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July 17, 1979

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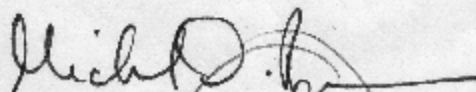
Dear Ms. Polanyi:

As you may know, some years ago we acquired the papers of your uncle, Michael Polanyi. Needless to say, they form an extremely important corpus of materials and have attracted significant scholarly interest. Among other things, they contain much family related material which might be of interest to you in your work. I have enclosed a copy of the guide to them with our compliments.

Professor William T. Scott of the University of Nevada has told me that you might be considering offering some parts of your parents' papers to a library or other repository. We would, of course, be most interested in whatever part of them you had thought of releasing, especially because with the papers of your uncle already here this would seem to be a proper home for them. Perhaps you could let me know your thoughts on this matter so that we could discuss it in greater detail.

Please be assured that we appreciate the delicacy of this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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17 October, 1979

Mr. Michael T. Ryan,
Assistant Curator,
Special Collections,
University of Chicago Library,
Chicago,
Illinois 60637,
USA.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Upon returning from a seven week visit to Canada in August and September, I found your letter of July 17 awaiting me here. I wish to thank you for the enclosure Guide to the Papers of Michael Polanyi. I was most impressed with the manner in which the material has been organized.

At this point in time, I have made no decisions concerning which parts of my parents' papers are to be deposited, and more particularly where they should be deposited. Moreover, the papers - which are voluminous - are at present not ordered. I am, however, going to receive assistance in the matter of ordering and listing the paper from an Hungarian scholar who will be visiting North America in the spring of next year, specifically for this purpose. You can appreciate the fact that I can make decisions in this matter until we know exactly what exists.

I was, however, very pleased to hear from you and hope we can remain in contact. More specifically, I hope to be able to visit Chicago when I am again located in Canada, in order to look at the Michael Polanyi's Papers. I have noted your request and will give it very serious consideration after the ordering, referred to above, is completed. Incidentally, do you have any suggestions concerning where I might be able to find some modest financial assistance in the rather forbidding job of ordering the papers of Karl and Ilona Polanyi.

Sincerely,

Kari Levitt Polanyi

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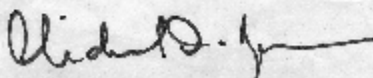
Ms. Kari Levitt Polanyi
University of the West Indies
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Jamaica

Dear Ms. Polanyi:

Thank you for your letter of October 17. Believe me, I do sympathize with your task. It's a shame that the random walk theory doesn't apply as well to manuscripts as it does to certificates of stock. Unhappily, I have no good ideas about where to apply for financial assistance. You might be able to build that job into a larger research proposal that would lead to a monograph. Any institution or manuscript repository would be in a position to apply for aid, but that, of course, would mean committing the papers now, and that, understandably, is not your intention.

I do hope that your research brings you to Chicago in the near future. It would give you a chance both to consult the Polanyi Papers and see the Library. In the meanwhile I wish you all the best with your work.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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August 12, 1980

Ms. Kari Levitt Polanyi
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CANADA

Dear Ms. Polanyi:

It's been a while since I last wrote you, and I thought it would be good to share a few ideas with you about your parents' papers.

I have learned from Mr. William Scott that the Hungarian scholar who was to help you organize the material will not be coming after all. That must put a considerable burden on you, and believe me I am most sympathetic. I share your concern that the papers be preserved and was wondering whether you have ever considered depositing them with an institution which has the facilities and staff to care properly for them? Although each library and archive has its own policies and procedures, I would be surprised if you didn't continue to have easy access to the material. Besides, the papers would be much more secure from fire, flood, and theft, and would probably be housed in an environmentally controlled space which would arrest the deterioration of the paper. Just as important, the material would be organized by a staff trained in the handling of manuscripts and would be described with a view to serving a scholarly constituency. Where the papers are deposited--whether in Canada, the States, or abroad--is really less important than the fact that they would be properly preserved and cared for. Most institutions would be more than willing to work out whatever conditions, etc., you wished to attach to the deposit.

