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January 5, 1961

Dear Professor Cosío:

Burton has given me your letter of December 28 for comment as I have had first-hand acquaintance with both Dr. H.C. Gupta, Secretary, Board of Trustees, India International Centre and Niharranjan Ray (not Day), Professor of Indian Fine Arts at the University of Calcutta. I do not recall meeting or knowing the work of Chatterjee, the Professor of Ancient Indian History at Visva Bharati University.

On the whole, I share your skepticism that scholars competent on Indian cultural history, particularly its pre-modern periods, are equipped to describe major developments in contemporary India, specifically since independence. A great many Indian scholars like N.R. Ray do not hesitate to comment on contemporary developments though they tend to address themselves to cultural issues of language and Hindu traditions. If the work you wish Indian scholars to do at the Colegio is wholly or primarily concerned with social, economic and institutional developments since 1947, I doubt if you would be satisfied with what Ray or Chatterjee have to offer.

Let me add concerning Ray that he has been a prolific scholar and has varied experience, including a year in Burma to advise on the formation there of an institute of Buddhistic study. (His standing with the Burmese was made difficult by criticisms of Theravada Buddhism, expressed at some length in his book, THERAVADA BUDDHISM IN BURMA /University of Calcutta, 1946⁷) Ray has certain qualities normally associated with scholars from Bengal, notably loquacity and unwillingness to limit themselves to specific subjects.

Perhaps by stressing interest on problems confronted by India since independence to Dr. Gupta, you might get more promising suggestions for Indian scholars to visit the Colegio.

Sincerely yours,

Chadbourne Gilpatric

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enero 9, 1961.

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Querido amigo Harrison:

Hoy recibí su carta de enero 4, que quiero contestar no sólo con la vaga esperanza de que pueda producir en usted algún efecto ejemplar, sino por la amenaza de una salida próxima de Nueva York.

Por lo que toca a nuestra guía de fuentes documentales norteamericanas de interés para la historia contemporánea de México, no hemos planeado de ninguna manera ningún capítulo sobre el Archivo Nacional de Washington, pues en todo momento hemos dado por supuesto que usted tenía hecho ya ese trabajo y que no podíamos siquiera intentar igualarlo y menos superarlo. A la vista de la noticia que me da usted de una publicación que ocurrirá dentro del año y medio próximo, no me parece que quepa otra solución sino que explicarle al lector que el hueco que voluntariamente dejamos en nuestra guía será llenado alguna vez por la de usted. Mi única preocupación es ésta, en realidad: la guía de usted es sobre fuentes documentales latinoamericanas existentes en el Archivo Nacional de Washington. Mientras la nuestra se limita a México. Por eso, la pregunta se impone: ¿qué tan completamente trata usted el caso de México en su Guía? Dicho de otro modo: por mirar el bosque, ¿no descuida usted en alguna forma al pobre árbol individual de México?

Mi preferencia era, por supuesto, Max Savelle, aun a sabiendas de que él ha trabajado particularmente períodos anteriores a la historia de Estados Unidos al que nos interesa. La información de su viaje a España que me da usted ahora me parece que lo descartaría. Me parece también remota la posibilidad de Asegurar los servicios de Arthur Link, pues la labor de publicar los papeles de Wilson debe obligarlo a un trabajo continuo. La única posible tentación es que se interesara en trabajar algo en el Archivo de nuestra Secretaría de Relaciones viendo los papeles que corresponden a la época en que Wilson se interesó particularmente en México. ¿Se le ocurre algún modo de hacer esta pequeña exploración, o sugeriría usted que yo la hiciera directamente? En caso de fracasar, habría que pensar, entonces, en Richard Leopold.

