

Comité Organizador

1. Daniel Corio Vellegos
 2. Luis González
 3. Miguel León Cortés
 4. Alejandra Herrera de ~~Fernando~~ Florescano
 5. Edmundo O'Farran
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Primera Lista de Participantes

1. Arturo Arvizu y Frey
2. Carlos Bosch García
3. Romeo Flores Caballero
4. Demetrio García
5. Delia López Arreola
6. Wuyberto Jomerez Moreno
7. Ernesto de la Torre Velasco
8. Berta Velasco
9. Josefina Valenzuela de Knauth
10. Irene Valenzuela de Marman
11. Leopoldo Zea



Howard F. Cline, Chairman Woodrow W. Borah
Charles Gibson Lyle N. McAlister John L. Phelan
Stanley J. Stein James W. Wilkie

Mexico City
March 5, 1968

MEMORANDUM

To: Stanley Ross, Chairman
CLAH ad hoc Committee on Third Meeting of Mexican-U.S. Historians

From: Howard F. Cline

Subject: Conversation with Daniel Cosío Villegas

On Tuesday, March 5, 1968, I had a pleasant luncheon conference with Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas concerning the Third Meeting of the Historians of Mexico and the U.S., carrying forward your previous discussions, as summarized in your letter to me dated February 15, 1968. I reported that CLAH had named a National Committee of five to carry on further planning. Cosío lamented that there is no Mexican equivalent to the American Historical Association or CLAH, hence on the Mexican side of arrangements, the co-sponsorship would necessarily come through an ad hoc Mexican National Committee that would represent El Colegio de México, as well as the National University, a group that would not exceed five persons. Cosío agreed to act as Chairman of the Mexican National Committee. He said that within about two weeks, after his consultations with colleagues, that Committee could be constituted. It will include Cosío Villegas as Chairman, with Edmundo O'Gorman, and three others whom they will select. It is distinct from a Mexican local arrangements committee, which will be named later.

Discussions elicited the following points of provisional agreement, to be confirmed and amended when the two National Committees convene for a joint session:

1. Time

Fall 1969, possibly around October 12, seemed to be an appropriate target date. It falls between peak tourist seasons in Mexico, and is compatible with most academic schedules.

2. Place

A site outside Mexico City, probably Oaxtepec, was agreed to be desirable as the meeting place. Cosío indicated that El Colegio had people knowledgeable about making local arrangements there.

3. Size of Meeting

Cosío suggested that the meeting be purely professional, and that plans be made on the basis of providing local facilities for participants only. This does not preclude a general invitation to the CLAH membership to attend, but such should require intention to register at an early enough date to permit the local arrangements committee to plan for such an additional increment.

4. Theme

Final determination should be left up to joint agreement between the two National Committees. Cosío reacted favorably to my suggestion that perhaps the main theme could be the international historiography of the major periods of Mexican history, including Ancient (Aboriginal), with perhaps some special flexibility for the nineteenth century and recent-contemporary. Chairmen of sessions might suggest subdivisions within the main periods for which they assume responsibility.

5. Participation

It was agreed that to suggest particular participants before a joint meeting of the National Committees and naming of session or period chairmen would be premature. However, there was accord on the following points:

- a. Emphasis should be placed on inviting participation by younger scholars (ages 25-35), particularly those who had not previously been involved in international meetings to present papers and commentaries, older scholars are not precluded, but their primary roles would be chairmen of sessions and commentators;
- b. A sprinkling of European, Asiatic, and Latin American scholars with interest in Mexican history should be invited, as funds and program plans permit.

6. Next steps

Cosío indicated that within about a fortnight the Mexican National Committee would be constituted and have preliminary consultations. On the basis of these he would transmit a preliminary Mexican proposal concerning the meeting to you, for consideration and appropriate action by the U.S. National Committee. A copy of that proposal will also be sent to the CLAH Secretariat in the Library of Congress for its files.

*Invitation European or Latin American participation
(Chairman)*

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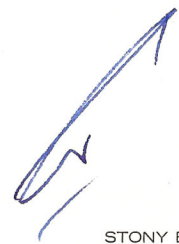
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March 18, 1968

Lic. Daniel Cosío Villegas
31 Piso Torre Latinamericana
Mexico 1, D.F.