However, I have a more immediate concern. For some time now we have been considering doing a major exhibit on Michael Polanyi based on his papers. This would be a serious exhibit presenting an intimate look at his thought and its development and place in modern history. However, it occurred to us that a much richer exhibit would be one focusing on both Michael and Karl, and through them on the Polanyi family as a unique chapter in contemporary intellectual history. Such an

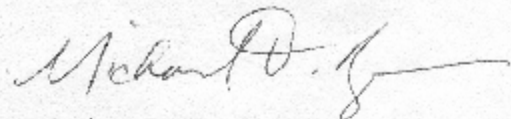
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exhibit would hold out possibilities for cooperation with the Hungarian government and might include an international symposium on the Polanyi's.

All of this is, of course, tentative and would require your consent and cooperation. There is an outside chance that I may be able to get to Montreal this Fall, and if I do perhaps we could discuss it in some detail. In any event, it would be good to learn how you feel about the possibility of such an exhibit. To give you a sense of the kind of exhibits we present, I have enclosed a couple of recent catalogues.

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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May 11, 1981

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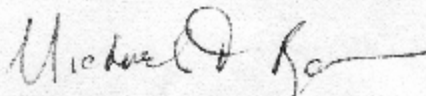
Dear Ms. Levitt:

I was glad to learn of your interest in possibly transferring your parents' papers to the University of Chicago Library where Ms. Vezer could work on them. I understand and am sympathetic with the problems you face in trying to decide on the ultimate disposition of the material, but I do think that transferring it to an institution -- if only temporarily -- would make it easier for all of us to consider and discuss the matter.

If you wish to visit the Library in early June to see the facilities and meet with Mr. Rosenthal, the Curator, and myself, that would certainly be fine. I will look forward to learning of your plans in the near future, and I do hope that you will be able to visit us.

With all good wishes, I am yours,

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections,
University Archivist

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August 28, 1981

Ms. Kari Levitt
Department of Economics
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec H3A 2T5
CANADA

Dear Ms. Levitt:

It's been as hectic a summer for me as I gather that it has been for you. But at least I can, after much scurrying, report on the nature of the commitment which the Library is willing to make at this time to your parents' papers.

The Library would be pleased to provide space and facilities for the organization and interpretation of the material by Ms. Vezer or whomever else you would designate. We would be willing to provide for transportation costs involved in getting the material and ultimately in returning it to you, if that was your wish. We would do this with no specific commitment from you about the ultimate disposition of the papers, although we would hope that you would give serious consideration to the possibility of depositing them -- or part of them -- here with the Michael Polanyi Papers. Unfortunately, the Library is not currently in a position to be able to offer any financial support to Ms. Vezer. At a time when we are having difficulty simply purchasing monographs for the faculty, the competition for scarce funds makes the possibility of our supporting her problematic. I'm sorry to have to report this, but I simply see no alternative at the present given the tightness of our budget.

On the other hand, the offer of space and facilities should be taken seriously, even if other funds are unavailable. It would give you and Ms. Vezer a chance to look at the material as a whole, and it would give us all an opportunity to review and discuss the range of delicate issues involved in making decisions about the ultimate disposition of the papers. I should think that these would be important considerations. Of course, there is the additional fact that the material would at least be temporarily housed in a secure, environmentally controlled facility. I would imagine that this would ease some of the anxieties you must have about storing such important material at your home. If you could see the Library, I

Ms. Kari Levitt
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think you would agree that the facilities here are excellent, and that they are capable of providing a dignified and secure context for the material.

I will be interested to learn your feelings about this offer and hope to hear from you in the near future. I wish you all the best in your work.