La información complementaria que me pide usted sería la siguiente. El asunto del curso sería una historia de Estados Unidos de 1865 a 1920, es decir, del término de la guerra Civil al término de la guerra Primera Mundial. El curso duraría cinco meses, de febrero a junio de 1962, dentro de los cuales habría que considerar una o dos semanas, las finales destinadas a los exámenes. Se trataría de un curso de tres horas por semana, es decir, de tres conferencias por semana; pero el profesor debería permanecer en sus oficinas del Colegio, para consulta con los es-

tudiantes, dos horas adicionales. Esto quiere decir, tres horas de conferencia más diez horas de residencia dentro del Colegio. El curso, naturalmente, no tendría ningún propósito de investigación, sino de información, y su sentido general sería el de preparar a los estudiantes a entender el pasado inmediato de Estados Unidos, de modo que cuando principien los grandes cursos sobre los problemas internacionales actuales de Estados Unidos, tengan una base de comprensión. En cuanto a los salarios, nada puede decir de un modo preciso, puesto que tanto ellos como los gastos de viaje serían pagados por la Organización de Estados Americanos, que ha ampliado sus actividades hasta incluir esta de intercambio de profesores. Estoy seguro, sin embargo, que la Organización no podrá ofrecer salarios menores que los que reciba en su propia universidad el profesor invitado. Debo, quizás, añadir una obligación más de este profesor: aceptada la invitación, tendría que proporcionarnos inmediatamente una bibliografía con el propósito de que adquiriéramos a tiempo los libros que usará en su curso.

No tengo ningún inconveniente en que pospongamos para la visita de usted en febrero la resolución de este asunto; pero, naturalmente, si usted cree que puede venir con alguna información nueva.

Quedo enterado del itinerario del viaje de usted, del Vicepresidente Cole y de Fahs. Por desgracia, veo que los días de ustedes en México serán mucho menos de los que yo había imaginado, si bien no acierto a dar con la razón de por qué lo había imaginado así. Le he escrito ya a Burton rogándole que aparte el sábado 4 de febrero para almorzar en mi casa, y que haga esta invitación al señor y a la señora Cole. Le ruego a usted incluirse en ella. Lo que no sé, y me convendría mucho que me diera usted antes de su partida una idea clara es sobre si ustedes quieren aprovechar esa ocasión para hablar conmigo de los problemas del Colegio, pues, en ese caso, no invitaría a nadie, o si, por el contrario, estos problemas pueden tratarse en otra ocasión y, en ese caso invitaría yo a algunas personas cuyo conocimiento y trato pudieran ustedes estar interesados.

Con la esperanza de recibir noticias de usted, quedo, suyo amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

January 10, 1961.

Mr. Chadbourne Gilpatric
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Dear Dr. Gilpatric:

Thanks indeed for your informative letter
of January 5th.

I am glad that you share my skepticism about
one scholar combining the knowledge and understanding of both
"classical" Indian cultural history and present-day problems
of India.

If you allow me, we could limit ourselves
this time to the teacher on Indian Cultural history (and certainly
pre-modern) ¿Could you suggest some names?

I wrote Burton yesterday asking for advise in
regard to two other professors: one on Sino-japanese Cultural
history (also pre-modern) and one on Middle-Eastern cultural.
Your good advise is also asked for.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

January 10, 1961.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
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Dear Burton:

I am happy to learn through my intelligence service that you and Mrs. Fahs will be here in Mexico, although for a shorter period than I had expected. We may correspond more as to whether you have in mind any particular subject or person, but what I would like to suggest right now is that you reserve Saturday, February 4th for luncheon at my house. If you are kind enough to extend this invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Cole, that will be settled.

Now as for business. For the very first time you are failing me. I have written you two letters with no avail so far. A discreet man will give up trying again, —but not me. On the contrary, I want to place before you more problems.

I had asked for your advice on a good candidate for a course on Indian Culture. Now, I want some further advice: a good teacher on Sino-Japanese Culture and another on the Middle-East Cultures. The necessary data is as follows. All three are semester courses, three lecture-hours a week and can be given in English. The course on Sino-Japanese Culture will come from February to June, 1962, and the other two from July to November, 1962. We have in mind to pay transportation and traveling expenses and a salary of five thousand dollars for the five-months period each course will last. Finally, we are thinking primarily of people coming from the region involved.

Will you help me?

Looking forward to your visit,

Yours cordially

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January 16, 1961

Dear Professor Cosio:

In reply to your letter of January 10 I can, without hesitation, offer the name of one extremely good Indian scholar who would be authoritative on Indian cultural history. This is Dr. V. Raghavan, Professor of Sanskrit at the University of Madras. Incidentally, he is the active and enterprising Secretary of the Madras Music Academy, which sponsors performances of the best in South Indian music. Dr. Raghavan has many publications on Indian cultural history and on specialized subjects in Sanskrit. He is preparing what should be a catalogus catalogorum of Sanskrit documents. Some years back, he received through the University of Madras modest Foundation help for this work. Dr. Raghavan has been in Europe but never in North America. I think you would find from any competent source judgment that he ranks at or near the top of Sanskrit scholars with interest in historical culture and ideas.

