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Dear Mrs. Roth:

Thank you for your letter. As you know, the 100-th anniversary of your late father's birth will be this year July 4. At that date, an article of mine will be published by me, in which I will call the attention of scholars to their duty to start scientific work on American-Hungarian subjects. Many worth while studies are published by these scholars on many Hungarian subjects, asx Master or doctoral dissertations, but the American-Hungarian subjects are shamefully neglected by them. The centenary of your father's birth would be an ideal starting point and I hope that my reminder will bring results. There are hundreds of Hungarian professors in th U.S. and Canadian universities and colleges, among them many, whose field is literature. They are in the position to suggest suitable subjects for the Master or Ph.D. candidates - and their duty is to guide these young scholars. In our case, naturally, these professors are in the position to much progressive work.

I believe I can give you a very good suggestion:

Not long ago I met a young woman professor here, who told me, that she is going to do research work in American Hungarian literature and asked for my help, which I of course promised. Her name is Agnes H. Várdy, assistant professor of Humanities Dept, Robert Morris College, Pittsburgh, Pa. Her husband is a professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Please write to her. Her field is literature. Not long ago she published a very worthwhile study of the Hungarian born poet, Lenau, who wrote in German, but was always proud of his birth and always emphasized that he is a Hungarian. I think I am justified in supposing that she will be very interested in this suggestion. In your letter please mention the copies of "Az élet könyve" you possess.

I will be happy if these steps will bring serious results. The memory of your father certainly deserves the respectx and interests of the present and future Hungarian generations.

With best regards, sincerely

Edmund Vasvary