

August 25, 1961.

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

Dear Burton:

I was glad indeed to read your lines of August 17th, first, because I learned you were at your New York office, as I rather have my friends near at hand and at a definite place. Then, because it is most flattering to find on you were interested in my Montgomery lectures. Since you don't mention it, may I assume that you did not find the English of these lectures a bit awkward?

I know Jack is vacationing. So, may I anticipate something I have in mind, or rather something that has come up again since I wrote you about it some time ago?

I was asked to head the Mexican delegation to the VII General Assembly of the Panamerican Institute of Geography and History. This gave me an unusual chance to get in touch with quite a number of outstanding Latin American historians. The best ones from Argentina, Brasil, Chile and Uruguay, fall down literally on me asking me what secrets we have here at El Colegio to do contemporary history. They pushed through the Institute's Historical Commission a recommendation calling attention to the great need to give contemporary history its due, and suggesting that either that Commission or directly El Colegio convene a conference of a small group of historians, both from the U. S. and Latin America to compare plans, experiences and methods, so each one of them could profit by the other's work and establish a certain common ground.

I think the idea is in itself a good one, and then I could not disregard the fact that such a meeting would give to El Colegio some sort of leadership, or the role of a clearing house in the field of Latin America contemporary history, a fact which is very flattering.

Needless to say, we have not funds to carry out the plan, and the only chance I see for its realization is your help. Do you believe is all wrong or entirely nonsense? On the contrary, does it make sense to you? I wish you could give to it some consideration.

With best wishes, cordially yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas

Memorandum para el
señor John P. Harrison,
sobre

COLOQUIO SOBRE HISTORIA CONTEMPORANEA

1.- El propósito principal sería reunir un cortísimo número (no mayor de diez) de historiadores latinoamericanos interesados en investigar y escribir la historia contemporánea de sus respectivos países, o quizás de alguna región (digamos la del Plata).

2.- Al Coloquio asistirían un buen número de historiadores mexicanos, muy probablemente la mayoría o la totalidad procederían de El Colegio de México, y, a reserva de retocar la lista, se puede pensar en José Miranda, Moisés González Navarro, Luis González y González y Eduardo Blanquel. El grupo principal, por supuesto, procedería de otros países latinoamericanos y de Estados Unidos.

3.- Por lo que toca a los historiadores norteamericanos, se ocurren dos posibles criterios: uno sería invitar a una o dos personas sobresalientes en la historia contemporánea, sin importar el país o región a que esa historia se refiera (puede ser, en consecuencia, Estados Unidos, Unión Soviética, la Europa Occidental, etc.). El otro criterio sería pensar en historiadores norteamericanos interesados en la historia contemporánea de los países latinoamericanos (tal, por ejemplo, el grupo de los que se interesan y han escrito acerca de la Revolución Mexicana).

4.- En cuanto a los latinoamericanos, habrá que indagar quiénes serían los más indicados, sea por consideraciones personales (intelli

gencia, laboriosidad, etc.), sea porque se encuentren al frente de instituciones (seminarios, cátedras, etc.) que se propongan trabajar en la historia contemporánea o que estén ya trabajando en ella. Ricardo Caillet-Bois de Argentina y José Honorio Rodríguez del Brasil, pueden dar quizás una idea del tipo de persona a invitar.

5.- Conviene pensar en una especie de agenda para las discusiones, si bien me parece impropio tratar de descender demasiado a particularidades, dejando, en consecuencia, los temas con una presentación muy general. Digamos como estos:

a) Fijación de las fechas inicial y terminal dentro de las cuales deba comprenderse la historia contemporánea de cada país, y fenómenos históricos que justificarían ésta o aquella solución.

b) El problema de la "perspectiva histórica".

c) Ventajas e inconvenientes de una historia demasiado contemporánea (o próxima al día de hoy).

d) El problema de las fuentes, sobre todo documentales.

e) ¿La historia contemporánea exige o aconseja una metodología de investigación distinta?

f) ¿La presentación escrita aconseja algunas variantes respecto de la historia tradicional?

