy would like to find some activity in which she could use some of her skills. She would be delighted if some part-time work would be available at the Embassy. She is a hard working, dedicated young woman who would be an asset to your staff. If something becomes available,

If ~~something becomes available~~, please keep her in mind.
We will come to register at the Embassy shortly after our arrival in Budapest and I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet you in person.

With sincere thanks for all of your efforts in our behalf, I remain,

Very yours,

L. S. J. for Ph.D.
Professor of History.



February 4, 1988

Dr. Hilde de Ridder-Symoens
Secretary General, International Commission
for the History of Universities
Blandijnberg 2
B-9000 Ghent, Belgium

Dear Secretary General and Professor Dr. Hilde de Ridder-Symoens:

Referring to my telephone conversation I had the privilege of having with you from Frankfurt-am-Main on February 22,

I am sorry to inform you that I will not be able to participate in

a) the Siena administrative meeting of our International Commission for the History of Universities;

b) and I had to resign with regret to present my planned lecture on

History of the College of Lombards at the
Medieval University of Paris.

Nevertheless, I will publish this topic in the far future.

If it is agreeable with you and our President, Professor Dr. Feenstra, I would like to delegate officially as ad hoc representative of the United States of America during the Siena meeting,

✓ Professor Dr. Leslie Domonkos
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44503
Telephone: (216) 742-3459 (office)
(216) 533-2771 (private)

Professor Domonkos participated in the Warsaw meeting of our Commission giving a talk on the "American Universities in the Period of Enlightenment."

Dr. Astrik L. Gabriel
University of Notre Dame
P.O. Box 578
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556, USA
Telephone: 219 239-5076 (Office)
219 232-0241 (Residence)

Dr. Hilde de Ridder-Symoens

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February 4, 1988

Professor Domonkos will be in Europe as Visiting Professor at the University of Budapest from April 1 to July 15. He will be in touch with you from Europe giving the address where he can be reached. Otherwise, any letter addressed care of Professor Klaniczay, President, Institute of Renaissance Study, Menesi ut. 11-13, H-1118 Budapest will reach him.

Thanking you and our President for accepting the delegation of Professor Domonkos, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Gabriel
Honorary President
Representative of the United States of
America in our Commission

ALG/amb

cc: Professor Robert Feenstra
✓ Professor Domenico Maffei

*Love and
Greetings: Susan*

Department of History

August 27, 1987

Mr. Mark Osgood
Department of Athletics
Physical Education and Health
Ashland College
Ashland, OH 44805

Dear Mr. Osgood:

One of my students, Mr. Rodney L. Tate, who was enrolled in my Western Civilization I class this summer, asked me to write a progress report about his performance.

I was most pleased with his performance and he completed the course with a solid C average.

Mr. Tate joined the course several days after the lectures had begun because of a clerical error. At first, I had doubts that he would be able to catch up with the material and his first exam grade was rather weak. Instead of being discouraged, this young man really put forth major effort in the subsequent weeks and his last exam was a B. May I point out that this is an extremely demanding course and that regularly about 1/3 of the students fail to complete the class. Mr. Tate has above average mental abilities and with the right guidance should develop into an excellent college student. I sincerely hope that Ashland College will encourage and aid his progress. Tate is an impressive young man with good intellectual potential. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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

LSD/mb



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The College of Arts and Sciences

Department of History

October 15, 1987

Dr. Gábor Vermes
Professor of History--Conklin Hall
Rutgers the State University
Newark, NJ 07102

Kedves Gábor:

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 1987 in which you notified me of the nomination for the position of vice-president of the AASHH. I hope that I am not late in my response. Usually, I check my mail only once a week since I am on a sabbatical this year. Your letter must have been sitting in my box for several days.

I am grateful to you and the Nominating Committee for thinking of me and accept the nomination. It is regretful that the person I am running against, Dr. Paul Bödy, is a friend from graduate student days.

Thank you again, Gábor, and I hope to see you sometime in the not very distant future.

With warm regards, I remain,

Cordially,

LSD
L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb



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October 15, 1987

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

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia!

On Monday, we are leaving for London and I am taking care of a number of last minute items. I just realized that I have never properly thanked you for the two books you sent me this summer. They are greatly valued because they come from you, and have special intrinsic worth as well. The Keresztury volume with all the interesting letters and newspaper clippings is marvelous and it is also nice to have a book which was edited by dear, kind and wise Father Garvin--Thank you again.

As I indicated to you in our last conversation, it would be advantageous to prepare another list of books for purchase by the Youngstown State University Library. The volumes we have thus far acquired are excellent and they are useful to me as well as my pupils, especially graduate students. It would be good if you and your most capable and lovely secretary would send me a new purchase proposal before the end of this year, so that the matter could be finalized before my departure for Hungary. Thank you also for the Szentpétery-Scriptores, which I have unsuccessfully hunted for almost twenty years. I really appreciate your paternal kindness for letting me have this valuable set.

Will call you before leaving for Europe.

With warmest regards, your devoted student and friend,

LABEL
Please.

Dr. G. Rozsa
Muzeum Krt 14-16
H- 1088 Budapest
Hungary - Europe.

Dear Dr. Rozsa:

Enclosed you will find the corrected proofs of my article. The corrections, on the whole, are minor and should cause no problems for the typesetter.

Footnote 16 (page 114) needs to be reversed. To follow your format G.F. Hill, - Graham Pollard should be in italics, while Renaissance Medals is supposed to be roman script.

I would very much appreciate if you could let me know when the article will appear in the Acta and also if it is possible to receive reprints.

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

Sincerely yours

L.S. Dowdall
Professor of History

Department of History

September 22, 1987

Ms. Ethel Mann, Travel Advisor
Valerie Wilson Travel, INC.
475 Park Avenue South
Suite 3501
New York, NY 10016

Dear Ms. Mann:

A few weeks ago you sent me a tentative itinerary for our trip to Hungary next March on an IREX grant.

Since the time that I submitted my original travel plans to you, a number of major changes have occurred as the result of news that I have also received a Fulbright-Hays Grant. According to the information I received, Fulbright will pay for my travel and I have to make my own arrangements, while IREX will pick up one-half of the cost of the travel for my daughter, Kathryn, who plans to accompany me to Hungary. I presume that you will continue to be the agent through whom her ticket will be issued.

The fact that I have received a Fulbright also influences our travel plans in another area. It is most probable that we will fly to Frankfurt or Munchen and lease a car for the four months we plan to be in Europe. (If you have any information on car leasing, I would be most grateful if you would forward it to me.)

