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To Mr. Csaba Székely
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Dear Mr. Székely,

With reference to your letter dated 24 January, 2004, I would like to inform you of the following:

According to the congruent opinion of the leading scholars of the Research Institute of Linguistics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Esperanto belongs to the category of living foreign languages. In addition to which, an even more specific categorization of Esperanto, based on its current status and its history would be: A, a highly standardized B, social C, non-ethnic living language, which fulfills every function of a language in a second-language community and works as an auxiliary language as well.

The above reflect the scientific viewpoint of our institute. As a research institute, naturally, we do not have a legal authority, therefore determining the proper requirements concerning qualifications is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education and the committee responsible for the accreditation of language exams.

About all of the above, we have informed Mr. Zsolt Szövényi, the director of our department.

Yours sincerely,

Zoltán Bánréti
Deputy-director

Budapest, January 29, 2004