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July 11, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

The check and the receipt mentioned in
your letter to me of June 20 have now arrived here.

In accordance with my letter to you of
June 29, I am returning them to you. I do thank
you for your generosity in offering the honorarium.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

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July 13, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

There has been a slight change in my travel schedule and I am writing immediately to inform you about it. I have had to move up my date of departure from Tuesday, August 2, to Monday, August 1. I shall be leaving at noon on Monday and would, therefore, be available for a limited number of appointments Monday morning. I would think it might be wise, therefore, to arrange some of the interviews on Saturday or Sunday, July 30 and 31.

If you could contact Mr. Ralph Richardson, Director of our Mexican Agricultural Program, he could advise you of the days and hours I would most likely be free from meetings with my Agricultural colleagues to interview some of your young fellowship people.

While I arrive on Saturday, July 23, and the meetings begin on Sunday, July 24, I would be reasonably confident that these discussions would not necessarily require my presence every day during the week; therefore, I would propose that you plan a few interviews Monday morning, August 1, keeping in mind that I shall be taking Pan American 501 at 12 noon. I would also be free, I am sure, during the week starting July 24 and you could confirm the most likely days and hours through contacting Dr. Richardson.

Finally, I would be more than pleased to see a few people on Saturday, July 23, or Sunday, July 24.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thompson

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Querido amigo Harrison:

Supongo que a estas alturas habrá usted terminado de pintar la terraza de su casa, si bien no dejo de recordar que a Miguel Angel le tomó más tiempo acabar con la Capilla Sixtina no recuerdo ahora, sin embargo, si Miguel Angel quedó tan perturbado a consecuencia de esa colosal hazaña como parece haberlo estado usted.

En efecto, me ha parecido de lo más incongruente (para no decir ofensivo) que se tomara usted el trabajo y el tiempo para escribirme su carta de julio 11, anunciándome la visita del señor Vernon, y que, en cambio, aplase usted para después sus comentarios tan aguardados acerca, primero, del nuevo tomo de la Historia Moderna de México y, segundo, del primer número de FORO INTERNACIONAL. ¿Ignora usted, acaso, que yo escribo todas estas cosas casi con el único propósito de darle a usted una ocasión decente de elogiarme?

A reserva de que, como me lo anuncia usted en su carta, que ahora contesto, me escriba usted acerca de los asuntos que tuve que tratar con Burton durante la ausencia de usted, quisiera referirme a dos cosas nuevas para que le vaya usted ando vueltas y me indique su reacción personal. Una de ellas es la posibilidad de que nos ayudara la Fundación a traer para el Centro de Estudios Internacionales los profesores extranjeros a quienes se encargarán los cursos históricos que deben darse en el año de 1962. Son ellos los siguientes: la cultura chino-japonesa; los Estados Unidos de 1865 a 1920; Europa de 1860 a 1920; las culturas del Asia Sudoriental; la cultura India y las culturas africanas. Aun cuando esta enumeración suena a muchos profesores, en realidad se trata de cursos semestrales. Con esto quiero decir que, en efecto, son seis los profesores pero no así el costo, al menos en lo que toca a salarios.

El otro asunto que quisiera someter a su consideración provisional y personal es éste. Hay en algunos países de la América Latina (pienso concretamente por ahora en Venezuela, Colombia y Chile) un grupo de historiadores jóvenes (30 a 45 años) con una formación previa muy buena, en general hecha en el extranjero, y que tienen facultades y vocación reconocidas en la historia. Cada uno de ellos, por supuesto, está trabajando en temas nacionales de historia, tal por ejemplo, Maffei, de Chile, en historia social, o Jaramillo Uribe, de Colombia, en historia de las ideas, o Guillermo Morón, de Venezuela, también en historia de las ideas, o Pérez Vila, que hace estudios sobre la independencia de América. Se me ocurre que ganarían mucho El Colegio de México, pero, sobre todo, la comunidad de

historiadores jóvenes de toda la América Latina, si hubiera la posibilidad de que de vez en cuando alguno de estos jóvenes historiadores viniera a México, para estar, digamos, medio año o un año como máximo con el propósito de ponerse en contacto con los grupos de jóvenes que trabajan en la historia y en campos similares a los de ellos, para que ensayaran cotejar sus propias investigaciones con los materiales mexicanos, y conseguir así, con el tiempo, no sólo una visión nacional de ciertos problemas históricos fundamentales, sino una visión más amplia, de hecho, propiamente americana.

Piense usted en estos dos proyectos y cuando lo juzgue oportuno, hágame algún comentario sobre ellos. Y espero, por supuesto, comentarios sobre el nuevo tomo de la Historia y sobre FORO INTERNACIONAL.

Con un gran abrazo, suyo amigo.

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P.S.- La idea de que la División de Humanidades pueda ayudar al Centro de Estudios Internacionales en traer profesores extranjeros para los cursos históricos del 3º y 4º semestres, cobra ahora una importancia decisiva, pues después de mi conversación de hoy en la mañana (la primera) con nuestro buen amigo el Dr. Thompson, parece que la División de Ciencias Sociales nos ayudará con los profesores de relaciones internacionales, que necesitamos en los semestres 5º y 6º, sobre todo. Le pediría a usted, en consecuencia, una consideración especial para DCV/meh.- este asunto. ¡Mil gracias!

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August 2, 1960

Dear Daniel:

I am afraid summer must be a very confusing time for those who correspond with us. Jack has just gone on vacation, and I have just returned; so I have your letter of July 27. I believe Jack was making some progress with the house-painting, but he is now off on a trip, so I am sure the work has been interrupted.

I am delighted to know that you had a good visit with Ken Thompson. We can certainly take up for discussion early in September the question of assistance to the Colegio for visiting professors on Asian, African, American, and European history in connection with the work of the Centro de Estudios Internacionales. I do not know, however, how fully you have developed this idea in discussions with Jack. Certainly I do not have enough information to be able to consider the question adequately. ✓ For one thing, I am not familiar with the general curriculum which you are considering and of which this would be a part. Second, you mention the year 1962. Does this mean that you are thinking of the Centro only as a one-time proposition, graduating only one class? ✓ Or will this instruction in history be needed on a continuing basis for succeeding classes? ✓ In the latter case, will continuing support from the Rockefeller Foundation be necessary, or have you in mind some means by which the work can gradually be taken over by Mexican personnel? ✓

✓ Finally, I do not know whether you have looked into the question of availability of professors of the qualifications which you would need. This in turn is related to the budget. ✓ If these questions have already been gone over with Jack, please pardon my raising them again. If not, however, perhaps you would want to give us a fuller explanation on the basis of which we might get some discussion among the staff here when we are all together again in early September.