6.- Parece aconsejable una reunión en que la gente se exprese libremente sobre estos y algunos otros temas, aun cuando puede pensarse si valdría la pena grabar en cinta magnética las discusiones. Es menester pensar si convendría hacer públicas estas discusiones, es decir, poder invitar a escucharlas a un público general, aun cuando reducido en todo caso, o si conviene hacer las pláticas a puerta cerrada, para que la gente se sienta con mayor libertad para expre-

sarse, y, en ese caso, pensar en publicar una síntesis de la versión grabada.

7.- No creo que valga la pena pensar en más de cinco días, de conversaciones matutinas y vespertinas, cada una de una duración de dos a dos y media horas.

8.- En fin, el auxilio de la Fundación consistiría en una suma de dinero necesaria para pagar los pasajes en avión, clase turística, a los invitados, y una dieta diaria que les permita vivir en México, digamos durante una semana, o diez días a lo sumo.

México, D. F., diciembre 6, 1961.

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THE HUMANITIES

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February 6, 1962

Dear don Daniel:

This letter is in regard to the proposed Colloquium on Contemporary History that you suggest be held at El Colegio de Mexico.

On the basis of your memorandum I assume you would invite not more than ten historians from Latin American countries other than Mexico; and perhaps two or three from this country, only one of whom would be concerned with Latin America, the other two being outstanding men in Russian, U.S., or Slavic contemporary history. ✓ The remaining participants would be a selected number of Mexicans associated with the Contemporary History Seminar at El Colegio.

As you point out, the expenses would be confined to travel for the non-Mexicans and their living expenses during the period of the Colloquium. If the formal sessions continue for five days I am assuming that you would want to provide the visitors with perhaps eight days' living expenses in Mexico. Again assuming that not more than six of the other Latin Americans would be from the La Plata area or Chile, it seems probable that transportation and living expenses could be covered within the Foundation's grant-in-aid limit of \$10,000. If you agree that this seems feasible I would be in a position to bring a request from El Colegio into formal consideration here on receipt of a program that would include the points described briefly in your memorandum. X

My own impression - which is in no way binding on you or El Colegio - is that the Latin Americans should, at least in the majority of cases, represent institutions that are carrying on serious historical research and advanced teaching in the field. While perhaps 75% or 80% of these men would be personally concerned with the study of contemporary history, I believe ✓ one or two ✓ might be intelligent well-trained historians whose institutes have up to now been concerned primarily with the 19th century or the Colonial period. In this way they could get a good basis for extending their work into contemporary history, for they will most certainly have to enter this field if their institutes are going to be effective. I am thinking, perhaps, in particular of the History Seminar at the University of Chile where the three principal figures, Mellafe, Gongora, and Jara, are all working in the Colonial period. The Seminar's director, Pereira Salas, is pretty much a generalist although his own knowledge is largely confined to Chilean history.

Another possibility would be to consider one Peruvian. Even though no historical institute exists in Peru with any serious concern for contemporary

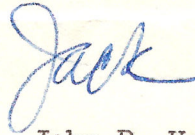
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history, there is an intelligent concern there on the part of people like Basadre, Francisco Miro Quesada, and Augusto Salazar Bondy, for establishing an institute operating somewhat along the lines of El Colegio that would concern itself with contemporary history and political thought.

✓ Do you want any suggestions as to possible U.S. historians of Soviet Russia, Asia, or the United States? ✓ If really outstanding figures in these fields can be found, and I think they can, they might also serve the secondary purpose of helping you with your thinking on the development of history teaching in these fields at El Colegio.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



John P. Harrison
Associate Director

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febrero 16, 1962.

Sr. John P. Harrison
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Querido amigo Harrison:

Antes de someter una solicitud formal de El Colegio, quisiera intercambiar con usted algunas ideas acerca de los problemas que ambos contemplamos en la convocación a un coloquio de historiadores interesados en la historia contemporánea, nacional o regional.