In view of the general uncertainty of our plans at this point, I wanted to let you know that the tentative reservations you have made for us will have to be changed. As soon as I have a clearer picture about our travel in March and July, I will let you know immediately.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LDD/mb

Department of History

September 22, 1987

Dr. Martha Bohachevsky-Chomaik
Research Translations
Division of Research Programs
National Endowment for the Humanities
1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Bohachevsky-Chomiak:

Enclosed you will find copies of the curriculum vitae of the two scholars who are involved in the Medieval Laws of Hungary II, project (RL 21186).

At the time of the original submission in June of 1987, we did not have this documentation and would like to add the enclosed information to the project application. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

We also hope to send volume I of the Decreta Regni Medievalis Hungariae to your office in the near future.

With best wishes and many thanks for your kind help, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Ms. Merion Kane, Project Director
Mail Stop 3308
Advanced Training and Research Branch
Center for International Education
Washington, D.C. 20202-3370

Dear Ms. Kane:

This is to ^{formally} notify you that I am accepting candidacy for a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program Grant for the 1987-1988 academic year.

Reference - Program No.: 84: 019

Application No.: 019AH 70044.

I am looking forward to the possibility of doing research in Budapest Hungary for a period of four months (March 15, 1988 - July 15, 1988).

Please forward all pertinent information to my home address, as it becomes available to you.

Address: 59 Camelot Court
Cenfield, Ohio 44406

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

Sincerely yours
L. S. [Signature]
Prof. of History

Prof. Dr. Janos Bak
MTA Történettudományi Intézet
Uri u. 51-53
H-1250 Budapest I
HUNGARY, EUROPE

LABEL

Kedves Janoskám!

As you can see I have survived the ~~July~~ ^{June} deadline for the NEH application. The invoice package was sent on its way to Washington on the afternoon of June 1. Although the time at my disposal was rather short, I tried to learn the ropes as fast as I could. Tim was, naturally, very helpful.

By the time your telegram arrived I had found a whole series of laws not found in the Corp. Dir. Hung. Thank you for your effort. While preparing the application, I learned a hell of a lot about matters that until now were peripheral.

Enclosed you will find part of the application which is of interest. Hope you find no major faults or problems.

My mother-in-law made a donation of \$350.00 to the Decrets Fund.

Hope all is well with you. Please get Erszegi and Kubinyi vita before your departure from Budapest.

Greetings to my friends in Budapest,

Department of History

March 6, 1987

Dr. James J. John
Department of History
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Jim,

Hope you got the greetings I sent to you a few weeks ago via a colleague of yours. We met briefly at Pittsburgh Airport where we were both waiting for the arrival of a plane.

Will you be at the Medieval Academy meeting at Toronto? Would be nice to see you. I still remember the brilliant lecture you gave at Toronto a few years ago on the paleogeographical aspects of the Pirene Thesis.

Enclosed you will find a story about a chap who identified himself with your illustrious university. His presentation was, to put it mildly, less than scholarly in content, offensive in delivery.

Maybe you can use your influence and check into the activities of this man. His association with Cornell is most damaging to the great reputation of your institution. I am a firm believer in academic freedom, but that is not an excuse for saying utterly stupid things and to pervert history for tendentious purposes.

With warmest regards, I remain,



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Department of History

August 4, 1987

Dr. William R. Rock
Director of Graduate Studies
Department of History
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403

Dear and Distinguished Friend:

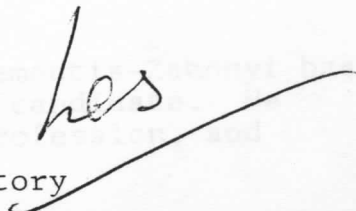
A childhood friend, Bob Clementis-Zahonyi has asked me to write a recommendation in his behalf and you will find the enclosed form in which I have given my enthusiastic endorsement of his application.

Bob has great potential, and with your personal guidance should have no difficulty in achieving his goals. His knowledge of the Diplomatic History of Hungary in the period of the Second World War is impressive and could, possibly, be a good basis for a dissertation. I sincerely hope that you can be of assistance to him in his efforts to get a degree this late in life. If there is anything I can do to aid you in this effort, please feel to write or call. I will be teaching three more weeks this summer and then will start a one-year sabbatical. In the spring I will leave for Budapest on a four-month Fulbright Research Grant.

Hope you are well and that your administrative tasks are not excessively burdensome. Congratulations on your latest book!

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

Cordially,


L. S. Demonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Signature

Name (print or type)

L. S. Demonkos

Address Department of History, Youngstown State University
410 Wick Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44533



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Department of History

~~June~~ 9, 1987

Dr. James R. Sweeney
447 East Prospect Ave.
State College, PA 16801

Dear Jim:

Enclosed you will find the bills for xeroxing at Kinko's and the cost of postage for the grant proposal which was mailed on June 1. The total came to \$63.65.

I am sending to your university address, under separate cover, the complete grant application in order that you should have a copy for reference. I certainly had to learn the ropes quickly and do hope that the end product will be well received in Washington. As always, I welcome your comments.

As soon as the above mentioned check for expenses reaches me, I plan to send \$350 to August Molnar and the Decreta fund. This money will be donated in the name of my mother-in-law and is about 1/3 of the sum I have received from you in the past months, i.e. \$500, in late 1986 and \$500 in early 1987. This should help the Matching Fund account.

With best wishes for a pleasant, successful and safe trip to Europe, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Enclosure

Department of History

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447 East Prospect Avenue
State College, PA 16801

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L.S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/lp

Enclosure



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Department of History

May 14, 1987

Dr. Hilde de Ridder-Symoens
Secrétaire General
Commission Internationale pour
l'histoire des Universités
Blandijnberg 2
B-9000 Gent, Belgium, Europe

Dear and most Distinguished Colleague: *Chère Madame -*

A few days ago, Professor Verger and I met at Toronto during the Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. We fortunately had the opportunity to talk about the subject which has been a dilemma for me for some time, namely, the position of Treasurer of our Commission. After lengthy deliberation, I have decided to resign from the office of Treasurer and discussed my reasons with both Professor Verger as well as our mutual friend Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel. Both men agreed that my decision was in the best interest of the Commission. Dr. Verger also promised that he would inform you of this action via telephone after his return to Paris from his American journey. I am certain that he has done so already.