The second question you raise - that of bringing promising young historians from countries of Latin America to the Colegio de Mexico from time to time - is one which I think I had better defer

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until Jack is here to consider it himself, although I recognize it as one of some interest which has been discussed at various times in the past.

With best personal regards to you and Emma,

Cordially,

Burton

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August 9, 1960.

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Dear Burton:

I am indeed sorry for having once again spoiled the division of labor of your Division.

No, I have not discuss with Jack the question of your support to the historical courses at the Center of International Studies. As a matter of fact, I was just raising the problem to see what information you wanted me to give for your consideration. Your good letter of August 2nd. raises exactly the problems I would like to deal with now.

I am sending you herewith the curriculum we are considering for the Center. You may notice that in the first two semesters (1961) we shall have coursew which we call here "instrumental" because they will give the student both a background for further study and tolls to analyse international problems proper. All these courses will be served by Mexican professors, and we believe we have good ones. During the third and fourth semesters we will have mostly historical courses, whose aim will be to give the student the "modern" background, necessary requisite to understand the present day world, which will be dealt with from the fifth semester on.

Coming back to the historical courses. Except for the one on XIX Century Latin America, we have not here in Mexico the proper teachers, so we must import them from abroad, at least for the first year those courses are to be offered. But you, as always, raise a good point when you ask me: ... will continuing support from the Foundation be necessary, or have you in mind some means by which the work can gradually be taken over by Mexican personnel?"

Let me outline the arrangement I have made in principle with our most distinguished friend Dr. Thompson. I hope that at least three Mexican graduate students will go abroad this September under Rockefeller Foundation fellowships to start a specialized field of study: Western Europe, the United States and the U.S.S.R. They will stay abroad two years, and when they come back to Mexico, they will serve in 1963 as assistant professors to the foreign professors in charge of the respective courses. After this new experience we expect them to be ready to take full charge of their work. The Division of the Social Sciences will help us to bring for a year those foreign professors (at least on three areas: the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and Asia).

I believe we could work out with your Division a similar plan, although I am not so sure which the best procedure in every case would be.

We will need at the Center, for half a year, in 1962, foreign professors for the following courses: The United States, 1865-1920; Europe, 1870-1920; and the cultures Chino-japanese, India, Middle East and Africa.

I expect I could secure the American professor for the course U.S., 1865-1920. With no help from the Foundation, but then, we need a desperately a Mexican teacher of United States history, and I believe that the only way to have it would be to send with a fellowship of yours a promising young Mexican scholar, with a good command of English, to the U.S., and stay there studying all the American history during two years. This man, when back, could serve both at the Center of International Studies and at El Colegio's Center of Historical Studies, and even at the National University. Well, that is one concrete thing we would like to obtain from your Division, and since there is no special problem to find two or three candidates to choose from, we may think of sending the one elected next February, when the Spring term in most American universities start.

I hope to be able to get the teacher on Europe, 1870-1920 from other sources than the Foundation, although Mexico, the country, and not only El Colegio de México needs again a good teacher, at least in Modern European history. But then, since I would not dare to get from you everything, I shall try to get elsewhere the necessary fellowship for a Mexican student specializing in this field.

Now we come to what I consider the real problem. We will certainly call on you for help to have professors from abroad for at least two half year courses: Chino-Japanese and India Cultures. We made depend for the Middle East on Vera Yamuni, a lady of Arab origin, who speaks arab, and to whom El Colegio sent for two years to Lebanon and Egypt to further her studies on Islamic Culture. We hope to have assistance elsewhere for the professor on African Cultures.

The real question is the training of two Mexicans, one on Sino-Japanese Culture and the other on the rest of Asia or, at least, India. First we have to find the candidates for your fellowships, and this will take us a good deal of time: hardly before next academic year, that is for the one elected to start on September 1961. It is bound to be a hard job because to take up China-Japan or India as a field of study for all your life, may sound at first a bit outlandish to Mexicans. Then, because the job will be hard for them since such difficult languages are involved.

There is also the question of the best way to handle the studies of these two fellows. Should we send them for one year to a "Christian" School, say in London or California, to take up general courses in English on general subjects (geography, literature, art, religion, etc.), and at the same time start there learning the language, and then going to Japan and India to spend all summer reaffirming the language and then stay there for the second year?

If you allow me to make a summary of this long and perhaps confusing letter, I would say that you may consider further these possibilities:

- 1) A two year fellowship, starting February, 1961, in American History;
- 2) One foreign professor for a half a year course on Sino-Japanese Culture, for February-June, 1962;
- 3) One foreign Professor for a half a year course on Indian Culture for July-November, 1962.
- 4) A two-year fellowship on Sino-Japanese history, to begin September, 1961;
- 5) A two-year fellowship on Indian History, to begin September, 1961.

One final word: except for number 1 above, we are not in a hurry, so you must feel at liberty to correspond with me as many times as you may wish.

With best wishes always,

Cordially

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August 10, 1960.

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I do hope that you found useful your days in Mexico, as I am sure that the many Mexicans you met here found your company pleasant and informative.

I sent you under separate cover the plans of work suggested by señores Segovia, González Salazar and Ojeda. All three told me you had asked them to send their plans to you in this manner.

I would like now to confirm you the persevering decision of the authorities of El Colegio de México to make of its Center for International Studies a strong institution, both in teaching and research, to serve Mexico and all Spanish speaking countries. We go as far as to hope that when the Center is well established, we may have some students from the United States, Europe or Asia, who wish to take up Latin America as their field of study.

As I have told you orally, the Center is being established with the full sympathy of the Mexican Executive, which has pledged \$200,000 for a five-year period. In fact, the Center will have a five member advisory board composed by the secretaries for External Affairs and Education, El Colegio's president, the Director of the Center, and one representative from the National University of Mexico. Both President López Mateos and Secretary for Foreign Affairs Manuel Tello have agreed to relieve Dr. Antonio Gómez Robledo from his present post as ambassador to Brasil, to take charge by December next of both the Center's and FORO INTERNATIONAL's directorships.

