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Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry concerning Dr. Paul Marsovszky, I am happy to relay the following information. This physician first came to my attention two months after his flight from Hungary in early 1951, when he requested employment with the US Public Health Service in Austria. I was at that time MOC in the area, and after an initial interview, assigned Dr. Marsovszky to one of our outlying, and difficult stations. His examinations of immigrants was the most dependable of all our aid staff, as would have been expected from his professional and academic status in the old 1st Medical Clinic at Budapest.

When our DP program closed we succeeded in placing Dr. Marsovszky in another US agency, as chief of Radiology in the Army Field Hospital at Salzburg. His tireless application to this new work enabled him to do a creditable job in a very short time, and internist friends of mine there were most impressed by his approach and diagnostic ability.

Thus, from a secure background in research and clinical investigation Dr. Marsovszky was able to adapt himself to difficult new positions during the three years wait for his visa. I am in possession of a number of his reprints from Acta Medica Scand., Med. Wochenschrift, and other reputable journals, and can attest to the soundness of his early training period.

Personally, he is extremely humble, this humility being quite basic, and yet to Americans, disarming, since we are not familiar with the polite forms of discourse used in his old society. He is most thorough-going and conscientious, and will certainly become a superior radiologist. I would expect him to be a credit to any institution with which he becomes associated, and his determination to study further after his long years of lean resources, is testimony to his desire toward perfection before security. He is a scientist first, and his adaptability, talent, personality, and language attributes are such as to make a superior resident on your staff.

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