For several years the American Historical Association has been administering a program for visiting professors in Indian history in the United States. This Foundation provided funds for this program over a five-year period. Professor Holden Furber, University of Pennsylvania, is Chairman of the Administering Committee. He could give you evaluations of the performances of Indian professors who, under this program, have come to the United States. Their names are given below:

R. C. Majumdar (Calcutta)	B. P. Gokhale (Bombay)
B. B. Misra (Bihar)	S. P. Sen (Calcutta)
K. A. N. Sastri (Madras)	P. C. Gupta (Calcutta)

He also knows of other scholars for whom invitations are being considered. I am taking the liberty of sending him a copy of this letter, so as to be prepared in the event you write him.

Aware of my own limitations and ignorance, I would like to suggest one other source of information for you. This is Professor A. L. Basham, Head of the department of South Asian History, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Basham is the

Ali Yavar Jung

author of the fine book, "The Glory That Was India" and is himself one of the leading historians of the Indian sub-Continent. He knows India and its scholars, and so could either suggest names or comment on nominations you may consider. I hope this is of some help.

Sincerely yours,

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January 18, 1961

Dear Professor Cosio:

Many thanks for your kind letter. I have referred the specific questions regarding fellowship awards to my colleague, Charles M. Hardin. Professor Hardin is making every effort to arrange his schedule so that he may be present at the dedication ceremonies for the new building.

I had hoped very much my own travel and Foundation responsibilities would permit me to participate in your ceremonies. It now seems clear that I shall be unable to join you, but I am delighted that some of my most respected colleagues will be in Mexico City at that time. It is my impression that Charles W. Cole, Vice President for the Social Sciences and the Humanities, expects to be in Mexico City in February. I have already mentioned Charles Hardin's plans, and I believe Dr. Jack P. Harrison will also be visiting you in February. One or all of them would be excellent representatives of the Foundation.

I need not tell you that I personally would have welcomed the opportunity of joining you on this happy occasion. I send my warmest regards and best wishes for the continued success of the new International Relations program. You have once again exercised creative leadership in a fundamental area of research and training. It may well be that your contribution to the field of international relations will have as much lasting and crucial importance as anything you have done. In any event, I join your many friends and admirers in wishing you well at this important milestone in your career and in the development of international studies in Mexico.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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January 19, 1961

Daniel:
Dear Cosío:

Mr. Shigeharu MATSUMOTO, Managing Director of the International House in Japan, was in to see me last week, and I discussed with him your problem of finding someone to lecture in your new international program. He and I agreed that probably the most suitable Japanese professor for you would be Dr. Tatsuji TAKEUCHI, Professor at Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo-ken, Japan. Takeuchi combines a specialization in Japanese foreign relations with extremely good command of English. He took his Ph.D. under Professor Quincy Wright at the University of Chicago and a year or two ago was a visiting lecturer at Columbia University. He is the author of WAR AND DIPLOMACY IN THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, a study of the control of Japanese foreign policy, published before World War II.

As a second choice, Matsumoto suggested Masao TSUDA, presently Japanese Ambassador to Argentina. Tsuda was formerly a correspondent for the Japanese news agency Domei in Argentina and was imprisoned for a period by Perón. Tsuda apparently speaks good Spanish and has written on Argentina. Perhaps you could find out more about him through your own diplomatic contacts. Tsuda would have the advantage of being able to lecture in Spanish but would be less qualified than Takeuchi on problems of Japanese or Asian foreign relations.

As the above indicates, we assumed in our discussion that because of the nature of your program you did want to emphasize international relations in the lectures. This has been one of the things that I have not been entirely clear on in your earlier correspondence and which perhaps we should discuss in Mexico. Of course, neither Matsumoto nor I will take any steps without instruction from you.

With best personal regards,

Cordially,

Builton

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January 20, 1961.