We are planning to start with a group of students, very well selected, of no more than twenty-five. El Colegio is offering fifteen scholarships to Mexican students to be chosen from the National and the provincial universities. The Organization of American States will offer ten fellowships to Latin American students. El Colegio's secretary will travel shortly to Monterrey, San Luis, Guadalajara, Jalapa and Merida, to talk with candidates to El Colegio's fellowships. I will go soon to Ecuador, Panamá and the five Central American countries to talk both with universities and the Foreign Affairs ministries authorities in regard to prospective fellows, and Mr. Gómez Robledo will travel late in September to Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, La Paz, Lima and Bogotá to do the same work. We have printed a Bulletin giving all the information about the Center to do better this job. (I shall send you a copy shortly.) Finally, we expect to have professors Mario de la Cueva, Victor Urquidi,

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César Sepúlveda and Antonio Gómez Robledo to take charge, respectively, of the courses on Political Doctrines and Institutions, Economic Analysis, Public International Law and International Organization. You know well of them, except, perhaps, the first one. Mr. de la Cueva is a former president of the National University and dean of the Law School, where he has had the chair of Constitutional Law for at least fifteen years, as a full professor.

Satisfied, as we may be, with the preparatory work so far done, and with the immediate outlook, we are quite conscious of the big problems which lie ahead. One is very simply in its nature: we need to increase our library rapidly, so when the courses on international relations come up we may be sure that we have what we really need for serious teaching and research. The second problem is of a transitory nature, but its good solution is important and expensive. It is the absolute lack of teachers—not only in Mexico, but in all Latin America—for the main courses on international relations, and the consequent need of importing them from abroad. I am quite convinced that all our efforts will fail unless we have for 1963 at least three outstanding teachers: on The United States and the Western World, The U.S.S.R. and the Soviet Bloc, and the third one on Asian International Politics, if it is possible to deal with this subject as a whole. And I may add that for July-November, 1962, we shall need a teacher on European and American foreign policies roughly from 1900 to 1945.

The third problem we face is, of course, the basic one: the building up of a proper Mexican faculty on international relations.

It is a most encouraging beginning, if you, as I earnestly hope, decide to give scholarships to the best men of the group you interviewed. If that would be the case, we may hope that with two years of study abroad and going through the experience of serving as assistants to the full foreign professors, we shall have something promising to start with. But in the best of cases, we will cover only three areas, although three important ones: the United States, Western Europe and the Soviet Union.

There are two obvious holes in here: Asia and Latin America. When I speak of Asia as a whole, I am not even suggesting the possibility of a man learning seriously at least the fundamentals of the international problems of countries and regions so different as are the Far East, Southeastern Asia, Continental China and South Asia. You, with much more knowledge and experience, may advise us on this point.

I believe I must say a word about Latin America. You may notice from our revised curriculum, that we will offer during semesters fifth and sixth a course on the diplomatic history of Latin American from 1900 to 1945. We know that we could not find one Latin American to take it, so, if we don't prepare a man specially, the only way would be for us to invite, say, one Brazilian professor to explain Brazilian diplomacy, another from Argentina or Chile to lecture on their respective countries, and so on. The reason is that we have not felt the need—as you Americans have—of dealing with Latin America as a whole. The rule is for a Mexican to

ignore everything Chilean, and the Chilean to pay the Mexican in the same token. But when a Mexican knows something outside his country, he knows something about Argentina or Colombia, but not about Latin America as a unit. The fellowship for the specialist in Latin America must be of a special one. The man may go to an American university for the Spring term and the Summer to see how American professors deal with Latin America as a whole, to know the main bibliography, etc., But from September 1961 to September 1962, he must travel extensively through Latin America to talk with people specializing in the foreign policy of their respective countries, to establish national bibliographies, buy books, order microfilms, etc.

May I submit to you in brief what are the items where help is more needed?

a) Books and microfilm material: \$10,000 for 1960, and \$15,000 for a three year period, 1961-63.

b) Fellowships: One two-year fellowship for a Latin America Specialist, beginning February, 1961, part to be spent in the United States and part travelling throughout Latin America.

One two-year fellowship for Asia's Foreign Policies and Problems beginning September, 1961, part to be spent in the United States and part in Asia.

c) Professors:

July-November, 1962: one professor of International Relations, Europe and the United States, 1900-45.

February-November, 1963: three professors to teach, respectively, on the United States and the Western World, the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet Bloc and Asia.

As we are asking assistance from the Division of Humanities in regard to the historical courses at the Center, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Fahs, and, at the same time, I am including here a copy of my letter to Dr. Fahs.

With best wishes and regards for you and Mrs. Thompson,

Yours sincerely

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August 17, 1960

Dear Cosio:

I want to thank you for your kindness during my recent visit to Mexico City. I especially appreciated the effective organization you gave to my interviews of young applicants for Rockefeller Foundation scholarships.

As I indicated when we talked, I believe we would wish to decline at the present time:

Maria de los Angeles Lopez Ortega Muller
Raul Homero Herrera Orrantia
Manuel Mas Araujo

I am, however, enclosing application forms for:

Mario Ojeda Gomez
Rafael Segovia Canosa
Roque Gonzalez Salazar

The other cases will have to await further discussion here or additional information you may wish to send us. In some cases the next Foundation representative to visit Mexico may want to meet with your young people.

I am assuming that you are prepared to guarantee continuing positions to the three candidates to whom we are sending application forms.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thompson

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September 1, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

I had meant to acknowledge your good letter of August 23 some time ago. I am writing now to tell you that we are in the process of recommending fellowship awards for Senores Segovia, Ojeda, and Gonzalez Salazar.

I regret to say that the other applicants have not been accepted, including Maria de los Angeles Lopez Ortega Muller, Raul Homero Herrera Orrantia, and Manuel Mas Araujo.

We will await further information from you about Senor Julio Faesler, even though at the present time I doubt very much we could respond favorably to a request.

The most difficult problem of all concerns Miss Teresa Aguilar de la Torre, and I hope we can make a definitive reply on this question in the near future. Dr. Harrison is discussing the matter in our behalf with the authorities at Columbia University.

You will want to know that we expect to discuss with our Trustees a proposal for a grant of \$75,000, of which \$15,000 would be available for library assistance. The other \$60,000 would be available toward the cost of visiting professors and research scholars in the fields of American foreign policy, the Soviet Union, and Far Eastern affairs. We had estimated that this sum would enable you to bring from three to four visiting professors to El Colegio during the period when these courses would be offered as part of your program in international relations.

When we have had our preliminary discussions I shall write you, if it then seems appropriate, requesting a formal application for this form of assistance.

With best wishes,

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Sincerely yours,

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September 8, 1960

Dear President Cosio:

We have now had our preliminary discussions of the proposal for a grant of \$75,000 to El Colegio which I mentioned in my letter to you of September 1, and I am happy to say that we are willing to proceed with a favorable recommendation to our Trustees at their meeting later this month. Notification of their decision would be sent you shortly thereafter.