Because of major administrative burdens which I had to assume shortly after the Tübingen meeting in 1985, I have been remiss in fulfilling my obligations as Treasurer. Although these burdens are now lifted, I am going to be involved in a number of other projects in the next two or more years which will make it difficult for me to do justice to the demands of the office. The fact that I live in a small American town where the exchange of international currencies is a rarity created problems which I had not anticipated in 1985, at the time of my election. It is with sincere regret that I take this action and am sorry for all the inconveniences I have caused you or the Commission.

In my conversations with Prof. Verger, I indicated to him that I would do the following:

1. Write a letter to all members of the Commission to inform them of my decision to step down from the office of Treasurer.
2. Request all members to send their "cotisation" to you as soon as possible.

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3. Send you the dues of the US Subcommittee for 1986, (\$35.00) which was forwarded to me by Professor Gabriel.
4. Transfer the sum of \$200.00 to you, which I was able to secure for the Commission from a local Foundation. Since I have the highest esteem for the work of the Commission, I felt that these funds should be designated for the use of the organization. Please accept this sum with my compliments and use it to advance the work of the Commission in whatever way you feel is most appropriate.

Enclosed you will find an international bank draft for the sum of \$235.00. Under separate cover, I will also forward to you some items of correspondence which have come to me.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for formally taking over the office of Treasurer.

In the hope of seeing you again at one of the future meetings of the Commission, I remain,

Cordially,


L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

cc Dr. A. L. Gabriel
Dr. J. Verger

Mrs. Vivian T. Abbott, Director
East European Programs
International Research and Exchange Board.
126 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey 08540-71702

Dear Mrs. Abbot:

Just a brief note to thank you and your excellent staff for the informative and enjoyable orientation program at Princeton last week. It was particularly nice to meet you personally at dinner on Friday night and to hear about some of the people I had met at IREX in the course of my previous grants.

Are you really seriously thinking about a replacement of Miss Margit Serenyi if she decides to leave you? I fully realize that fathers are not the most objective judges when it comes to their ~~own children~~ ^{own children}, but I am positive that my daughter Kathryn could be a good addition to your staff. She is a senior in Business Administration, is bi-lingual (Hung.-Engl.), has worked with computers and has an excellent rapport with her ~~colleagues~~ co-workers. ~~At her two part~~ She would also have very strong references from her superiors at the two part-time jobs she holds while going to school. She works at the Data Library Loan Department of the YSA Library, and is also employed at the local Hospital-Medical Center, and entering trauma information on the computer.

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If you are interested, please let me know, and she will get in touch with you immediately.

It was nice to have the Telex from Budapest in the information packet at Princeton, stating that all the nominees have been accepted for the Hungarian Program. I also wish you much success in your efforts to renegotiate the amount of the monthly stipend for next year. The sum was rather meager in 1979, when we were in Budapest for six months, & prices on a large number of items have soared since then. We would all be delighted if the amount could be substantially increased.

Once again, many thanks for the excellent orientation program last week. It was a delight to meet you.

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

Sincerely yours.

L. S. Pomeroy
Prof of History

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

Deitissime Magister de Penonia Sacra!

Hope you have survived the circus of "Notre Dame Moment" last week-end.

Enclosed you will find copies of letters I sent to Mme Ridder-Sijmoens, Prof. Feenstra and the members of the Commission concerning my "abdication" from the office of Treasurer. I feel that it is the correct thing to do and am delighted that you agree.

Thank you for the copy of your report to President Malloy about our activities in Toronto, and for the nice picture of me at the Park Plaza. Enclosed you will find a photo of you taken last month at Notre Dame. You do look like the Prince Primate of Esztergom.

Will call you soon.

With warmest regards, your devoted student and friend,

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History Department

April 30, 1987

Dr. Harold B. Segel, Director
Institute on East Central Europe
Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

Dear Professor Segel:

This is just a brief note to express my sincere thanks to you for all your efforts to organize the Renaissance Conference which was to be held at Dubrovnik in June, 1988.

Your letter of a few months ago was obviously disappointing, and I am particularly sorry that after all of your efforts on behalf of this project, you had to give up in frustration. I find the actions of the Joint Committee of the ACLS to be irrational. It is hard to understand that they would change the rules once the project was undertaken, and after you had invested so much of your time and energy into this most worthwhile enterprise.

An international conference on the Renaissance in East Central Europe would have been most welcome undertaking. The need for a greater understanding of this area of history is obviously there, the conference would have filled a major lacuna. The publication of the papers by Columbia University press would have disseminated valuable information to a wide scholarly audience. It is most unfortunate that all this will not come to pass,

You will be happy to hear, however, that last October a conference on "New Perspectives on the Hungarian Renaissance" was held at Indiana University (Bloomington), and scholars from both sides of the Atlantic had a chance to discuss problems of mutual interest. I also gave a major paper. The conference material will be published, probably in 1988, as part of the Indiana University Studies on Hungary, Vol. 5.

Maribeth Burke Hernan
Director of Admissions
St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center
Youngstown, Ohio 445

Dear Maribeth:

Just a brief note to let you know how impressed I was with the study you wrote for the anniversary of the Hospital. Your description of the foundation and subsequent history of SEHMC is lively, interesting and enjoyable. It is obvious that you have done a lot of research, examined the material with care, and draw the correct conclusions.

The writing of institutional history is a difficult task, as you well know, and takes a great amount of skill as well as patience. You have to be able to recognize the important events and key personalities in the evolution of the institution, and place them in proper perspective. You have done exactly what was needed and should be highly commended. From reading your study, it is clear that you have learned to be a skilled historian and we are proud that you are a product of our department.

Hope to see you sometime in the future (not as a patient!).
Love to your children, greetings to your husband.

Cordially,

L. S. Daniels
Dept. of History



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Department of History

March 12, 1987

Dr. Sally Hotchkiss
Associate Provost/
Graduate Dean
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, OH 44555

Dear Dr. Hotchkiss:

I strongly endorse Dr. Leslie Domonkos' proposal for a Research Professorship for 1987-88. His previous research has led to considerable publication as his vita and selected works which he includes in his proposal make abundantly clear. Dr. Domonkos is one of those extraordinary professors who clearly shows the inextricable link between scholarship and teaching. By any criteria, Dr. Domonkos is an outstanding professor, one we are fortunate to have at Youngstown State University.

Here is a professor with demonstrable talent, one who has been encouraged and rewarded in many ways by YSU and others, and one for whom I have personally written many words of praise. Dr. Domonkos has distinguished himself in so many ways; we should continue to encourage his on-going academic efforts.