1) Más bien me inclino a pensar en unos seis o siete historiadores latinoamericanos, en dos o tres de Estados Unidos (o dos norteamericanos y uno europeo) y tres o cuatro mexicanos. Todo ello con la idea de que el grupo total no rebase la cifra de doce.

2) Pensando ya en personas concretas, se me han ocurrido los siguientes nombres: Carlos Rama (Uruguay); Ricardo Caillet-Bois (Argentina); José Luis Romero (Argentina); Eugenio Pereira Salas (Chile); Jorge Basadre (Perú); Jaime Jaramillo (Colombia); y Gilberto Freire (Brasil).

3) De mexicanos asistiríamos quizás Luis González, Moisés González, Leopoldo Zea, Justino Fernández y yo.

4) En cuanto a norteamericanos, se me ocurren los nombres de Charles Griffin, por haber participado, según usted lo sabe, en los trabajos del Programa de Historia de América y en particular en uno de los problemas que, me parece, interesa examinar, a saber, enfoque nacional versus enfoque regional. También convendría tener mucho en cuenta a la señora o señorita (nunca he tenido una inclinación particular de averiguar los aspectos íntimos de la vida de los historiadores) Caroline Ware por la circunstancia (que también conoce usted sin duda) de estar ella encargada del tomo VI de ese famoso Historia del Desarrollo Científico y Cultural de la Humanidad, patrocinado por la UNESCO, volumen que, justamente, trata del siglo XIX. Es, pues, persona muy familiarizada con el tipo de problemas que pueden examinarse en el coloquio. Conviene, ciertamente, pensar en un historiador norteamericano que trabaje problemas contemporáneos soviéticos o de algún país asiático; pero piense usted en la complicación que significaría que estas personas no entendieran el español, lengua en la cual hablaríamos todos incluyendo a los dos historiadores norteamericanos ya mencionados. No importaría que se expresaran en inglés, pues todos los concurrentes, quien más, quien menos, entienden ese idioma; pero decididamente no podríamos proporcionar un servicio de interpretación simultánea.

Espero, pues, sugerencias de usted en cuanto a estos candidatos.

5) De temas, hemos pensado en dos posibles series: una de carácter metodológico y la otra expositiva. En la primera figurarían temas como los siguientes: a) ¿qué tan contemporánea puede ser una historia? b) el problema de las fuentes. c) Enfoque nacional vs. enfoque regional. En cuanto a los temas expositivos pensaríamos en pedirle a cuatro de los concurrentes el presentar un bosquejo de los principales problemas con que se tropezaría en ensayo de historia contemporánea de la América Latina, en sus aspectos político, económico, social y cultural.

Vengan, entonces, los comentarios para darle a todo forma.

Suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

DCV/meh.-

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February 27, 1962

Dear don Daniel:

This is in reply to your letter of February 16 in which you set forth your thoughts concerning the individuals who might effectively participate in the proposed colloquium on the writing of contemporary history of Latin America.

I think the numbers you suggest would work well. As to the six or seven non-Mexican Latin Americans, I do not know Carlos Rama of Uruguay and wonder if you have given any thought to a youngish - mid thirties - Uruguayan historian now working with José Luis Romero and Gino Germani at the University of Buenos Aires on the impact of massive European immigration on the Rio de la Plata area in the 20th century. Gustavo Beyhaut, I believe, is going to be a leading figure in contemporary social and political history in the Plata area. His background is largely study with Braudel of the Sixieme Section at the École des Hautes Études. Caillet-Bois certainly is a major figure of Argentine history and would doubtless be included even though his own interests and approach are fairly traditional. José Luis Romero is in the peculiar situation of considering himself a medievalist within the History Department and yet writing always on 20th century Argentina. He certainly is a formative figure for younger Argentinians. Pereira Salas is, I believe, a "must" because of his position as Director of the Institute for American History at the University of Chile, where he is having, and will continue to have, some trouble in getting the better young Chilean historians working on contemporary history. Basadre, of course, is along with you the leading Latin American figure in the field of contemporary history. The latest edition of his thoroughly re-done "History of Peru Since Independence" is in the hands of the press and should be coming out shortly. When last I talked with him, he expected to spend this year doing a one-volume history of Peru that would take Peruvian history through 1930 in the Spanish edition, and through 1960 in an English edition. However, I understand he has been prevailed upon to run for Senator of Tacna. How this will affect the time he devotes to contemporary history you can guess better than I.