Sincerely,

Michael

Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
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November 27, 1981

Ms. Kari Levitt Polanyi
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Quebec, Canada

Dear Ms. Polanyi:

I am writing with regard to the proposal recently made to you by Mr. William Scott of the University of Nevada. Since Mr. Scott has found funds which would allow Ms. Vezzer to come to this country to examine your parents' papers, I thought it important to restate the role of the University of Chicago Library in this process and to specify the conditions under which the Library would assume this role. It will also be important for the Library to have your written agreement to these conditions. Mr. Scott's good news has only redoubled our enthusiasm to do whatever we can to help you decide on the proper course of action with regard to your parents' papers, so I hope that this letter will not seem too ponderous or technical.

As we have discussed before, the University of Chicago Library is willing to transport and provide space for your parents' papers for the purpose of facilitating their examination and identification. Once this has been done, decisions can be made on the ultimate disposition of the material. While the Library is pleased to provide these services to you with the understanding that the decision on the disposition of the material is yours and yours alone, we do hope that you will look favorably on the Library and find it an appropriate context--physically and intellectually--for the material.

The conditions under which the Library would provide these services can be summarized in the following:

1. The Library agrees to make all arrangements and assume all costs relating to the packing and shipping of the material from Montreal to Chicago, and, if necessary, back to Montreal.
2. The Library will provide secure quarters for the material in the Department of Special Collections under the same conditions and controls that apply to the Library's Rare Book and Manuscript collections.
3. While the material is in the possession of the Library it will remain legally the property of Kari Levitt Polanyi.

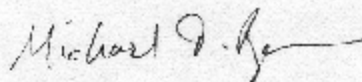
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4. The Library will not assume responsibility for the material while it is in its possession.
5. A decision on the disposition of the material must be reached within one year from the day on which it is received in the Library. If the matter is not resolved by that time, the material will be returned to Kari Levitt Polanyi.
6. The Library will also provide appropriate materials and work space for Ms. Vezzer during the period of her stay here. These materials consist of standard archival quality boxes and folders as well as expendable supplies needed for purposes of sorting and identifying.
7. The role of Ms. Vezzer is to organize and categorize the papers for the purpose of ultimately determining their disposition. With your permission, Ms. Vezzer will have full access to the material during the normal business hours of the Department of Special Collections.

I hope that you find these conditions agreeable, indeed helpful towards the work at hand. The Library would very much appreciate having your written agreement to them. To simplify matters for you, I have enclosed a copy of this letter which you can sign in the appropriate place and return to me. If you agree with these conditions, I would hope that we could begin making arrangements soon for the transfer of the papers to the Library, so that Ms. Vezzer would be able to start working on them in March. If you want to emend the conditions in any way, please write me and let me know how and why so that I can redraft them in a mutually satisfactory way.

I should add, again, that we are all quite excited about the possibility of working with the material. I hope that your autumn has been as mild as ours, and I wish you the best in your work.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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enc.
cc: Robert Rosenthal
William Scott

February 24, 1982

Mr. Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
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The Joseph Regenstein Library
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1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

Please find enclosed the signed copy of the agreement, as per our conversation the other day. I am very happy that Ms. Vezar will be able to use the facilities of your Library, and wish to thank you for your patient and helpful cooperation. I have added some lines below my signature which are no more than a repetition of the second paragraph of your letter of November 27, but I would like them to be explicitly embodied in the agreement. I believe that the enclosed as presently drafted is satisfactory, insofar as my signature is subject to the qualification that the final decision as to disposition will be made by myself. As you know, permission to Ms. Vezar to come to North America is conditional on an implicit understanding that some part of the material will eventually go to Hungary, and I have promised the Dokumentarsarchif in Vienna that part of the material which concerns my mother's activities in the Social Democratic party of Austria during the years 1928-38. There is also continuing interest by York University in Toronto.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness and patience.