The present effort is one that sounds important, exciting and that needs to be done. Dr. Domonkos will do it and do it well. For a lifetime he has prepared for such a work: during much of his adult life he has done research in the general area of intellectual and cultural history; he has cultivated associations with major scholars whose work complements his by traveling to Hungary and by participating in conferences in the U.S. and abroad; and he has recently secured external funding to cover many expenses associated with his research in Budapest.

In sum, Dr. Domonkos deserves a Research Professorship for 1987-88; I strongly recommend it be granted to him.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George D. Beelen".
George D. Beelen
Chairman/Professor



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Department of History

May 7, 1987

Rabbi David Powers
Temple Rodef Sholom
Elm & Woodbine
Youngstown, OH 44505

Dear Rabbi Powers:

While doing my Federal Income Tax a few weeks ago, I came to the realization that I did not formally thank you for the funds from the Schermer Trust that I received last spring in order to do research in Budapest, Hungary. Please forgive my lack of courtesy. My intention was to write to you soon after my return from Europe, but somehow desire was never translated into action.

The three hundred dollars I received from the Schermer Trust greatly facilitated my project in Hungary. I was able to gather additional information for my forthcoming book on the Hungarian Renaissance, including some material on the condition of Jews in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Unfortunately, I also received some devastating news shortly after my arrival in Budapest. I had planned to meet with Dr. Robert Dan of the University of Budapest and the Institute for Literary Study of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and the best authority on Jewish history in the country. Less than a month before my arrival, Dr. Dan was buried, following a brief but terribly painful bout with throat cancer. He was about 42 years old. His death leaves a major lacuna in Jewish studies in Hungary. Dan had been a disciple of Dr. Sandor Scheiber, an eminent Jewish scholar who had died only a year or so ago. Prof. Scheiber had edited numerous documents related to Jewish history in Hungary and was the director, for many years, of the Rabbinical Institute in Budapest, one of the few remaining institutions of its type in East-Central Europe. The death of Scheiber and Dan is a major loss to the scholarly world, but particularly to Hungarian Jewish studies. I knew both men and they had been most helpful in my previous research.

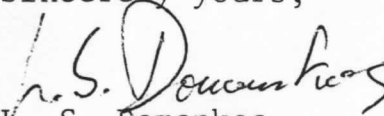
Next spring, I will be in Budapest again for an extended stay. With a grant from the International Research and Exchange

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Board, I will do research in Hungary for four months. I plan to write a monograph on the "Intellectual and Artistic History of Medieval Buda 1242-1526." My research will also include information on the condition of the Jewish community in the Hungarian capital. Upon my return from that trip, I would be more than willing to share the results of my findings with members of the local community, if there is interest for such a presentation.

Please convey my sincere thanks to other members of the Schermer Trust Fund committee for the help you extended to me in 1986. In the hope of meeting you personally sometime in the future, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

cc Dr. Friedman

Department of History

April 10, 1987

Chairman, Selection Committee
Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research
Abroad Program
Federal Program Number 84
U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Colleague:

Last November I applied for a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program, requesting a grant for four months of archival work in Budapest, Hungary. The title of my project is "The Intellectual and Cultural History of Medieval Buda, 1242-1526.

Item 21 of ~~the~~ application form (2) requested information concerning financial matters. Under the heading of "Faculty Maintenance Stipend - Duplicating Support" I had indicated that I applied for an IREX grant, as well as a sabbatical from Youngstown State University.

I am happy to inform you that I have been notified by IREX that my name has been forwarded to Hungary as a nominee for the program, and in the meantime I have also received a sabbatical from Youngstown State University, at full pay, for the academic year 1987-1988. This changes considerably the financial aspects of the application which I submitted to you last November, and reduces by almost \$21,000 the amount which I originally requested.

In view of these fortunate developments, I have re-written page 2 of the application form and am submitting it to you with the request that you substitute it for the original. (Enclosure.) I felt that this new information should be made known to you, especially in these days of budgetary difficulties. I would also like to emphasize that I continue to be very much interested in receiving a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Grant. As a former Fulbright student at the University of Vienna (1963-64), I fully appreciate the excellence and prestige of the program.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

L. S. Domonkos

Dear and distinguished Colleague:

As you probably know, an administrative meeting of our Commission will be held at Prague, Czechoslovakia in June of this year. I have asked Prof. Dr. A-L. Gabriel, President of the U.S. Subcommittee, and Honorary President of the International Commission for the History of Universities to present the Treasurer's Report in my behalf.

Because of major administrative burdens which I had to assume shortly after the Tübingen Meeting, I have been remiss in fulfilling my obligations as Treasurer of our organization. These burdens are now lifted and I am eager to place the finances of the Commission on a sound basis.

I therefore take the liberty to call upon you to send the dues for the years 1986 (and 1985, if you have not sent them to Prof. Verger) to me at your earliest convenience. Since 1981 the amount of the "cotisation" for each subcommission is fixed at 50 Swiss Fr., or its equivalent in a convertible currency. Please send the amount to my address so that I can deposit it in the special account established for this purpose.

In view of the gracious invitation of the Czechoslovak Republic to hold the meeting of our Commission in Prague this spring, I would like to propose that we eliminate their "cotisation" for the current year.

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

Cordially,
L-S. Dowrickos
Treasurer.

Department of History

April 29, 1987

Dr. Thomas L. Lamb
Administrative Dean
104 Merrill Hall
Kent State University
Kent, OH 44242

Dear Dean Lamb:

One of my former students, Ms. Kay Slocum, is applying for a teaching position at Kent State University and has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in her behalf, which I am most pleased to do.

Kay Slocum has been in a number of my classes at Youngstown State University a few years ago. I have the highest opinion of her intellectual abilities and have seen her scholarly development as she progressed from lower division to specialized classes. As an undergraduate she excelled by her maturity, intellectual curiosity and her ability to communicate information. Upon getting her Bachelor's degree, Ms. Slocum entered our Graduate Program and became one of the finest students we ever had. She wrote an excellent MA thesis under my direction, showed a breadth of knowledge which was most impressive. I have followed her career with interest and know that her progress toward a Ph.D. has been very good.

During the academic year 1985-86, while I was Acting Chairman of the History Department, we employed Ms. Slocum as a limited service instructor. Her performance was excellent and the feedback from students indicated that she was a most popular teacher. If we had an opening in her area of specialization, we would certainly consider her seriously for a position in our department.