February 27, 1962

For Brazil the choice is difficult, but my own inclination would be to ask Sergio Buarque de Holanda rather than Gilberto Freyre. Buarque is conducting seminars on contemporary history at the University of São Paulo and will have, I believe, a greater influence as a teacher and possibly as a writer in the future than will Freire. This is purely an opinion which you can balance against the reactions of others.

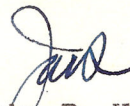
I have no business commenting on your selection of Mexicans, although I do wonder at the choice of Zea.

As to the non-Latin Americans, I think your thought of two North Americans and one European is a good one. Griffin is particularly effective in colloquia such as this and while I do not know Caroline Ware personally, she certainly has a good reputation. I would think that at least one of the North Americans or the European chosen should be a historian of contemporary Asia. ✓ I am making an effort to determine which of the first-level Asian or Russian historians speak Spanish. I will send you this list, if indeed any do exist, shortly. ✓

The themes suggested by you seem logical to me. I would expect that the group would set something in the nature of standards for work in contemporary history as well as the techniques needed to properly answer the pertinent questions. I would hope that from contact with the work at El Colegio, the other Latin Americans would be better able to set in motion continuous and consistent work on contemporary problems. ✓ Perhaps, as soon as you have heard from me about Spanish-speaking non-Western historians, ✓ you could send in a formal proposal.

With eve y good wish.

Yours sincerely,


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June 29, 1962

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Dear President Cosio:

I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of June 18 to Dr. John P. Harrison, regarding the meeting of historians who are interested in contemporary history. As soon as Dr. Gerald Freund returns from his vacation in mid-July, you will hear from him concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Donna L. Frederick
Donna L. Frederick
Secretary to Dr. Freund

President Daniel Cosio Villegas
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August 6, 1962

Dear Don Daniel:

This is a reply to your inquiry concerning the proposed colloquium in contemporary history at El Colegio. My colleagues and I are agreed to this proposal in principle and would be prepared to receive an official request for funds not exceeding \$10,000 to cover the travel and living costs for the non-Mexican participants in the colloquium.

The problem of a U. S. historian expert on the Far East remains to be solved. We have two suggestions which you may wish to follow up. Although we do not know about his Spanish language facility, Professor Robert A. Scalapino, Chairman of the Department of Political Science of the University of California at Berkeley, is one of the chief U. S. experts on the Far East. He also traveled there extensively last year. You may be familiar with one or more of his scholarly works.

The other suggestion is Professor Benjamin Schwartz, of the East Asian Research Center at Harvard. A colleague here tells me that Professor Schwartz was at one time a Romance languages scholar. Thus he may be expected to have some Spanish-speaking abilities. He is, of course, one of the most distinguished experts on the Far East, particularly on China. I recently heard that Professor Scalapino has been invited to teach at the National University in Mexico next summer. We have not approached either Scalapino or Schwartz regarding the proposed colloquium and therefore do not know about their possible availability. Of course, there is no reason why they should not know that officers of The Rockefeller Foundation suggested their names to you.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



Gerald Freund
Assistant Director

President Daniel Cosío Villegas
El Colegio de México
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Dictated by Dr. Freund on
August 2 but signed in his absence

P. S. Jack Harrison and I are leaving this week end for a trip through Chile and Argentina. I expect to return to the office on August 20.

August 15, 1962

Dr. Gerald Freund
The Rockefeller Foundation
Humanities and Social Sciences
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, N.Y.
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Dear Dr. Freund:

According to the correspondence I had with Drs. Fahs and Harrison, and lately with yourself, I am submitting for your kind consideration a formal request for a sum of money not to exceed \$ 10,000 to meet the travel and living cost for the non-Mexican participants in a colloquium in contemporary history, to be convened at El Colegio as soon as the necessary preparatory work is completed.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

DCV/ehf

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The Rockefeller Foundation records its grants in an *Annual Report*, and in *Rockefeller Foundation Grants*, issued quarterly, in which brief reports of grants are published soon after they have been made.