Yours sincerely,

Kari Levitt
Associate Professor

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Enclosure

Received March 31/82
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March 5, 1982

Mrs. Kari Levitt Polanyi
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Dear Ms. Polanyi:

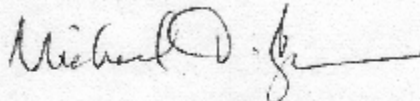
I have enclosed a copy of the letter from the Director of the Library to Miss Vezér. I reviewed it with Mrs. Zeisel beforehand, and she thought it sufficient for the Hungarian bureaucracy. All we can do now is wait and see.

I have also managed to make arrangements with Borisko Brothers, Ltd. of Montreal to pack and ship the material. They have been given your address and phone number and should be in touch with you shortly. They are a local agent of Red Ball International, with whom the Library has done a good deal of business. I can assure you that we have always found them professional and reliable, so I would expect that they would complete their work with care and dispatch.

Our target date is April 1. By that time the material should be in the Library, and with luck Miss Vezér should be in Chicago. No one except Miss Vezér will be permitted to look at the material unless they have made prior arrangements with you, and that includes Mr. Scott. You must let us know if you have any other conditions that would pertain to the administration of the material while it is in the Library.

I do hope that you will be able to visit us in the near future. Winter is still very much a part of our daily routine, but after March the snows melt and the southern breezes keep the northerlies in Canada. It would be good if you could see the Library and meet with some of the staff. Until then, please don't hesitate to call (312-753-4308) if I can do or answer anything for you.

Cordially,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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March 5, 1982

Ms. Erzsébet Vezér
1117 Budapest
Mészöly U. 4
Hungary

Dear Ms. Vezér:

With this letter, I would like to invite you to the University of Chicago Library for the purpose of examining the papers of Karl and Ilona Polanyi. As you may know, the Polanyi Papers are being transferred temporarily to the Library by Professor Kari Levitt Polanyi in order to facilitate your work and so allow Professor Polanyi to make an informed decision about their ultimate disposition.

In the Library, you will be provided with work space in the Department of Special Collections, where the Polanyi Papers will be housed. You will have access to the material during the regular business hours of the Department, which should give you ample opportunity to take a careful look at the collection. The Department of Special Collections is in the Joseph Regenstein Library, a fine, modern building which is temperature and humidity controlled. It provides a comfortable, efficient, and dignified setting for scholarly work, and I'm sure that you will find it most agreeable.

We expect to have the Polanyi Papers in the Library by April 1. Since we are still negotiating arrangements with packers and shippers, I cannot yet give you the exact date of their arrival. However, we expect to conclude arrangements very soon, and when we do, Mr. Michael Ryan, Assistant Curator of the Department of Special Collections, will contact you.

It is our understanding that once in Chicago your accommodations and amenities are being provided for by other parties. With this in mind, I do hope that you will be able to make use of our facilities to complete your work with the Polanyi Papers. I have been told that this will take between three and six months. I shall look forward to learning of your plans.

bcc: ✓ Ms. Kari Levitt Polanyi
Mrs. Eva Zeisel
Mr. William T. Scott

Sincerely,

Martin Runkle
Director

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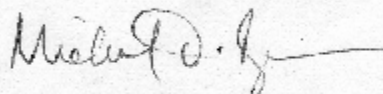
Dear Ms. Polanyi:

I thought it might be useful if I summarized our verbal agreement regarding the temporary transfer of part of the Karl and Ilona Polanyi Papers to the Regenstein Library.

1. You will mail two boxes of material care of my attention to the Library. The Library agrees to reimburse you whatever expenses you incur in doing this.
2. Ms. Vezér will spend two or three weeks in Chicago working on this material. Only Ms. Vezér will have access to the material. In addition, she has your permission to remove such documents from the collection as she needs to study in the evening when the Library is closed.
3. When Ms. Vezér has finished her work here, the material will be shipped immediately back to you.
4. All of the conditions which we had originally agreed to by prior communication still apply to this arrangement.
5. The Library can make no blanket commitments to microfilming or xeroxing the collection.