I should perhaps expand a little the brief paragraph I wrote about the proposal as we are recommending it. As I mentioned, we thought that \$60,000 would enable you to invite three or four visiting professors to El Colegio within the period of the grant. The additional \$15,000 would be available immediately for the acquisition of library materials. We would hope that these funds, together with the three fellowship awards we are now recommending and our willingness to consider future candidates from El Colegio, will be of some assistance in launching the Center's important training and research program.

If, as I hope, this proposal seems reasonable to you, would you send me by return mail a formal request for the grant over a five-year period beginning October 1, 1960. We realize that you may expend the full sum within the next three years, but we are suggesting it be made available over five years to permit flexibility in the recruitment and appointment of the visiting professors and to allow for any undue delays that might be encountered in the acquisition of library materials.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

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September 14, 1960.

Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

You may remember that both the late Professor Buchanan and yourself, and, at the proper time, President Rusk, were informed since the very beginning as to El Colegio de México's plans to establish a Center of International Studies wherein young scholars, both from México and Latin America, could be seriously trained in matters of foreign policy. Under your sympathetic response, you have also been advised as to the various steps El Colegio de México has been taking to materialized this project.

We believe that most of the preparatory work is already done, and that we may look confidently to February next as the opening date of the Center's activities. We are then in a position to look forward for future problems.

The main one is to build up a strong faculty in the fields of American Foreign Policy, the Soviet Union and Far Eastern Affairs.

We believe that in order to do this, we must try both to send abroad as soon as possible young Mexican scholars to start their training in those three areas and in Latin American, and to invite visiting professors and research scholars during the first cycle of studies at the Center.

We may call for those fellowships in due time, but, in the meanwhile, allow me to submit a formal request for a grant of \$15,000 to be available immediately for the acquisition of library materials, and a grant of \$60,000, over a five year period, beginning October 1st., 1960, toward the cost of visiting professors and research scholars in the fields of American Foreign Policy, the Soviet Union and Far Eastern Affairs.

Hoping, as I do, that the Foundation will consider this request, as some others in the past, with sympathy and understanding,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

septiembre 21, 1960.

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Querido amigo Harrison:

Por la primera vez en la historia ya larga de nuestro trato, me siento un poco desconcertado por el largo silencio en que ha caído usted sobre asuntos del Colegio que tengo pendientes con usted. Estoy enteramente seguro de que las cartas que le he escrito a usted, o le han llegado directamente, o fueron a parar a manos de Burton, y en algún momento puestas en manos de usted. Tal por ejemplo la del 9 de agosto, en que ya muy específicamente les rogaba a ustedes que consideraran peticiones concretas de nuestro Colegio. Es verdad que en ella yo mismo decía que con excepción de la petición marcada con el número 1, no había prisa especial; pero le confieso a usted que no creí tomara usted tan en serio esta sugestión.

Por otra parte, estoy igualmente seguro que si usted no me ha escrito es por alguna razón seria; al mismo tiempo no dejará usted de justificar una cierta curiosidad natural mía para conocerla.

Me debe usted, además, comentarios sobre el último tomo de la Historia Moderna de México, el primer número de Foro Internacional y el folleto sobre el Centro de Estudios Internacionales, que también le he enviado a usted recientemente.

Un gran abrazo y hasta la vista.

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September 22nd, 1960

Dear don Daniel:

I gather from your recent note to Burton that you are now back in Mexico after your Central American tour as a talent scout for El Colegio's Center of International Studies. I would like to know if you can fit me in to your at-home schedule for early October. If so I will make a hurried trip to Mexico sometime between October 5th and 8th for the sole purpose of discussing with you El Colegio's plans for graduate history training.

I would like to stop at the University of Florida for a day either before or after seeing you, so if you are going to be in Mexico and free for the better part of a day could you indicate whether the afternoon and evening of the 5th or 7th would be most satisfactory for you.

I will be in Mexico for a couple of weeks at the time of the inauguration of El Colegio's new home - if I am still an invitee - when I can see the usual variety of people for our other Humanities interests. This trip is for no other purpose than seeing you and anyone else you believe I should talk with about your graduate history program. If you do not believe the situation is such that a proposal for the December meeting of our Trustees might emerge I will not come now but rather postpone our discussion until the longer January visit.

With warmest regards to all,

Sincerely,



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Please quote: RF 60150

September 27, 1960

Dear Professor Cosío:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation on September 23, 1960, action was taken providing up to \$75,000 to El Colegio de Mexico for use by its Center for International Studies for the salaries of visiting professors and the acquisition of library materials in international relations. This sum is in addition to the Foundation's grant in aid GA SS 59117 for use by El Colegio's Center for International Studies for the purchase of a basic library in international relations. While it is anticipated that the combined funds will be expended within three years, they are available during the period ending September 30, 1965, to permit flexibility in the recruitment and appointment of visiting professors.

Payments on the combined grants will be made on a semi-annual basis upon receipt and acceptance of a budget for the program at the beginning of each fiscal year of the appropriation. Please send us also annual statements of receipts and expenditures.

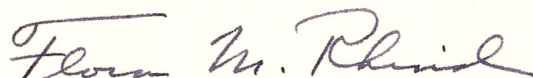
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Any balance of the combined funds unexpended on September 30, 1965, will revert to the Foundation.

A brief public announcement of our grant will be made in the next quarterly report of the Foundation. There is, however, no objection on our part to your announcement of the grant prior to the Foundation's report if for any reason it appears to you desirable. In this connection I am enclosing as a matter of routine a printed statement of The Rockefeller Foundation policy regarding the announcement of grants.

It is a pleasure to report this action to you.

Sincerely yours,



Secretary

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas, President
El Colegio de México
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico

Enc:

Mexico, D. F., October 4, 1960.

Miss Flora M. Rhind,
Office of The Secretary,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Miss Rhind:

May I Acknowledge your kind letter of September 27, Ref.: RF 60150, advising me that at a meeting of your Executive Committee, action was taken providing up to \$ 75,000 to El Colegio de México for use by its Center of International Studies for the salaries of visiting professors and the acquisition of library materials in international relations.

First of all, I would like to express on behalf of El Colegio's authorities our deep appreciation for this generous action which will allow El Colegio to make of its Center of International Studies the successful reality we have in mind.