It is with greatest pleasure and complete confidence that I recommend Ms. Kay Slocum for a teaching position. She will be

Dr. Thomas L. Lamb
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a welcome addition to any faculty. You can not find a finer candidate.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Damonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Department of History

September 10, 1987

Dr. Neil Humphrey, President
Youngstown State University

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that I have received formal notification from Washington D. C. that I am the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Research Abroad Award.

The grant is for a period of four months beginning on March 15 and ending on July 15, 1988. Simultaneously with the Fulbright-Hays Grant, I will also hold an IREX Fellowship (International Research and Exchange Board) for four months. During this time I plan to be in Budapest, Hungary doing research on a monograph, with some side trips to Vienna, Florence, Milan and Rome.

The financial arrangements of the fellowships are being worked out at present by the two agencies administering the grants, in order to maximize the benefits, without duplication.

All of this is made possible because of the Faculty Improvement Leave I received for the coming academic year, enabling me to adequately maintain my family locally while I am abroad, working on my research project.

Thank you again for your assistance when I needed the recommendation for the Fulbright and the encouragement you have given through the years. Your personal kindness as well as the generous support of the University are greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/ed

cc. Dr. B. Gillis, Provost

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April, 1964 - 1 week - tourist
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Sept-July, 1970-1971 - 10 months, IREX
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May, 1986 - 2 weeks, official

VI. My spouse who was also born in Hungary, will not accompany me this time. My daughter who will be with me in Budapest next spring was born in the United States.

I hope that all the information I have provided will be of some value to you. If there are any questions, problems or need for elaboration, please call/

Looking forward to seeing you at Princeton in May, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

Enclosure

March 26, 1987

Dr. John H. Van Engen
Director, Medieval Institute
715 Memorial Library
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Dr. Van Engen:

In the past I took the liberty of pointing out to your immediate predecessor that among the many outsiders invited to lecture in our Institute, with little or no connection to the University of Notre Dame, it would promote our own reputation of the Institute to recognize the scholarly achievements of our own former distinguished Medieval Institute graduates.

Among them, two are eminently excellent: Dr. James J. John, Full Professor, Cornell University, and Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos, Chairman of the Department of History, Full Professor, Youngstown State University.

I am enclosing Dr. Domonkos' impressive list of publications, lectures and scholarly awards with the recommendation that you be so gracious and consider him for an eventual lecture invitation.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,

Cordially,

A. L. Gabriel
Director and Professor Emeritus
Medieval Institute

ALG/amb

enc.

bcc: Dr. L. S. Domonkos

Last November I applied for ~~the~~ Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program, requesting a grant for four months of work in Budapest Hungary. The title of my project is: "The Intellectual and Cultural History of Medieval Buda, 1242-1526."

Item 21 of the application form (page 2) requested information concerning financial matters: "Faculty Maintenance Stipend".

Under the heading of "Duplicating Support" I had indicated that I applied for ~~an~~ an IREX grant as well as a sabbatical from Youngstown State University.

I am happy to inform you that I have been notified by IREX that ~~my~~ request my name has been forwarded to Hungary as a nominee for the program, and in the mean time I have also received a sabbatical ^{from YSU} at full pay, for the ~~remaining~~ academic year 1987-1988. This changes considerably the ~~request~~ financial aspect of ~~my request~~ ^{the application} which I submitted to you last November, and reduces by almost \$21,000 the amount which I ~~asked for~~ requested.

In view of these developments I have rewritten page 2 of the application form and am submitting it to you with the request that you ~~do~~ upon substitute it for the original form (Encl. ^{of 10/11/86}). I felt that this new information should be made known to you. I would also like to ~~stress~~ emphasize that

I am ~~very~~ ~~now~~ ~~convinced~~ to be very much interested
in receiving a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Grant. As
a former Fulbright student at the University of Vienna (1963-64)
I ~~know~~ ^{fully appreciate} ~~the~~ ^{the} excellence of the ~~and~~ prestige of the program.

Mr. Charles Salazar
20 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

Dear Mr. Salazar:

Dr. E. Bossa of the Am. Hung. Educators Association forwarded your interesting inquiry to me in the hope that I can help you with the question you raised.

Hungary was, until the early 19th century, a bastion of the Latin language. All debates in Parliament, were in Latin until about 1841.

~~All~~ ^{all} published diplomatic documentation for the 14-15th centuries was written in Latin & this leads me to conclude that at least in official matters that was the language of the Buda court.

It is true that Hungary was ruled by the Anjou Dynasty in the fourteenth century but it is important to note that this was the Neapolitan branch of the family, who spoke fluent Italian. ~~Neapolitan~~

The city of Buda had a very large German population & thus the language of the townspeople was predominantly German while in Pest, across the Danube, it was mainly Hungarian.

To sum up, I think it is safe to assume that the official language of the Buda court was Latin & at the same time, German, French, Italian Czech etc... was also spoken there. Latin, in all probability was the "Lingua Franca" which was mutually understandable to most of the people at court.

With best wishes on your work, I remain,

Yours
E. S. D.

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President
U.S. Subcommission for the History of Universities
P.O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame,
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

Doctissime Magister Asbicus de Pannonia!

Just a brief note to thank you again for your kind hospitality while I visited my alma mater last week. It was delightful to see you again and to recall the time, over a quarter of a century ago, when I struggled as a student at the Institute.

The research materials on medieval universities that you have assembled are indeed unique and invaluable. I was able to gather material for my Toronto paper in shorter time than it would have been possible anywhere else in the world. Every research tool is readily accessible and available.

I was greatly saddened, however, by the fate of your excellent private library. It is incomprehensible how the University of Notre Dame would allow such a valuable collection to be dispersed in three separate rooms of the Institute, without any protection against theft or reasonable security. After years of dedicated service, all the fame, lustre and money you have brought to the University, one would expect far more respect for you as a person and for your valuable property.

As I indicated to you, our library will be interested in the acquisition of a number of your valuable books. Please have the lovely Mrs. Brandt prepare a list, with prices, and we shall purchase them from you. There ~~are~~ still some funds available for this purpose in this fiscal year, and more will be appropriated on July 1, 1987.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Medical Academy of America Meeting in Toronto.

With warmest regards,
your devoted student,

Dr. James M. Bak
Professor of History
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5
CANADA

Kedves Jenoshim!

A number of important matters, which I could not finalize because they were contingent upon each other.

