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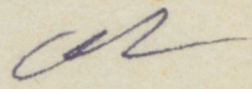
México, D. F., 22 de octubre de 1951.

Miss Margaret Shedd,
México, D. F.

Mi muy estimada amiga:

En consonancia con nuestra reciente conversación, y habiendo pulsado en lo particular la opinión de los miembros de nuestra Junta de Gobierno y aun de algunos representantes de las instituciones asociadas que sostienen el Colegio de México, me apresuro a manifestarle que, desgraciadamente, se confirma mi opinión previa sobre la imposibilidad en que se encontraría el Colegio para aceptar la proyectada solicitud de usted respecto a acoger en su seno las labores del Centro de Escritores que usted tan acertadamente dirige, o servir de cualquier manera de intermediario con respecto a la administración o labores del mismo, puntos todos que resultan del todo ajenos a los fines establecidos por la Escritura Constitutiva del Colegio de México.

No dudo de que usted encontrará una solución acertada a su actual problema, y la saluda con toda cordialidad y respeto su amigo y s. s.


Alfonso Reyes.

1616 La Vereda
Berkeley 8 Calif.
24 June 1952

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I thought that as a member of the Comité de Becas Literarias of last year, you would like to know that our request has been granted by the Rockefeller Foundation for the current year. We will have ten fellowships this year, four for creative writers, and six for studies by three Mexicans and three North Americans, who will work together, one Mexican and one North American, on each study. Funds have been allowed for the purchase of books for the studies. The total grant is for about \$20,000 American currency.

But our sponsor for the project is no longer Mexico City College. It is the Instituto Mexicano-Norteamericano de Relaciones Culturales. Shortly after I left Mexico in March, it became evident through correspondence that Mr. Murray at Mexico City College was not prepared to give the kind of sponsorship needed. Indeed, Mexico City College would not guarantee that the tuition money of the ten becarios, \$4,200 American currency, be used directly for the maintenance of the project. Therefore I refused MCC sponsorship. Time was so short and the distance so great that I had to take this step without consulting the Committee, but the fact was that under the terms of sponsorship offered by MCC, the project could not have functioned at all.

Meantime, Mr. John Elmendorf and the Instituto offered sponsorship under the most satisfactory and generous terms, and I accepted it gladly. All funds received go directly to the project, and we receive housing and much other valuable help from the Instituto.

I myself have been ill, but plan to return to Mexico early in August, and hope that we can have the manuscripts from applicants all in by that time and take our decisions soon after, and start the program by the end of August.

Please write me on any point of the program. Sr. Felipe García Beraza will again be serving as secretary to the Honorary Committee. Ramón Xirau and Juan José Arreola who have done splendid work all spring in preparing data on the proposed studies, will serve as two of the study leaders and as members of the active committee. The Instituto has asked me to add the name of Dr. Julio Jiménez Rueda, chairman of the board of directors of the Instituto, to the honorary committee, and we welcome him heartily. Mr. John Elmendorf himself will serve on the active committee.

I believe the change of sponsorship will greatly improve our situation and that we shall have a fine year ahead.

I know you share with me a feeling of loss in the recent death of Mr. Herschel Brickell.

With sincere personal regards, and most
cordially,

Margaret Shedd

Mexico City College

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México, D. F., 28 de junio de 1952.

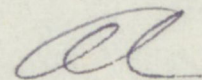
Mrs. Margaret Shedd,
1616 La Vereda,
Berkeley 8, California,
U. S. A.

Mi fina amiga:

Poco antes de recibir su grata carta del 27, la SR me había dado ya la triste noticia del fallecimiento de nuestro amigo H. Brickell, hecho que tanto he lamentado.

El resto de la carta de usted sólo me trae gratas nuevas y me da motivos para felicitarme y felicitarla a usted cordialmente: la concesión de Rockefeller, el arreglo con Elmendorf, el nombramiento de nuestro amigo Julio Jiménez Rueda, etc.

Hasta agosto, pues, y un afectuoso saludo de su amigo y servidor,



Alfonso Reyes.