Muy estimado don Daniel:

It was a pleasure talking with you the other day. I was particularly appreciative to your enthusiastic response to the news of my acceptance of the Directorship of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas. Your offer to be of assistance was most generous, and I am certain that I'll need your counsel on many occasions.

After many earlier false starts, it appears that with the formation of LASA (Latin American Studies Association) a viable vehicle has been found for a national organization for those from a variety of disciplines who are interested in Latin America. LASA has assumed responsibility for the Latin American Research Review and is now planning its first annual national gathering.

The conference will be held in New York City November 7 through 9. I am scheduled to chair a session on the afternoon of November 9 which will have for its theme "The Roots and Characteristics of Nationalism." Arthur Whitaker has agreed to be the speaker (40 to 45 minutes). Gonzalo Aguirre Beltrán (Anthropology) and Seymour Menton (Literature) have accepted assignments as commentators (20 to 25 minutes each) and invitations are out to Stanton Catlin (Art) and Merle Kling (Political Science) to perform the same function. I have suggested that the commentators both discuss the Whitaker paper and view the subject from the viewpoint of their respective disciplines.

✓ The role I and my colleagues had envisioned for you was that of summarizing and analyzing the session in some thirty minutes after the speaker and commentators have spoken. ✓ I am authorized to assure you that your round-trip travel would be covered as well as your local expenses during the period of the meeting.

✓ I have requested that Whitaker have his paper available for all concerned by the second half of September. I would hope that the commentators would have their contributions available by the last third of October. ✓

I hope that your schedule and commitments will permit you to accept this

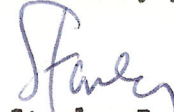
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assignment. Since we would like to formalize arrangements as quickly as possible, I look forward to an early response. With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Stanley R. Ross
Dean

SRR:mk

México, D.F., marzo 22, 1968.

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Querido amigo Ross:

Desde hace una semana pretendí escribirle a usted en relación con esa proyectada reunión de historiadores mexicano-norteamericanos. Para el futuro, sin embargo, me serviría mucho averiguar con quién exactamente debo entenderme, pues del asunto me han hablado usted mismo y Cline, y, según le dije a usted en nuestra conversación telefónica, Cline me mandó una copia del memorandum cuyo original estaba destinado a usted.

En todo caso, por ahora puedo darle las siguientes informaciones. El comité organizador, de cinco miembros, estaría compuesto por las siguientes personas: Daniel Cosío Villegas, Luis González, Miguel León Portilla, Alejandra Moreno de Florescano y Edmundo O'Gorman. Usted sabe que nosotros no tenemos una asociación de historiadores mexicanos; por lo tanto, la designación de este comité tiene que ser hecho de dos consideraciones: la aceptación, por supuesto, de las personas, y segundo, que representen a las instituciones que más trabajan en el campo de la historia mexicana. Luis González y yo representaríamos digamos el sector Colegio de México; Miguel León Portilla el del Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, y Edmundo O'Gorman, la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la Universidad Nacional. De acuerdo con lo convenido con usted y Cline, he incluido a Alejandra Moreno de Florescano por ser una hica de muchas cualidades y con la idea de que represente una generación más joven de historiadores.

He pensado en una primera lista de participantes, a saber: Arturo Arnáiz y Freg, Carlos Bosch García, Romero Flores Caballero, Bernardo García, Delfina López Sarra lengue, Wigberto Jiménez Moreno; Ernesto de la Torre Villar, Berta Ulloa, Josefina Vázquez de Knault, Irene Vázquez de Warman, Leopoldo

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do Zea. A todos ellos los conoce usted con la excepción de Romeo Flores Caballero, un historiador de Monterrey, formado en la Universidad de Texas, ahora profesor en El Colegio de México y que representa una generación intermedia entre los viejos y los muy jóvenes. Los otros tres, son, en cambio, historiadores jóvenes (de menos de 30 años).

Según le dijo a usted Cline, habíamos convenido que fuera el de la Historiografía, el tema único de la reunión. Podría dividirse en dos subtemas principales, "La historiografía tradicional" y "La historiografía moderna". Por lo que toca a la primera, podría dividirse en los cinco subtemas siguientes: "Panorama de la historiografía precortesiana"; "Historiografía Novohispana de los siglos XVI y XVII"; "Los historiadores de la ilustración mexicana"; "La historiografía mexicana de la primera mitad del siglo XIX"; "El México de 1800-1850 en la conciencia anglosajona y germánica".