1. Happy to report that I have been nominated by IREX for ~~the~~ four months ^{grant} next spring to do research in Budapest. Acceptance by the Hungarians is most probable, unless for some stupid reason they want to create problems.
2. Because IREX moneys are limited, it was absolutely imperative that I receive a sabbatical from U.S.U. for the period I will be abroad, otherwise I could not have accepted the IREX. My wife and children (except for a daughter who plans to accompany me to Bp), will remain here to continue school, work, etc... I can accept the IREX only if my sabbatical salary is 100% of ~~the~~ my yearly earnings, and I do not have to take a reduction in pay, which I can not afford. Fortunately I receive word from the President that I have a year-long sabbatical of full pay starting Sept-15, 1987.
3. All IREX recipients for 1987-1988 are to be at Princeton from May ~~7-10~~ ⁷⁻¹⁰ for ~~excitation~~ ^{conference}. This unfortunately means that I can not come to Kalamazoo for our editorial meeting. I could not notify you of this earlier because I did not know what will happen to my request for a sabbatical. Had I not received it,

I would have come to the meeting since it would have meant that I could not accept the IREX and thus would not have gone to Princeton. Letter from the President arrived last Friday and thus I can now make more definite plans. We will just have to talk on the phone sometime so that you can bring me up to date on the meeting with Sweeney.

4. In early May I will get going on the translation of one of Matthias' laws and send it to you for submission for further funding. It should reach you before the end of the month. ~~IMMEDIATE~~ I will also include notes which you can then amend, if you feel that more information is necessary (If you like I can put the translation on an IBM disc so that additions or deletions can be

) If I was looking forward to our meeting at Kellogg and I am very sorry that it can not materialize this time because of the necessity of going to Princeton. Please let me know what you and Jim decide, and I will do my best to do my part of the work.

With warmest greetings, I remain,

Mr. Mark Colucci
252 Susan Drive
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Dear Mr. Colucci:

Thank you for your fine letter of March 24, 1987. It arrived while I was out of town on a research trip and therefore could not answer sooner.

It was delightful to read your letter and to know that there ^{are still some} bright and ambitious young people in our high schools, ready to face academic challenges with enthusiasm. It is interesting that you want to be a professor of history and I am more than willing to give you my assistance to plan your future. I hope we can meet sometime in the near future and discuss in some detail the options which are open to you.

Your kind offer to become my research assistant for the summer is much appreciated. Unfortunately I do not think that it will be feasible for the simple reason that I do most of my research and writing at home. My area of specialization is the Hungarian Renaissance, and I have been able to collect a large amount of primary and secondary material for my own private library. As a result, I do not use the University Library as much as some of my other colleagues.

In case you are interested, I will be teaching a Western Civilization course in the second five weeks of the summer session this year. If you like, I would be happy to have you attend as a guest or possibly as an auditor.

Let me make the following proposal: sometime in the near future give me a call, either at my office on campus (Office hours: T. + Th. 10AM-12, telephone: 742-3459) or at home (M-W-F 10AM to 11:30 PM or weekends, telephone: 533-2771). It would be nice if on a day when you have no school, you could come to YSU, and we would meet over lunch, and discuss your future plans in greater detail.

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

Sincerely yours

L.S. D.
 Professor of History

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

Dear Paul,

Please excuse the long silence. I was hoping to send you some good news but it took some time before all of the components of my plans fell into place. In February I was notified by IREX that I have been nominated for four months of research in Budapest, starting on March 15, 1988. Nomination generally means acceptance, except in rare cases where the host country, for some reason, refuses to welcome the nominee. You are well aware of these problems Paul, since you were on a similar exchange program in Poland a few years ago.

I had also applied for a sabbatical from USU, and received word from the President last Friday that my request has been approved. ~~But~~ I will be free from teaching obligations starting Sept. 15, 1987 and ending June 15, 1988. On March 15, 1988, if all goes according to plans, I will leave for Budapest for four months. It is impossible for Eva to join me in Hungary this time because of her own job, as well as the necessity of keeping the family going here in Ohio. In all probability, my daughter Kathy, who will be 23 yrs old next spring, will accompany me on this trip.

It was imperative for me to get the sabbatical from the University because of financial considerations. IREX now calculates their supplemental grants in lieu of salary based upon a formula which takes \$35,000 to be the ceiling, prorated for the number of months abroad. Based upon this figure I would have had to take an unacceptable cut in income if I depended exclusively on IREX for funds. This would have been too much of a drain on family finances and I could not have accepted the grant. Fortunately the sabbatical solves all of my problems, simply because I will get 100% of my salary, and thus do not need supplementary funds from IREX.

Mattias Corvinius is progressing well. I am writing the chapter covering his last years and death. As soon as I have the book in typescript, I will actively pursue the possibility of an American 10-publisher. The Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will publish it in Europe, I need somebody who would (distribute and advertise) it in the United States. If you have any advice or recommendations, I would be most grateful.

All is well with us. Eva continues to teach childbirth preparation classes at the local medical center. She has established quite a reputation, and last May gave a lecture at the Medical University of Debrecen (Hung.) on American methods of birthing, which was enthusiastically received. She is being sent by her Hospital to London later this year to help negotiate a bi-lateral research agreement between the medical center here and the Hungarian Ministry of Health.

Although I am looking forward to my trip to Budapest next spring, the thought of being separated from Eve for four months is very depressing. — The children are doing well. Steven plans to finish his undergraduate studies (political science, management minor) in December and plans to go to Grad. school in International Trade, possibly to U. of South Carolina which has a well established program in this field, esp. with special emphasis on the Pacific Basin. Kathy, who is in Bus. Adm. might finish by March, before we leave for Europe, or will complete her course work at the end of the summer session next year. Priscilla, who is probably the most studious of our children, is a Freshman, undecided as to what she wants to do or be. All three kids have jobs on campus, Steven in the Media Center, Kathy at the Univ. Library, Priscilla in the Philosophy Department. Our little Andrew is going to be two in June and is generally a delight, although he has tendencies toward hyperactivity, which does keep us from becoming bored.

Warmest greetings to Sue and the children. When are you coming East?? Would love to see you in the ~~foreseeable~~ near future.

~~With best wis'~~

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



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March 31, 1987

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey, President
Youngstown State University
410 Wick Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44555

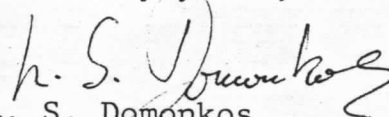
Dear President Humphrey:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 1987, in which you offer me the Faculty Improvement Leave left open by the recent death of our colleague Dr. Joseph May. I certainly wish that the circumstances would have been less tragic and that I could have received the Leave without the loss of a dear colleague and friend.