Then, I want to be sure about the terms of this grant. May I understand that according with my formal application, out of this total sum of \$ 75,000, \$ 15,000 will be applied to the acquisition of library material,s and that this amount of money will be immediately available for such an acquisition, and that the remainder of the grant may be used not only to cover the salaries of visiting professors, but the travel costs involved in coming down to do their work here in Mexico.

We understand the way you wish to establish for the payments on this grant. As to a possible public announcement of this grant, we leave it entirely in your hands.

With my renewed gratitude,

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

THE Rockefeller Foundation

111 WEST 50th STREET, NEW YORK 20

THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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October 6, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

Thank you for your good letter of September 29. Inasmuch as I am leaving for the Orient on Friday I have been unable to give your letter the attention it deserves. I hope it will not delay you too much if I reply on my return. I would like to think a bit more about the issues you raise.

I wonder, incidentally, if you know the book on the United Nations by Herbert Nicholas. Another book in this same field is by I. L. Claude entitled FROM SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES. My colleague Dean Rusk is publishing sometime after the first of the year an important study of American foreign policy which would certainly be of value to any student of foreign policy.

I shall write you again on or about October 24.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

Professor Daniel Cosio Villegas
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
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October 7, 1960

RF 60150

Dear Professor Cosio:

Miss Rhind has passed on to me your letter of October 4 inquiring about the allocation of funds under the Foundation's recent appropriation RF 60150.

\$15,000 are available immediately for library acquisitions and the balance of \$60,000 is intended to cover the "salaries, research and travel expenses" of the visiting professors.

I am sorry if this was not made explicit in the official notification letter, but trust the above information clarifies the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

Professor Daniel Cosio Villegas, President
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F.
MEXICO

KWT:H

Mexico, D. F., October 11, 1960.

Dr. Kenneth W. Thompson, Director,
The Social Sciences,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Although you give me in your letter of October ~~6~~ the bad news of your being away until the 24th., I am answering your two letters, of October 6th. and 7th., first to clear the way for more serious business.

I am looking forward to your comments on the book I told you in my letter of the 29th. In the meanwhile, I shall see Nicholas and Claude's works on the U. N., which I am sure we already have at El Colegio's library.

May I understand that the Colleague you speak about is President Rusk? If so, I will certainly see with keen interest his forthcoming book on American Foreign policy.

Very grateful for clarifying the terms of your recent appropriation RF 60150, especially because we may proceed at once with our purchases of books and journals. On this point, however, I shall write you when you return to New York.

With best wishes always,

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President.

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Mexico, D. F., October 11, 1960.

Mr. Rowe S. Steel, Comptroller,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Steel:

Both Miss Rhind and Mr. Thompson have advised us as to the Foundation's recent appropriation R.F. 60150.

According to its terms, \$ 15,000.00 towards library acquisitions is immediately available. So, may we have that sum at your earliest convenience? As explained to Mr. Thompson, El Colegio de México would like to proceed purchasing books for its library on international affairs.

Yours sincerely.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President.

octubre 20, 1960.

Sr. John P. Harrison
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20. N.Y.
E.U.A.

Querido amigo Harrison:

Estoy trabajando activamente en los planes para el nuevo ciclo de enseñanza histórica en el Colegio de México, todo ello con la esperanza de poderle presentar a usted pronto algo más definido.

Mientras eso ocurre, y con el propósito de recuperar mi buen sentido, dos observaciones casuales: la carta de usted, escrita a bordo de un avión de la Eastern Airlines, llegó, pero no se me pasó advertir que la había usted depositado en New Haven... of all things!; su telegrama del 3 de octubre, avisándome que me esperaba en el Hotel Reforma, el 8 de octubre, a las 11.15 de la mañana, lo recibí ayer, octubre 19 —y eso sí, a las 11 de la mañana—.

Ahora dos cosas serias sobre las cuales le rogaría a usted una primera impresión. Me he convencido de una manera total de que necesitamos instalar en El Colegio, a partir de enero o febrero próximos, y durante dos años, por lo menos, un programa de enseñanza de la lengua inglesa mortalmente eficaz. De modo que yo le agradecería muchísimo me dijera si hay perspectivas de que ustedes nos ayuden en este punto.

He comenzado los sondeos necesarios para encontrar un buen candidato a historiador de historia de los Estados Unidos. El criterio que me ha guiado en esta primera exploración es el de encontrar un hombre que, a más de ser inteligente y de tener ya hecha una disciplina mental, tenga madurez de juicio, pues, no puede ocultársele a usted que, sin patriotería, los mexicanos necesitamos ver la historia norteamericana con ojos y con cabeza perfectamente mexicanos. He encontrado un hombre que llena este requisito; pero su candidatura a becario ofrece dos problemas sobre los cuales quisiera pedirle a usted una opinión personal: uno de ellos es la carga familiar: él, la mujer y cuatro hijos; el otro es su edad, pues tiene ya 42 años. Mi pregunta es ésta: ¿vale la pena seguir pensando en él?

Con un gran abrazo, suyo amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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October 27, 1960

Dear don Daniel:

Your letter of October 20th reached me earlier this week and I have now had the opportunity for a long discussion with Burton about your language teaching problem and a considerably shorter one with Ken Thompson who has just returned from Asia.

First, however, I want to comment on the confusion in our meeting in Mexico due to your not receiving the telegram I had sent you. On hearing from you that it did not reach you until the 19th, I asked our office to check on the telegram and the answer is enclosed. Eastern Airlines may do some strange things but they have not yet gotten around to depositing me in New Haven.

*Asuncio
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On the effective teaching of English at El Colegio, it seems to us that you are faced with several very real problems, none of which are easy of solution. First, for the most effective intensive teaching of a foreign language a linguistic laboratory is, if not absolutely essential, extremely desirable. The new home of El Colegio does not, as I recall our tour, have enough free space for the installation of such a laboratory. Even if it did, it would perhaps be an uneconomic use of space since the total number of students you want to train is relatively small and, consequently, any laboratory would never be more than partially used by the students of El Colegio. Secondly, you would want a trained Mexican to operate such a language laboratory. As far as I know such a person does not now exist, and while we would be prepared to consider assistance for the training of such a man, I doubt that you would want him full time on the staff of El Colegio. Thirdly, there is the situation that the most efficient way to teach a foreign language effectively is by intensive work for a period of twelve or thirteen weeks, followed by a brief period each day - perhaps no more than half-an-hour - during which the student has an opportunity to use the language. This type of intensive work requires a language laboratory. The alternative would be course work of a certain number of hours each week during the regular academic year at El Colegio. This seems to me to have two disadvantages: 1) it will take a considerable amount of time that the student could, and probably should, be devoting to his regular course of studies on international affairs; 2) he would be without a command of the language during at least one, and possibly two, years of his period of studies, which would

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be that much less effective because of his inability to use the language for study and discussion purposes. This second point, of course, becomes more crucial if any of the lecture courses are given in the foreign language he is studying.

