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June 12, 1941

Señor Alfonso Reyes
El Colegio de México
Pánuco 63
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My dear Dr. Reyes:

A good friend of mine, Professor William Maynard, who is on leave from Dartmouth College and who is now in Mexico, gave me your name as being probably the best person from whom I might discover whether there is a Mexican Philosophical Association and if so, who its officers are.

The American Philosophical Association has voted to invite the philosophers in America to a hemispheric congress of philosophy, probably to be held in 1942. There was to be an international congress of philosophy in Holland this year (this time and date was decided at the last international congress held in Paris in 1937). It is clear that the unfortunate events in Europe make the international congress of philosophy impossible for this year. The possibility of a Pan American congress, therefore, seemed the more appealing. We should naturally like to get as good a representation as possible from Mexico and the countries lying to the south. I would, then, be very appreciative of any information you could give me with regard to who would be the best people to write to about this matter.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius Kruse

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P.S. I can read Spanish even if I can't write it. If you prefer to answer in Spanish, I shall be pleased.

México, D.F. a 18 de junio de 1941.

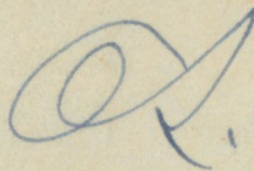
Mr. Cornelius Krusé,
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*Exp. Peticiones
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Muy estimado señor:-

Con todo placer contesto su atenta del 12 del actual, felicitándolo por su oportuna iniciativa para un Congreso de Filosofía en 1942. El momento, aparte de su oportunidad por razones más profundas, es especialmente oportuno en cuanto al desarrollo que están adquiriendo los estudios filosóficos en los países latinoamericanos. Supongo que tiene usted relaciones con el filósofo argentino Francisco Romero (Eduardo Costa, 2660, Martínez, F.C.C.A. Argentina) que concentra en torno a su alta personalidad todo el actual pensamiento filosófico sudamericano. Anoche mismo leí en la Revista de Cultura Venezolana (Caracas, Venezuela) una reseña que demuestra la actividad de los venezolanos en este orden del saber. En cuanto a México, sin duda debe usted dirigirse al doctor don Eduardo García Maynez, Director de la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Ribera de San Cosme, 71, México, D.F., quien, además de esta situación universitaria, preside un centro de estudios filosóficos que congrega a todos los filósofos mexicanos y españoles que actualmente trabajan en México.

Deseándole el mayor éxito, quedo de usted atento y
s.s.



Alfonso Reyes.