The Faculty Improvement Leave comes at a most opportune time. In February I received notification that I have been nominated by the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) to participate in an exchange program with Hungary and received a grant to do research in Hungary from March 15, to July 15, 1988. I also have a Fulbright application pending, notification expected in June of this year. The Faculty Improvement Leave will enable me to participate in the IREX (or Fulbright) program next year, and will also provide me with time to undertake a number of other projects which are designed to improve my teaching. While in Hungary next year, I will be preparing a monograph on the Medieval History of Buda(pest).

Thank you again for making it possible for me to undertake these projects with the help of a Faculty Improvement Leave for 1987-1988.

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L. S. Domanikos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

cc Dr. Gillis, Provost
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Dr. Hanzely, Pres., O.E.A.

Department of History
February 11, 1987

Ms. Marian Zelazny,
Program Officer
International Research and
Exchange Board
126 Alexander St.
Princeton, NJ 08540-7102

Dear Ms. Zelazny:

It was very nice to talk with you a few days ago and I thank you for your willingness to answer questions I had about a variety of items.

Enclosed you will find the form for the Eastern European Orientation Weekend at Princeton, which I plan to attend. It will also give me the opportunity to meet you personally.

I will be most grateful to you if you can arrange for my daughter to accompany me to Hungary in lieu of my wife. As I indicated to you, her presence would greatly facilitate my stay in Budapest. Because of hypertension and gout, I am on a special, highly restrictive diet, (low cholesterol, low sodium, etc. . . .) and she would be able to help me to maintain the prescribed regimen. Since she also speaks fluent Hungarian, she could assist me in certain aspects of my research. Whatever you can do in this matter, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

LSD/mb

Enclosure

Department of History

March 6, 1987

The Rev. Mr. Barry Stirbens, Pastor
Science Hill United Church of Christ
12316 Beeson, N.E.
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Dear Friend,

It was with great delight that I read the Vindicator last night and saw the picture of my former history student on the front page. It has been about twenty years ago that you and your brother first attended my Western Civilization class, and I have often wondered what had happened to you. It was with joy that I read about your academic and other accomplishments. You were, ~~and~~ are, an extraordinary man and from the tone of the Vindicator article, your wife Kathy must also be a gem.

I am convinced that you will continue to do fine work at your new pastorate, with the aid of your beloved helpmate. May God give you continued grace to do this work here on earth.

If you come to visit your mother in Austintown, and have some extra time, please give me a call. I would be delighted to hear from you, and possibly meet you and your lovely Kathy.

With best wishes, and warmest regards, I remain,

Cordially,

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

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Dr. Patrick Gargoline
2020 Easton Street N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44720

Dear Professor Gargoline:

One of your students, Mr. Paul Joseph Bujdoso has requested ^{asked me} that I ~~should~~ administer an examination, ~~the~~ ~~with~~, testing his knowledge of Hungarian. He is asking Walsh College to grant him credit ^{by Exemption} for his knowledge of the language.

One March 9, 1987 Mr. Bujdoso ^{appeared before me} visited me at Y.S.U. - I ~~examined~~ ^{tested} him his speaking and reading abilities. It is my opinion that his oral facility with the language is equivalent ~~with~~ the level one would find in a student who has completed an Elementary and Intermediate sequence of ~~any language offered on the college level~~. His reading ability, however, is not much above the Elementary ^{level} level.

Based upon his performance I would recommend that Walsh College grant him ~~between~~ 6 to 12 semester hours of credit for his conversational abilities in Hungarian. His spoken Hungarian is at least as good, ^{if not better, than} as what we see in students who have completed two years of French, Spanish, Italian or German.

Prof. Dr. A.L. Gabriel
P.O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia,

Thank you again for your beautiful book on the Hungarian students at the University of Paris. It was delightful to read and reminded me of the time when I read the proofs of the Liber Receptorum, a quarter of a century ago. You have again made a major contribution to the history of the University of Paris as well as Franco-Hungarian cultural relations.

Thank you for sending me the Xerox copies from the Magyar Könyvszemle and above all for your constant vigilance for material relating to the Age of Matthias. Your paternal kindness is greatly appreciated.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my Vita form. There will be some corrections and amendments made in it but it is fairly up-to-date.

It is with great joy that I am looking forward to my trip to Notre Dame later this month. I will probably arrive in the early evening of March 26 (Thursday) and will stay until after Mass on Sunday. It will be delightful to spend some time with you again.

With warmest regards and sincere thanks for all your kindness and concern, I remain.



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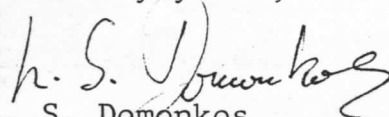
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Spring 1987

Ms. Marion Zelazny, Program Officer,
International Research & Exchange Board
126 Alexander Street,
Princeton, New Jersey, 08540-7102

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In the ~~information~~ ^{packet} you have sent me, you request information from naturalized citizens born in Eastern Europe. I do fall into this category. Among the forms you have provided I could not find one which is designed for that information. So I am providing the required facts below:

I. I left Hungary in March of 1945 as a child of seven, in the company of my parents, in order to avoid the ravages of war.

II. My parents were Hungarian citizens, and thus I was also automatically citizen of that country.

III. Because of my age at the time of departure, I never had a Hungarian Passport.

IV. In 1949 the Peoples' Republic of Hungary stripped all those who had refused to repatriate of their citizenship. I have never formally renounced my Hungarian citizenship, except when I was naturalized as a U.S. citizen.

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Looking forward to seeing you at Princeton in May, I remain,

Kindly yours

L. S. Dicks
Prof of History

April 6, 1987

Department of History

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Professor Geza Grosschmid
3115 Ashlynn Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15204

Kedves Geza,

Our co-edited volume looks most attractive and I think that we can be proud of it. I have distributed copies to our President, Provost, Deans, etc. and the comments have been most positive. In the next few weeks I shall undertake the distribution of a number of the volumes to friends and colleagues both here and abroad.

Please let me know what the reaction of Ambassador Kelley and Baron von Schlosser was to the final product. I sincerely hope that they were pleased.

According to your instructions given during our conversation at the Pittsburgh Airport several months ago, I have assembled a breakdown of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the planning and completion of this project.

1. Travel (9 trips from Youngstown to Pittsburgh 156 miles \times \$ 0.22	\$ 308.88
2. Clerical expenses (typing, xerox, etc.)	\$ 143.50
3. Telephone expenses (1984-1987)	\$ 51.30
4. Mailing of manuscript	\$ 13.40
TOTAL	<u>\$ 517.08</u>

The many hours of work which went into the editing of the volume are obviously not included in the above calculated sum. Our only reward will be the knowledge that we have made available to the scholarly world information about a little understood aspect of Central European history.