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The Foundation requests, however, that in making public references to grants, recipients avoid any implication that the Foundation has any control over the project or any responsibility for its results.

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Janet M. Paine, Assistant Secretary

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In reply please quote:

GA SS 6252

December 20, 1962

Dear President Cosio Villegas:

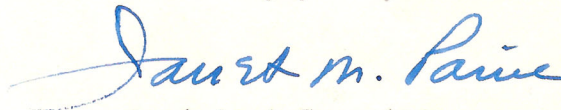
I am glad to be able to inform you that action has been taken by the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation to make available the sum of \$10,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to El Colegio de Mexico toward the costs of a colloquium primarily of Latin American scholars in contemporary history. This sum is for use during a period of one year beginning approximately January 1, 1963, at the end of which time any unexpended balance will revert to the Foundation.

In recommending this grant, it was the officers' understanding that the funds would be used to defray travel of non-Mexican participants and their maintenance costs in Mexico City for the week-long colloquium. Arrangements for payments on this grant may be made by writing directly to our Comptroller.

A brief public announcement of this grant will be made in the next quarterly report of the Foundation. In this connection we are enclosing for your information 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,



Assistant Secretary

President Daniel Cosio Villegas
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Enclosure

diciembre 31, 1962.

Dr. Gerald Freund
The Rockefeller Foundation
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Dear Dr. Freund:

You could hardly imagine the zest with which I am confronting the real task of answering, after my return from Paris, nothing less than four letters of yours, dated November 1, 2, 20 and 29. Two of them, it is true, even doing some violence, could not afford but a short acknowledgment. That is the case of the ones relating Miss Ota Mishima's award of a scholarship and a family allowance.

The other two letters, on the contrary, deserve a comment. First, in regard to our scholarship's needs. Allow me to make some history. (After six one thousand pages volumes of history, I must apologize for doing any additional history.) Jack Harrison made one of his last trips to Mexico to interview a group of four candidates for scholarships in history: Miss Ota Mishima, Mr. Jorge Alberto Manrique, Miss Teresa Rhode and Mr. Tarcisio García Díaz. He had a good impression of all four, but he said that, at the moment, that is to say, this year, there was room only for two, and that the Foundation's preference would be in the fields of Oriental Studies and American History.

For those two reasons he recommended Miss Ota and, in the absence of any candidate for American History, he picked up Manrique as the one to cover a wider range of interest. The consequence of this choice was, naturally, that Miss Rhode, interested in Greek and Roman History, and Mr. Díaz, in the Renaissance period, were left as candidates for next year.

We had hoped that this two candidates could start their work (Miss Rhode at the Historical Institute of London University, and Mr. Díaz at Rome University) in February next year, but at present it seems we have to plan their departure for next fall. Since many things are left to be done during the coming months, I am taking the liberty of asking you if I may tell these people to draw up their program of studies to submit it to you.

We have at present no more candidates for scholarships in other of the fields I pointed out in my previous letter on this subject. One reason was the uncertainty of having the Foundation's further support. I see now that we can go ahead.

I wish I would have a little time to write you even a short paragraph on other than business matters, but I haven't got any.

So, with the very best wishes,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas

January 4, 1963.

The Rockefeller Foundation
Office of the Comptroller
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Comptroller:

Miss Janet M. Paine, Asistant Secretary, has advised me, on December 20th last year, that under grant GA SS 6252, we may call on you for a sum of \$10,000 made available to El Colegio de México to organize a colloquium on Contemporary History.

As we must start immediatly sending out the necessary invitations and incur in some expenses, we would like to have that sum at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

DCV/meh.-

January 4, 1963.

REF: GA SS 6252

Miss Janet M. Paine
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Miss Paine:

Thanks, indeed, for your kind letter of December 20, regarding the action taken by the officers of the Foundation to make available the sum of \$10,000 toward the cost of colloquium on contemporary history.

