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Dear Dr. Shafer:

This is in reply to your letter of May 6 requesting information concerning Dr. Marsovszky. Dr. Marsovszky appeared in our office in Salzburg in March, 1951, two months following his escape from Hungary. At that time we needed a physician in the Kapfenberg Displaced Persons Camp as examining physician and on the basis of his initial impression, he was employed.

His work at this station was extremely reliable, the most dependable of all alien physicians in our Service. Following closure of this camp at the end of the DP Act, he obtained a position as radiologist at the 109th Field Hospital near Salzburg, Austria, as a result of the efforts of Dr. Farrier. Although he had no more training in radiology than the average well-trained internist, he very rapidly mastered the numerous techniques necessary in taking on radiological duties in a 200-plus bed general hospital. It is my understanding from board internists who worked with him there, that his interpretations as well, became eminently reliable.

His past professional career was in the position comparable to assistant professor in the University of Budapest where he was a member of Professor Herzog's first medical clinic. He had general teaching and clinical duties and published a number of articles in excellent foreign publications. Seven of these articles are in my possession and the work contained has been reviewed favorably by a prominent physiologist at the University of Minnesota.

Thus, professionally, he can be recommended highly as a well-trained clinician and investigator who has produced excellent work and who is extremely curious intellectually, conscientious, and has shown magnificent adaptability to his varied and difficult situations in recent years.