It was a pleasure working with you and I sincerely hope that we will continue to keep in touch now that

the project is completed.

With warm greetings to you, and to your family,
I remain,

Cordially,

L.S. Dumas
Professor of History

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a breakdown of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection
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1. Travel (2 trips from Youngstown to Pittsburgh)	150 miles x \$0.25	\$37.50
2. Travel expenses (tripping, Xerox, etc.)		\$143.20
3. Telephone expenses (1984-1987)		\$21.30
4. Mailing of manuscript		\$13.40
TOTAL		\$217.08

The many hours of work which went into the editing of the
volumes are obviously not included in the above tabulated
sum. Our only reward will be the knowledge that we have
made available to the scholarly world information about a
little understood aspect of Central European history.
It was a pleasure working with you and I sincerely
hope that we can continue to have in touch now and

Distinguished Members of the Heritage Award Committee:

It is with greatest pleasure that I nominate Dr. Morris Slavin, Professor Emeritus of History for a Heritage Award.

Dr. Slavin was one of the most distinguished members of the Y.S.U. faculty. He has taught at this institution for many years, first as an Adjunct Instructor and since 1961 a member of the Full Service Faculty. His classes on the French Revolution were considered to be among the best and most challenging at this University. A man with the highest standards, Professor Slavin also showed concern for the well being of his students. He was always accessible to those who needed his help or guidance.

Morris Slavin is, and has been for years, a prolific scholar. Although he received his doctorate later than most people in the profession, his productivity puts most of his younger colleagues to shame. He has written two seminal books on the French Revolution, one published by Princeton the other by Harvard, and has given first rate papers at major national and international conferences. His name is well known on two continents among his peers.

A man of vision and compassion, Professor Slavin has been actively involved in the community. For years he had given seminars to labor workers active in the labor movement. A number of the individuals who now hold important positions in the union movement, both locally and regionally, are products of his seminars. They invariably praise Slavin

as a concerned human being, dedicated to social justice,
and to economic fairness.

The excellence of his teaching, the depth of his scholarship,
and his dedication to justice, make Dr. Morris Slavia an
outstanding candidate for the Heritage Award. He has brought
prestige to our University, and has encouraged social awareness
in this community. I recommend him with enthusiasm and
without reservations. He is a superb candidate for the Award.

Cordially,

Dr. Bernard Yozwiak, Dean,
College of Arts and Sciences
Youngstown State University

Dear Dean Yozwiak,

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Dr. George D. Beelen for a Watson Award for the academic year 1986-87.

Professor Beelen has been an excellent and conscientious Chairman of the History Department for many years and has been reelected by his colleagues for an unprecedented third term. He has served us well and has been able to lead the department with sensitivity and tact.

Dr. Beelen has been able to balance his responsibilities as teacher, scholar, and administrator with great skill. His courses in Latin and Central American history have attracted a good number of students, who invariably praise the excellence of his presentation and the depth of his knowledge of the subject matter. In the next few months Prof. Beelen will have his book Handing in Mexico published, a volume which should be a welcome addition to the scholarly literature of his area of specialization. As chairman for almost ten years George has managed the affairs of the History Department in a fair and competent fashion. It is difficult to keep fifteen temperamental scholars satisfied and in line. The diplomatic touch of Prof. Beelen has kept things running smoothly, to the satisfaction of the majority of his colleagues.

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L. S. D. Kes
Professor of History

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April 7, 1987

Department of History

Prof. Dr.A.L. Gabriel, President
U.S. Subcommission for the History
of Universities

P.O. Box 578
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia!

Just a brief note to thank you again for your kind hospitality while I visited my alma mater last week. It was delightful to see you again and to recall the time, over a quarter of a century ago, when I struggled as a student at the Institute.

The research materials on medieval universities that you have assembled are indeed unique and invaluable. I was able to gather material for my Toronto paper in shorter time than it would have been possible anywhere else in the world. Every research tool is readily accessible and available.

I was greatly saddened, however, by the fate of your excellent private library. It is incomprehensible how the University of Notre Dame would allow such a valuable collection to be dispersed in three separate rooms of the Institute, without any protection against theft or reasonable security. After years of dedicated service, all the fame, lustre and money you have brought to the University, one would expect far more respect for you as a person and for your valuable property.

As I indicated to you, our library will be interested in the acquisition of a number of your valuable books. Please have the lovely Mrs. Brandt prepare a list, with prices, and we shall purchase them from you. There are still some funds available for this purpose in this fiscal year, and more will be appropriated on July 1, 1987.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Medieval Academy of America Meeting in Toronto.

With warmest regards, your devoted student,

L.S. Domonkos

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May 7, 1987

Prof. Dr. Robert Feenstra
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2334 CA Leiden
Netherlands, Europe

Professor Feenstra:
Dear ~~and Distinguished~~ Colleague:

A few days ago, Professor Verger and I met at Toronto during the Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. We fortunately had the opportunity to talk about the subject which has been a dilemma for me for some time, namely, the position of Treasurer of our Commission. After lengthy deliberation, I have decided to resign from the office of Treasurer and discussed my reasons with both Professor Verger as well as ~~our mutual friend~~ Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, *President Emeritus.* Both men agreed that my decision was in the best interest of the Commission. ~~Dr. Verger also promised that he would inform you of this action via telephone after his return to Paris from his American journey. I am certain that he has done so already.~~

Because of major administrative burdens which I had to assume shortly after the Tübingen meeting in 1985, I have been remiss in fulfilling my obligations as Treasurer. Although these burdens are now lifted, I am going to be involved in a number of other projects in the next two or more years which will make it difficult for me to do justice to the demands of the office. The fact that I live in a small American town where the exchange of international currencies is a rarity created problems which I had not anticipated in 1985, at the time of my election. It is with sincere regret that I take this action and am sorry for all the inconveniences I have caused you or the Commission.

In accordance with my decision, I have transferred the monies in my possession to the Secretary General, Mme de Ridder-Symoens, who has graciously assumed the office of Treasurer. These funds include the sum of \$200.00 which I was able to secure from a local Foundation to support the work of the Commission.

As my last act as Treasurer, I would like to urge all of the national subcommissions to please forward the "cotisation" to Dr. Ridder-Symoens at your earliest convenience.

In the hope of seeing you again at one of the future meetings of the Commission, I remain,

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

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