I understand that from the results of students you know who have studied English at both the American and British Institutes, you consider the quality of language teaching at these Institutes unsatisfactory. My own feeling is that these poor results stem from the way classes are conducted and the generally poor level of teaching rather than from the efficacy of the methods used. I do not believe that these students work intensively, nor do they have access to the small language laboratory that exists in the American Institute.

One possible solution to your problem would be for El Colegio to add one man to its staff to run its language program. This man would, of course, eventually be a Mexican who could conduct a three months pre-registration intensive course in English and/or French for those students who are unable to demonstrate an adequate knowledge of these languages at the time they are accepted by El Colegio. This same man would then be responsible for the half-hour daily refresher course in the language, that would probably continue for a period of one semester after the intensive pre-registration course was completed. Also, to run an intensive language course more than one instructor is needed. It is conceivably possible that El Colegio could make an arrangement with the American Institute to have the use of its language laboratory during the three months vacation period before the beginning of the regular academic year at El Colegio. The linguist on your staff would need probably two men to help him with the intensive language course and here again it might be possible for El Colegio to coopt the time of two of the better teachers from the Centro for the period of the intensive course. These two assistants would, of course, be needed only part time.

The University of Texas does have one of the better linguistic laboratories and programs in the United States, and their particular emphasis is on the teaching of English to native speakers of Spanish and the teaching of Spanish to native speakers of English. Here again it is conceivably possible that you could work out a program of cooperation with Texas, whereby someone from there would supervise your language program for the first year, during which time a Mexican of your choice would be working on linguistics - with an obvious emphasis on applied linguistics - at the University of Texas. At the end of this year this man would presumably be prepared to direct the language program at El Colegio.

This letter is clearly designed to open the discussion with you by outlining some of the problems in language teaching as we understand them and doing no more than indicate a possible line of action to resolve them. We are certain that there are problems

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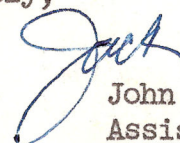
present, important to you, that may not be completely understood by us. One such possibility that occurs to me might be the unacceptability to you of having an institutional arrangement between El Colegio and one of the Bi-National Cultural Centers. The question, I suppose, would be whether such problems would outweigh the facilities such Institutes might make available.

As you certainly know, no-one here has discussed this question with the people at the Mexican-American or British Cultural Institutes. Consequently, I have not the slightest idea as to whether or not the solution suggested is practicable from the point of view of commitments the American Institute may have for the use of its language laboratory. By sheer chance, however, one of the ex-directors of the Mexican-American Institute, Darrell Carter, was in New York for three days recently and called on me here at the office. Carter is now, as I understand it, the cultural relations officer at the United States consulate in Monterrey. I am sure he has had contact with people such as Srta. Meyer and Roque Salazar, from whom you could get an impression as to the type of person he is. Insofar as my own personal opinion of Carter as an individual is of any importance, I can say in confidence that I have more respect for him as an intelligent individual with whom one can talk frankly than anyone else I have known in Mexico working in his field. He had a long experience in the teaching of foreign languages and this is his area of professional specialization. He, of course, has a thorough knowledge of everyone in Mexico working in the field of applied linguistics. I believe you could have a purely professional discussion with him on the problems of linguistics, and insofar as I know from a combination of judgment and professional knowledge there is no-one who would be better for this purpose in Mexico. If you wish, I could write to him suggesting he get in touch with you directly to indicate when he will next be in Mexico City. If for other reasons you decide you do not want to talk with Carter this will be perfectly understandable to me.

On the question of the fellowship candidate for studying United States history, the problems surrounding the candidate you suggest do not in any way preclude our consideration of him for such a fellowship, but certainly make it much more difficult. The problems, I am sure you understand, are such that, if we give a fellowship that would be as costly as this one, it in effect eliminates another fellowship from consideration. There is also the question of his age and the length of career ahead of him, but this I do not think is as serious as the financial one. Briefly then, he would not be out of our consideration but I think that, considering the over-all question of other fellowships you will want us to discuss, it would be better if you could look a little further and find someone equally satisfactory academically and intellectually who is less encumbered with family problems.

With warmest regards to all,

Sincerely,



John P. Harrison
Assistant Director

Lic. Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado 2123
Mexico, D.F., Mexico
Enc.

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TO

El Colegio de Mexico
Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
President
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F.
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November 3, 1960

Re: RF 60150

Dear Professor Cosio:

In accordance with your request of October 11, we are enclosing a draft in the amount of US\$15,000.00 representing payment in full of the allotment for the acquisition of library materials under the grant noted above.

This amount is available for expenditure over the five-year period of the grant. Please send us annual statements of receipts and expenditures.

Sincerely yours,

Rowe S. Steel

Professor Daniel Cosio Villegas
President
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
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noviembre 11, 1960.

Sr. John P. Harrison
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111 West 50th street
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Querido amigo Harrison:

Mi experiencia reiterada de los últimos años en el sentido de que cada vez lleva más tiempo y cuesta más trabajo lograr que la Gran Dama suelte el dinero, o haga los pagos bimestrales, que suponen los grants aprobados por ella. Por esa razón, me propongo presentar las peticiones del Colegio de México hacia el día 10 de diciembre para el semestre enero 1º - 30 junio, de 1961.

Para hacerlo, sin embargo, le necesito pedir a usted que me confirme que han acordado ustedes ya favorablemente la extensión del tiempo que pedimos en su oportunidad en cuanto al grant para el Centro de Estudios Literarios que dirige Antonio Alatorre. (Le ruego a usted ver mi correspondencia con Burton a este propósito.)

Con la esperanza de que me pueda dar una noticia sobre este asunto y en espera de mi gran carta próxima, siempre, suyo amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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noviembre 17, 1960.

Dr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street,
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I am expecting to have your promised letter any day now. Unfortunately, it will meet just one of my problems, — and I have, believe me, plenty of them. The ones I would like to draw your kind attention to were, in fact, stated in my long letter of August 10.

As item B9 of that letter, I talked about the possibility of having a fellowship to prepare a promising young scholar in Latin America foreign affairs, and of sending him to the States at the earliest possible time, in fact, I said February next. I have now what seems a very good candidate, highly recommended by the Dean and two professors of the School of Social and Political Sciences. Her curriculum (because it is a lady) seems satisfactory, and she impressed me favorably in two rather lengthy talks I had with her. I wonder whether you could consider this matter now, and, if so, whether I may send you the candidate's information.