May I ask you to transmit to the proper authorities our deep appreciation for this new aid?

Sincerely yours.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

DCV/meh.-

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January 10, 1963

Dear Don Daniel:

Many thanks for your letter of December 31. I am sorry to have littered your desk with so many letters.

Do indeed suggest to Miss Rhode and Mr. Diaz that they send us statements of their study plans for their potential Rockefeller Foundation scholarship candidacy. When Charles Hardin or I next have the pleasure of visiting El Colegio, we will certainly interview them; and we recognize that this should be done in time for them to plan to go abroad for the forthcoming academic year, 1963-64.

In the meantime you have also heard, I trust, about the Foundation's action to assist the colloquium of modern historians at El Colegio. We will look forward to hearing more about this program as the plans are shaped.

Some time ago we wrote to Dr. Zavala in Paris reiterating our invitation to him to visit the Foundation on his journey back to Mexico. To date we have not received a reply from him. Has he postponed his departure from Paris, or is he traveling directly to Mexico? If the latter, we naturally hope to see him here on some other near occasion.

Kenneth Thompson is currently traveling in Asia, but I know he would want us to include his best wishes for the new year along with those of Dr. Hardin and myself.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Director

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TO

El Colegio de Mexico

VOUCHER No.

DATE January 14, 1963

Enclosed herewith, the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company draft No. 371632 drawn on Banco Nacional de Mexico, payable at Mexico D. F., to cover:

Payment in full of GA SS 6252 as requested by President Daniel Cocio Villegas in his letter of January 4, 1963. \$10,000.00

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The Rockefeller Foundation

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January 17, 1963

Re: GA SS 6252

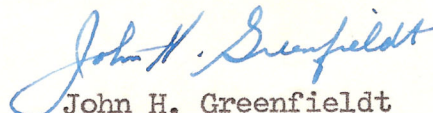
Dear Dr. Villegas:

In accordance with your request of January 4, we are pleased to enclose a draft in the amount of \$10,000 as payment in full of the grant noted above.

In stating the beginning date of the grant as approximately January 1, 1963, it was the Foundation's intention to permit flexibility insofar as the actual beginning date is concerned. In other words, the first expenditure may be made on any date during the period from December 17, 1962 to June 30, 1963. We would appreciate it if you would advise us of the actual beginning date in due course. The grant will then terminate one year from that date.

At the termination of the grant, we shall appreciate receiving a statement of receipts and expenditures. Should any balance remain unexpended at the termination date, it is to revert to the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,



John H. Greenfieldt
Assistant Comptroller

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Enclosure

January 22, 1963

Dr. Gerald Freund
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Dear Dr. Freund:

Just a line to answer your good letter of January 10th, which reached Mexico City while I was in New York, just three blocks away from your imposing office (How is it? So far as I remember, I have never been in it).

Since you will be talking with Dr. Zavala today, I don't need to take up this point.

Of course I heard about your action in regard to the colloquium on modern history, so much so that I wrote immediately to your good comptroller applying for the whole sum of \$10,000.

We are moving fast on this matter, since we would like to have it by the end of April. So we have so far sent out invitations to the following historians:

Jorge Basadre (Perú)
Eugenio Pereira Salas (Chile)
Ricardo Caillet-Bois (Argentina)
Carlos Rama (Uruguay)
José Honorio Rodrigues (Brasil)
Mariano Picón Salas (Venezuela)
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As you see, it looks (and sounds) impressive.

May I ask a favor? Please pass the word among your own and all the Foundation's secretaries (a hundred?) that my only address will be from now on as follows:

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado 2123
México, D.F.
MEXICO.

This being, my last official letter, I rather wish for you and friends at the Rockefeller, the best

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Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

January 24, 1963.

Mr. John H. Greenfieldt,
Assistant Comptroller,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Greenfieldt,

Your good letter of January 17, regarding
grant G A SS 6252.

As to the beginning date, we may say March
15th.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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