We are still awaiting some formal notification from Ms. Vezér of her plans. I assume that a letter is on the way. As I mentioned, I will be out of town between March 18 and 27. If anything develops and you need to contact someone at this end, you should get hold of Mr. Sam Sutter in this Department. He is our manuscripts specialist and can be reached at 312-962-8705. He is current on the status of the arrangements. If I could wish us all good luck in Hungarian I would!

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
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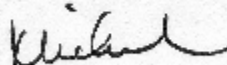
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Canada H3A 2T7

Dear Ms. Polanyi:

This is just to let you know that I received a cable from Ms. Vozar saying that she expected to arrive in Chicago at the end of April. I assume that she will write or cable when her plans are firm.

Please let me know if there is anything else I should see to in the meanwhile. I hope the winter storms which are parading through this latitude of the continent haven't made it north of Albany.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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June 9, 1982

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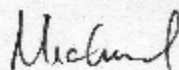
Dear Ms. Polanyi:

I heard on the news this morning that Montreal is in the midst of a transit workers strike, and my thoughts turned quickly to you and to Ms. Vezer. In Chicago, bus drivers make more than tenured university professors, so we have no more transit problems; only the transit workers can afford to take public transportation. I assume that you won't be inconvenienced by events in Montreal.

Actually, I had been meaning to write for some time now, if only to say that I hope Ms. Vezer's visit was profitable for you both. I felt a bit helpless while Ms. Vezer was here, though she seemed to be able to make good use of her time. We certainly enjoyed meeting her and being able to work with her. There was some question of her ability to re-enter this country from Canada, but I assume that was taken care of. I'm only sorry we didn't have an opportunity to see some of your material, though I do understand how complicated things can become at the end of an academic term.

I'm not sure where we stand with the material, but you must feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance. I hope this letter finds you in good health and good cheer.

Cordially,



Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
Special Collections

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Mr. Michael T. Ryan
Assistant Curator
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The University of Chicago
The Joseph Regenstein Library
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60637 U.S.A.

June 21, 1982

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Thank you for your pleasant and cheerful letter, which arrived just as I had decided to write to you to let you know how we are progressing here. Miss Vezer has worked like a Trojan, and has sorted through 40 to 50 (!) boxes many of them dusty and dirty. The Montreal transit workers' strike (which is still not settled) has been the least of my problems. These are as regular and predictable as the fact that it habitually rains here every summer weekend! Life has not been exactly easy for me, either, because I have been commuting between my office, where I have a lot of my own work to see about, and my house where I have been trying to make Miss Vezer as comfortable as possible, shopping, cooking the customary European large mid day meal to which she is habituated, and assisting here with selection of items to be photocopied or microfilmed. She is now listing all the items which she wishes to take to Hungary - including those which exist in one copy only, and are being photocopied, and those which exist in duplicate, we are talking about 1,500 documents or so. It has been a rewarding exercise, but quite expensive in time, and also in money.

You will be delighted to hear that we have found close to 150 letters written by Michael to Karl Polanyi. These I wish to deposit with the Joseph Regenstein Library, as I promised you all along. Some are very interesting, some less so, but in some ways it is the continuity of this very close correspondence which is in itself of interest. For these letters I would dearly like some financial remuneration, which would assist me to cover some of the (unaccountable) expenses of maintaining Miss Vezer at my home for the period of two months, and would help me to complete my remaining responsibilities with respect to the Polanyi papers. I leave it to you to suggest a reasonable figure, and appropriate bureaucratic formula.

Additionally, and as a courtesy, I am requesting a set of xerox or microfilm of the letters of Karl to Michael, in your Michael Polanyi collection.