My second problem items from the solution you gave to a previous problem. You were kind enough to give us a solid grant to meet traveling expenses and salaries of three professors, one on the United States and the Western World, other on the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet Bloc, and the third one on Asian Foreign Affairs. Well, I have the feeling that we should rather start thinking about whom those professors may be, or, perhaps, as a first step, what type of professors should they be.

As far as I can make it out, I have the impression that we may think in each case of the outstanding professor in each field, or one of the two or three outstanding figures. The other way, to look at the problem would be to think of much younger man, not so prominent but mature, with enough experience in what would be, after all, the real problems of our students: to give them a solid ground work, a good command of facts and patterns, and the right approach to present problems.

I know American and European professors are used to make their plans with one or two years in advance. Then if we could decide this point soon, I may start corresponding with the professors selected as to the possible content of their courses, the methods most appropriate to our needs, and the bibliography they will

need so as to start buying on time the books and periodicals required.

Would you care make some suggestions on this point?

With best wishes

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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noviembre 22, 1960.

Sr. John P. Harrison
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Querido amigo Harrison:

Estoy ya haciendo gestiones para obtener de la OEA la ayuda necesaria para contar con dos profesores en el semestre del 1º de febrero al 30 de junio de 1962, que se encarguen de esos dos cursos: Estados Unidos de 1805 a 1920, y Europa de 1870 a 1920. He planteado el problema a la OEA de si para el segundo semestre sería forzoso que el profesor fuera de algún país miembro de la OEA, y, en ese caso, habría que pensar quizás en un profesor norteamericano, razón por la cual, quisiera su ayuda en cuanto a sugerencias de posibles profesores para estos dos cursos.

Los dos pueden darse en idioma inglés; pero quizás debiera pensarse en la posibilidad de que el de historia norteamericana se diera en español.

Espero sus sugerencias lo más pronto posible, y con los mejores deseos de siempre, suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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November 17, 1960

Dear President Cosío:

In our new offices we have rather limited library storage facilities and have therefore decided to keep for only six months backward in time issues of the Current Digest of the Soviet Press. As you undoubtedly know, publication of the Digest is supervised by the Joint Committee on Slavic Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council and is supported in part by the Foundation.

In thinking of research organizations to which we might donate our complete set of back issues, it occurred to us that El Colegio's Center for International Studies might find the Digest of value for its work in Russian studies. If, therefore, El Colegio does not already subscribe to it and if you and your colleagues believe the Center could use the Digest to advantage, we would be glad to ship the back issues immediately and subsequent issues at regular intervals thereafter.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this suggestion and look forward to hearing from you at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

President Daniel Cosío Villegas
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F., MEXICO

KWT:H

November 22, 1960.

Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Your good letter of November 17 in regard to
back issues of the Current Digest of the Soviet Press.

We will certainly be glad to have them in
El Colegio's library, since we intend to try to make of Soviet
affairs one of our main field of study.

Will you please order that they be sent to
El Colegio's new address? This is

El Colegio de México
Guanaajuato 125
México 7, D.F.
México.

Thanks once more for remembering our Colegio,
and, with best wishes,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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November 17, 1960

Dear Daniel:

We have not been upset in any way by your delay in making more specific proposals with regard to your graduate program in history. It is important to do sound planning although we agree with you that it is also important to move ahead where there are urgent things to be done. The timing for consideration here of a proposal by you can depend largely on your convenience. We have meetings of the Executive Committee of our Board of Trustees in late January, late February, late May, and late June, and a meeting of the full Board in early April. I see no reason why the kind of proposals which you have in mind could not be considered at any of these meetings, provided that all the preparatory work could be completed about a month in advance. So it is up to you to consider both when it will be possible for you to work out the most convincing program and how long in advance of the starting of courses in January '62 it is important for you to have firm assurance of support.

Relevant, I suppose, is the fact that both I and Jack Harrison hope to be in Mexico City sometime in January or February. I personally am planning to be down for the dedication of your new building (assuming that this is still scheduled for the first week in February) and hope to take the last week of January for visits with Mrs. Fahs in Yucatan and perhaps Chiapas. I know that the time of the dedication will be a very busy one for you, but if we could spend a week in Mexico City as I hope, surely we could work out some time during this period for a good discussion of your plans. I do not know that Jack has yet fixed his schedule but if it was important for him to be in Mexico City at the same time for joint discussions we could no doubt arrange it that way.

With best personal regards,

Cordially,



Charles B. Fahs, Director

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado: 2123
Mexico, D.F.
Mexico

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November 22, 1960.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Burton:

Your good letter of November 17th reached me yesterday.

I have been working on the graduate program in history, but mostly finding out with Zavala, Miranda and the younger set, whether we agree on the best procedures and the final goals of this new endeavour.

It is fine to know that we have plenty of opportunities for our plans being submitted to your Executive Committee. I hope, however, to be able to correspond with you during December, so as to be able to present the formal application for your late January meeting. Experience tells me that El Colegio would need a full year preparatory work if the chances of success must be assured.

We are still planning to inaugurate our new building in the evening of Monday, February the 6th., next year, and I see no reason why we should change it. Those days will be busy ones, of course, but not as prevent me from talking with you and Jack any time you wish me to.

Now, let me ask for some help in a matter I did not intend to bother you with. The fact is, however, that there are in this immense world of ours so few people willing and able to help, that you go back time and again to the very few proven ones. Could you suggest me an effective way to find out what candidates could be for two courses we will have, for both students of history and of foreign affairs? The first one will be on chinese-japanese culture, for February-June, 1962; and the second on Indian culture for July-November, the same year. Both courses could be delivered in English, of course.

With best wishes,

yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas

December 28, 1960.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
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Dear Burton:

May I go over the last paragraph of my letter of November 22nd?

Dr. H. C. Gupta, Secretary, Board of Trustees, India International Center (and institution, I understand, heavily subsidied by your Foundation), has submitted the names of Mr. Chatterjee, professor of Ancient Indian History at Viswa Bharati University, and N. R. Day, professor of Indian Fine Arts at Calcuta University, as candidates to work at our Colegio. I don't know anything about them, but my doubts stem from this quotation from Mr. Gupta's letter: "anyone of them is competent to deal with the course on 'India Today' and also lecture on 'Indian Culture'."