En cuanto a la "Historiografía Moderna", se puede pensar en los siguientes subtemas: "Las síntesis mexicanas de la historia de México"; "Las obras de historia general de México hechas en los Estados Unidos"; "La historiografía regional en México"; "La historiografía parroquial hecha en México"; "Contribuciones norteamericanas a la historia regional y parroquial de México"; "La historiografía mexicana de la vida social y económica"; "Aportaciones norteamericanas a la historia económica y social de México"; "La historiografía política mexicana del México moderno"; "La historiografía política norteamericana de tema mexicano"; "La historia de las ideas y la cultura mexicanas".

Estas ideas del programa las ha sugerido Luis González y, desde luego, me parecen muy atractivas. Sin embargo, esperearemos, por supuesto, los comentarios de ustedes.

Suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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México, D.F., marzo 27, 1968.

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Querido amigo Ross:

Me refiero a su carta del 18 de marzo, y su amable invitación para asistir en noviembre próximo a una reunión que tendrá lugar en la ciudad de Nueva York.

En realidad, desde que me la hizo usted telefónicamente, sabía yo cuál era la única posible respuesta que debía darle; pero como encuentro siempre muy difícil dar explicaciones complicadas por teléfono, me reservé para esta oportunidad. Nadie lo recuerda, pero yo sí: el 1° de julio de 1948 comencé a trabajar en la Historia Moderna de México. Esto quiere decir que dentro de unos cuantos días se cumplirán veinte años. El solo enunciado de este dato quizás ayude a explicarle a usted la resolución que tomé en diciembre del año pasado de no distraer un solo día de mi tiempo en ninguna otra tarea que no fuera la conclusión del último tomo de la Historia Moderna de México. He avanzado bastante desde entonces; pero, como de costumbre, más me impresiona lo que queda por hacer que lo ya hecho.

Hay otra consideración de una índole muy distinta, pero que me lleva al mismo punto de no aceptar invitaciones para ir a Estados Unidos. Y es que el 16 de enero de este año me fue aceptada por la Secretaría de Relaciones la renuncia que había yo presentado varias veces para dejar de ser embajador del Servicio Exterior. Esto significa que he perdido mi carácter diplomático, que debo usar ahora un pasaporte ordinario y que estoy más que expuesto a que el Consulado de Estados Unidos me niegue la visa, o que, concediéndomela, me regresen a mi país desde el puerto de entrada a territorio norteamericano. Apenas hoy he recogido mi pasaporte ordinario, y me propongo acudir al Consulado de Estados Unidos dentro de una semana para hacer esta irritante prueba.

Le agradezco mucho su invitación y puede creerme que siento en el alma no aceptarla. Suyo, amigo.

DCV/meh.-

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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April 2, 1968

Lic. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Muy estimado don Daniel:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your two letters of March 22 and 27. First, let me say that I'll be chairing the ad hoc committee for the historians on this side of the frontier and will be pleased to serve as point of contact and clearing house for correspondence between our two groups. Secondly, I must compliment you on the fine and representative group you have assembled.

The initial group of participants and the proposed themes for the sessions impressed me very favorably. Undoubtedly the list will be broadened as time goes on, particularly if we are to cover the many subsessions listed. I am taking the liberty of sending copies of your letter to my committee colleagues for their comments and suggestions. As soon as they have replied, I'll provide you with a summary of their comments.

While much of the exchange of ideas can be handled through the mail and by telephone as needed, I believe that probably once or twice during the planning period both national ad hoc committees ought to have an opportunity to sit down together and have a couple of days in which to discuss the program, participants and arrangements. If you agree, I can assure you that my colleagues and I would welcome an invitation to visit with you and your colleagues some time this Fall, preferably in late October (after the Olympics) or early November (before the LASA meeting in New York on November 7). Such an invitation would provide us with the basis for seeking financial support for our travel to such a meeting and for funds to enable us to invite our Mexican counterparts to a later session in this country (possibly in Austin in the Spring).