Professor Scott, has frankly speaking, caused me some embarrassment, because he has entered into bilateral negotiations with Miss Vezer, which

June 21, 1982

are not altogether proper, insofar as he has persuaded her to make available to him a microfilm copy of all the Michael Polanyi letters. She feels obligated to honour her promise to him in that regard, and I have been forced to accommodate her wishes, to maintain my amicable relations with her. I must add that, apart from this matter, we have got along remarkably well in circumstances which have not always been easy. Miss Vezer feels obliged to Professor Scott for his assistance in helping her to obtain her passport from the Hungarian authorities, specifically by virtue of his invitation to her to come to Chicago. I have been unable to make her understand that these letters belong to me, and that Professor Scott is acting improperly in asking her to provide him with copies of material, without my explicit consent, and without having asked me whether I am willing to do this, prior to depositing them with your library. At this point ~~in time~~, Professor Scott has assisted us financially, to the tune of ~~\$3000~~ advance to Miss Vezer for the cost of photocopying. I understand, however, that he is willing and able to cover costs of photocopying connected with our work here. I will be sending him receipts for xeroxing and microfilming and supplies (boxes). At this point in time I don't know how much this will come to - probably about \$700. (Including the advance of \$300). So you can see that Professor Scott ~~is~~ not, in fact, able to contribute one cent to the costs of subsistence of Miss Vezer for the two month period of her stay here.

Miss Vezer's criteria of selection of material are clear and sensible, i.e. she is interested in everything pertaining to Iloa and Karl Polanyi which has any Hungarian reference, including of course all letters and other material written in the Hungarian language, but by no means confined to that material. I am making xerox of all this material, and in general have given her the originals, with the exception of a few personal documents, and with the exception of the voluminous correspondence between my two parents, with each other. The quality of the xeroxs is excellent, and reproducible.

All this leaves a large residual of material, which has no Hungarian reference, in my possession. As a result of our labour, this material is now being put into some kind of order. I do not yet know what I shall do with it, and perhaps we could discuss that matter later, in the autumn after my return from Japan and India at the end of August.

I wish to thank you for all the help you have given me, and your kind and courteous hospitality to Miss Vezer, who is also appreciative.

Cordially,

Kari Levitt
Professor of Economics

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July 9, 1982

Ms. Kari Polanyi Levitt
Centre for Developing-Area Studies
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Dear Ms. Levitt,

I was happy to learn that Ms. Vezer's stay was mutually profitable and that she was able to be of some help to you. I do, however, sympathize with you over all the inconveniences which her stay must have caused for you and hope that your life has since returned to normal. Perhaps your upcoming trip to the Far East will be more pleasure than business and you will find it refreshing to be away from the demands of the home front.

You raised some issues in your letter which I should speak to directly. You requested a microfilm of Michael-Karl-Ilona correspondence in the Polanyi Papers here. That will be no problem. I would be pleased to provide you with one as part of some arrangement which might bring the Karl-Michael correspondence in your possession to this Library. You had also asked for some remuneration which would help you recoup expenses incurred during Ms. Vezer's visit and left it to me to suggest a figure. While I would love to be able to come up with a reasonable number, I'm afraid I can't. I think that the best thing would be for you to fix the amount and then let me see whether I can come up with the money, in addition to the film.

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I am sorry that Mr. Scott still seems to be creating strains, though I expect that once he settles down and actually starts producing something he will become less nettlesome for you. Since he seems determined to have copies of the material, I would imagine that the best way to handle him would be to state your position clearly and openly and let him respond accordingly. I am not sure how Canadian law reads on the subject, but I believe that you hold both copyright and property rights to the material and that you alone are empowered to authorize its use and reproduction. You might investigate this for yourself if you have not done so already. One of the advantages of institutionalizing the material is that such matters can usually be resolved neatly.

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Since I was unclear as to when you would be leaving on your trip, I should probably let you know now that I will be leaving the University in the early autumn to accept a position at another institution. I will be sad to leave, but the new position represents a promotion and no more frigid winters -- two things hard to pass up as I forge ahead into middle age. However, Mr. Sem Sutter will be curating the Polanyi collection, and he is well informed on the background and current status of our negotiations. I do hope I hear from you before I leave, but if I don't I want to wish you all the best in everything. Whatever decisions about the material you do make will be the right ones, I am sure.

Cordially,

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