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Dear Dr. Appadorai:

I have been recently in New York for some U. N. work, and had a chance to talk at length with Mr. Lawrence S. Finkelstein, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. I explained to him El Colegio de Mexico's plans to start the publication next July of a journal on international affairs, and then, in January 1961, a Center of International Studies in which young students both from Mexico and Latin America will be trained for the foreign service at international agencies, and may be for newspaper work. Mr. Finkelstein told me then that you are in charge of an Indian School of International Affairs, and that to get in touch with you and have the benefit of your experience would be very useful for us here.

As to the first problem, we would like to have the names and addresses of some ten people in India who might be interested in writing for our journal. We have in mind two possible types of contributors: the one who may present to the Spanish speaking world the big domestic problems of India, the other, who writes on the international problems of India. Needless to say, we here, in Spain and the nineteen Latin American countries, know nothing or very little about what we may call the non-Christian or non-Western world. So, we believe our journal should devote part of its space to the presentation of domestic problems—not only political, but economic, social and cultural problems—of such countries as yours. The other contributor is a man who writes about such questions as the role of India in Asia, its relations with the Western world, etc.

May I add that if we receive the articles or book-reviews from our Indian contributors in English, we will take care, at our own expense, of the translation into Spanish. Finally, we are offering a fee of forty American dollars for an article of 4,500 to 9,000 words and from ten to twenty American dollars for a book-review.

In regard to our future school of international affairs, you will find herewith a copy of a tentative curriculum of a five-year course leading a Ph. D. in international relations. I couldn't bother you with a statement of the whole "philosophy"

behind it, but I must point out to two ideas or considerations. The first one is that since we are arriving so late in this field, we hardly could afford the luxury of having courses like the peace of Westfallia or the Bismark policy and the European balance of power. We have to go directly, or as quickly as possible, to the understanding of present-day problems. Recognizing, however, that present-day problems could not be explained and understood without, at least, a compact but clear notion of the immediate past, we are thinking of offering a series of historical courses which may serve that purpose. Finally, we have a number of "instrumental" courses on economics, law, geography, political ideas, which will help our students to analyze from different angles such present-day problems. There will then come a series of courses of international relations proper.

Would you be so kind as to comment on these ideas, and compare them with your own experience?

Allow me to thank you in advance for anything you would care to do for us.

Yours sincerely.

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