I am rather skeptic as to miracles being produced nowadays, but my feelings are not strong enough to deny a priori that in India they still occur. A man dealing with the subject of "India Today", that is, with the problems confronted by India since Independence, must be trained primarily, I think, in the social sciences (economics, sociology, political science, etc.), while the one taking up the subject of Indian culture must be a humanist (history, philosophy, letters, art, etc.).

Could Dr. Gilpatrik say a word on this problem? Have you any other advise for me?

For you and Mrs. Fahs and the children our very best wishes.

Yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

diciembre 28, 1960.

Sr. John P. Harrison
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Querido amigo Harrison:

Aun cuando he sentido desde hace tiempo la necesidad de escribirle a usted, me he sabido contener con el propósito de no perturbar el gozo que todos los hombres esperan de la Navidad y del Año Nuevo. Así, esta carta le llegará a usted sin duda a principios de la semana entrante, cuando la gente regresa a su trabajo con un espíritu ya normal.

Aparte de las viejas deudas que tiene usted conmigo: comentarios sobre FORO INTERNACIONAL y el V tomo de la Historia Moderna de México, me debe usted respuesta a mi carta de noviembre 22. Y de aquí brota, de modo inevitable, una de esas interrogaciones psicológicas cuya respuesta es siempre insegura: si a las deudas viejas se acumula una nueva ¿el deudor será capaz de reaccionar, o, de lo contrario, se hundirá definitivamente en el abismo del silencio? Como sigo teniendo de usted la imagen de un hombre tan alto que casi no tiene término; de un hombre fuerte como un roble y con un sentido del humor que ayuda a capotear tempestades, me resuelvo por acumular un problema más con la certeza de que reaccionará usted vivamente y liquidará de un solo golpe maestro toda su deuda.

Hemos hablado varias veces de la intención del Colegio de publicar cuanto antes una Guía de los Archivos Norteamericanos que tengan interés para la Historia Contemporánea de México. Tengo la impresión de que después de muchos ensayos y correcciones, el original puede estar listo en unos tres o cuatro meses. Además de que, según lo convenido con usted de enviarle un capítulo de nuestra Guía, en demanda de opiniones y sugerencias, nos queda un claro que no hemos intentado, ni intentaremos, siquiera, llenar, a saber, la guía al material que se encuentra en los Archivos Nacionales de Washington. Puesto que usted tiene hecha esa guía, nosotros pensábamos advertirle al lector que debe acudir a ella por lo que toca al material de los Archivos Nacionales de Washington. Por desgracia, al menos yo, no tenemos una idea clara de cuál es la situación de la guía de usted y de sus posibilidades de publicación, pues es claro que la referencia a ella no sería segura sino en el caso de estar publicada.

¿Quiere usted decirme alguna palabra sobre esto?

Con un gran abrazo de Año Nuevo, suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

December 28, 1960.

Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson
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Dear Professor Thompson:

Your good letter of December 19th reached me yesterday.

Dr. Cuevas Cancino is supposed to start its work at El Colegio on January 2nd. So, in a week I shall be able to know your opinion on several matters I submitted to you earlier.

Just to take advantage of this opportunity, I should be very much obliged if you consider a new problem I have now.

I do not know whether you met in Mexico Carlos Bosch García, but certainly Harrison knows him well. Bosch is a graduate from El Colegio de México in History, and the only one of our students who took the diplomatic history of Mexico as a special field of study. He wrote his dissertation on U.S. - Mexican relations on the eve of the 1847 war, and has published two further volumes on similar subjects. Bosch has been in charge of the course on diplomatic history of Mexico at the School of Social and Political Sciences, and, as a matter of fact, he is the only successful teacher with the students of that School, having supervised most of the A.M. dissertations.

His main activity during the last five years, however, has been the distribution and sales of the National University's books and periodicals, and although he earns in that job much more than he can possibly earn in any teaching and research position, he wants to resign and go back to El Colegio. We could not incorporate him immediately to our faculty, since the course on diplomatic history of Mexico will not come until 1963.

On the other hand, the truth is that apart from very few monographic works, the diplomatic history of Mexico is still to be done. You don't find, for instance, a single general survey, as you have so many for the U.S. There is an appalling first hand work to be done, mainly archival work.

The fifth volume of our Modern History of Mexico covers Mexican relations with Central America, and I hope it will stand for a long time. But the next volume, covering the relations with the U. S., France, England and Spain from 1876 to 1910, will be far from complete, as I will leave out economic relations, claims, etc., and concentrate on the highlights of political problems. We will do a very thorough diplomatic history of Mexico in our Contemporary History, but then, it will cover only from 1911 to 1940.

The ground to be cover will be, then, from 1810 to 1876, and from 1941 to the present day, which is not a mean or light task.

I wonder, then, whether you would be willing to consider the possibility of a fellowship for Carlos Bosch García to do during two years, 1961-62, archival work, mainly here in Mexico, but also in Washington, and perhaps in Paris and Madrid, with a view a) to produce a detailed guide to materials dealing with the diplomatic history of Mexico; b) and anthology of outstanding diplomatic documents to be used for class work; c) to attempt the writing of a general survey of the diplomatic relations of Mexico from 1810 to the present day. I have in mind a fellowship of some \$ 350 a month.

I shall be very happy to see here professor Charles M. Hardin, when he comes down to Mexico. Could you tell me whether he will be in charge of some special work in your Division? Then, if Mr. Hardin is coming in February, you are not coming for the inauguration of our new building and of the whole program of the Center of International Studies? Please remember I invited you many months ago, and that I gave you the exact day: February 6th.

Now a word about FORO INTERNACIONAL. I hope you will receive soon your copy, mailed yesterday, and that you find some improvements in regard to the two previous issues. I would like, however, to call your attention on three points. Will you please glance over the cover? If you, by any chance, have a friend who specializes in good typography, I would like to hear about his opinion. For me, it is one of the very few instances in which the word "perfect" can be used properly. Then, if you look at Chiriboga's and Moreno's articles, you may see that we are now entering into the "hot" international problems. Finally, I wish you could read Luis Weckmann's review of Niebuhr's The Structure of Nations and Empires, first, because it seems to me very good; then, because it shows that at least some Mexican writers are capable of judging with their own eyes facts and ideas. Finally, because at the end of this review there is a reference to the Foundation which I suspect it will touch you more than any one else.

Weckmann is a good friend of mine, and being much younger, he respects me all right. I could then asked him to cut out his remark, especially because it is superfluous. I didnot because I was sure you did not mind, and then because it is good to practice freedom of expression.

With our best wishes for you and Madame Thompson,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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