Turning to your second letter, I fully appreciate your reasons for being unable to accept our invitation to participate in the LASA meeting in November. I know how anxious you are to avoid any commitment which will delay your completing the final volume of the Historia Moderna. As for the passport matter, I cannot understand why, after so many years of significant service, the Mexican Foreign Office could not permit you to continue to hold your diplomatic passport. I cannot believe that the authorities of my country will impose the slightest inconvenience on you. In the unlikely event that it should occur, I would want very much to know about it. I am confident that I speak for my fellow scholars when I state that if any such mishandling were to occur, we would want to voice our sentiments in no uncertain terms.

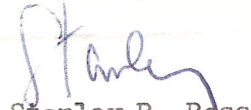
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I am very disappointed that Lupe Monroy will not be able to obtain a leave of absence from her post. I believe that it would have been good experience for her and a real asset for the Institute. ✓ I hope that you did not feel it inappropriate for me to write to her about the possibility. ✓

[If you have any suggestions regarding qualified persons who might be interested in such a Research Associate position, I would welcome your suggestions.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Stanley R. Ross
Dean

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México, D.F., abril 24, 1968.

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Amigo Ross:

Deliberadamente he retardado mi respuesta a su carta del 21 de abril, pues deseaba poderle dar alguna información concreta sobre nuestro Comité Organizador. Invité ya a las cinco personas cuyos nombres le dí a usted antes; todas han aceptado, excepto Miguel León-Portilla, que está fuera de México y no regresará hasta dentro de un mes.

Por supuesto que no hubo, ni puede haber, ningún problema en la invitación que le hizo usted directamente a Lupe Monroy. No puedo darle a usted ninguna sugerencia para un posible sustituto porque no me ha explicado usted el campo en que ese ayudante investigador puede trabajar, remuneración, etc.

Con mis mejores deseos, suyo, amigo.

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DCV/meh.-

México, D.F., mayo 22, 1968.

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Amigo Ross:

He tardado demasiado en contestar su carta de abril 29 porque quería darle alguna información sobre ese investigador que desea usted. Para ello, me propuse hablar con Luis González que está mucho más que yo en contacto con la gente joven. Apenas pude hacerlo el martes pasado y Luis me informó que ya había hecho a usted la sugestión de Muro, que a mí me parece acertada, excepto en un punto: si se hubiera tratado de una gente más joven, habría podido esperarse de esta experiencia un elemento de aprendizaje, de progreso, que no rige en el caso de Muro por tratarse de un hombre hecho y derecho.

Ahora quisiera referirme a un asunto del que no hemos hablado usted y yo hasta ahora, y que me preocupa cada vez más. Según mis informes, el gran edificio nuevo para el Instituto de usted y la Colección Latinoamericana estará listo para octubre de 1969. Si fuera así, ¿no cree usted que valdría la pena pensar en un programa de celebraciones de gran envergadura? Piénselo usted y si en principio le atrae la idea, podemos corresponder más tarde sobre el asunto.

Con un gran abrazo,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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April 29, 1968

Lic. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Muy estimado don Daniel:

A brief response to your letter of April 24. I am delighted with your success in recruiting persons for the Organizing Committee. I am certain that Miguel León-Portilla will accept once he has returned to Mexico.

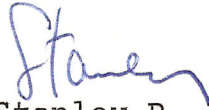
Our committee, of course, is constituted as I indicated to you earlier. There has been a suggestion that we might add either Tom McGann or Archie Lewis who had a connection with the 1958 meeting. However, I wish to discuss this with members of the committee before proceeding. Responses from them on your suggestions are coming in quite slowly. As soon as I have more information, I will be writing again.

In regard to the research associate position available at the Institute in Texas, I am looking for someone who has some experience in historical research, is familiar with Mexican history particularly in the contemporary period and--if possible, who has had some editorial experience. This desideratum is included because I would hope that the individual in question not only would assist me in research needs, but also would be able to assist Professor McGann with the publication program of the Institute. The position is a calendar year appointment renewable depending on mutual satisfaction, salary would be adjustable to the individual's qualifications, but probably would run between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for the calendar year. If you have anyone who fills this rather demanding set of conditions, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

I plan to be in Mexico toward the end of June for about four to five weeks to work with my group at the Hemeroteca. If I am fortunate enough to find you in

Mexico City at that time, I'll look forward to one of our very pleasant reunions. With kindest regards to you and to your family, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stanley", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stanley R. Ross
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