Prof. Holden Furber
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Dear Proessor Furber:

I hope you have by this time a cepy of Dr. Gilpatric's letter to me dated Jaunuary 16th.

We certainly will be most grateful if you could give us an evaluation of the perfomances of Indian professors who, under the American Historical Association program, have served in the United States recently.

Perhaps I may give you some additional information. We are trying to secure the services of two Indian professors for our Center of International Studies. The first one would serve a semester course next year, from July to November, on Indian Culture, meaning pre-modern or classical culture. The second professor is for a course on "India Today", that is, all problems: political, social, economic, cultural and foreign relations, that India has confronted since its independence. This course will be given from February to June, 1963.

Those professors may lecture in English, but that means that they should have a good command of English. Then, another question which is quite important. There has never been in any Mexican school, whether secondary or at university level, any teaching about India, so we would expect our professors to deal with essence or substance of the matter, and not with refinements, which you could make only against a solid previous background.

I hope you will excuse me for this long and confuse letter. Thanking you in advance for your answer,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

January 20, 1961.

Mr. Chadbourne Gilpatric
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Dear Doctor Gilpatric:

I am most grateful for your extremely helpful letter of January 16th.

I take note of your suggestion in regard to Dr. V. Raghavan, and the only point left out is this: Have you any information on Dr. Ali Yavar Jung? I met him at the United Nations some three years ago, while being Ambassador of India at Yugoslavia, although it seems that he is going to be transferred shortly to the Indian embassy at Paris. They tell me that he is at the diplomatic corps only by accident and temporally, since he has been all the time a professor at some of the big Indian universities.

Ambassador Jung talked with some Mexican delegate at the last General Assembly, and on being informed about El Colegio's Center of International Studies, he expressed some interest in serving in it. I do not want, naturally, to make any arrangement on other than strictly academic grounds.

I certainly will take advantage of your suggestion in regard to professors Furber and Basham. I know Basham's book, and in fact, my original idea was to invite him. Things have gone, however, in other way, so we have to make an exchange arrangement.

With best wishes always,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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January 25, 1961

Dear Professor Cosío:

In brief reply to your inquiry of January 20, I am afraid I have no helpful information or comments on Dr. Ali Yavar Jung. I too met him briefly several years ago and he attended meetings at the U.N. here. He had earlier been on the faculty of Osmania University in Hyderabad, now the capital of Andhra State; I have some vague recollection of his having been Vice-Chancellor.

Regrettably, I can give you no data on Dr. Jung's scholarly work or publications.

Sincerely yours,

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February 13, 1961.

Dr. John P. Harrison
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Dear Dr. Harrison:

May I refer to several conversations I have had, for over a year, both with yourself and Dr. Charles B. Fahs, and more recently with Vicepresident Cole, on El Colegio's plans to re-establish its Center for Historical Studies. The reasons for this contemplated action, the way we think our plan could be implemented, and its estimated cost, are set forth in the Memorandum attached to this letter.

I would like to refer specifically on only two points. The first one is the tentative character of the curriculum included in the memorandum. So much so, in fact, that we think it necessary for the Center's Director to visit several institutions, both in the United States and Europe, to find out, for the Center's benefit, what past experiences and present trends are on historical teaching and research.

The other point is the appointment of the Director. We hope to find the best man available, but, in any case, we expect to have the services as consultants of men linked to El Colegio's work such as Mr. Silvio Zavala and Mr. José Miranda.

Under these conditions, I am presenting for your kind consideration a formal application for a grant in aid up to \$128,632 for a five and one half year period, towards the support of a Center to teach history and train for research in both Latin American and Mexican History.

Hoping that once again the Foundation will be able to extend its assistance to a project we consider of great importance, I am

Sincerely yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

Feb 13-61

A NEW CENTER OF HISTORICAL STUDIES
FOR THE COLEGIO DE MEXICO

I. The Program

1) There is a desperate need for professors of "Universal" history, of Latin American history and even of Mexican history. There is also a serious need for research in Spanish American and Mexican history.

2) The best known professors of "Western" history are disappearing from the National University without, to date, any measures being taken to prepare young teachers to take their place. In provincial universities, history courses usually are given by professors who have never had any formal training in history and who are, therefore, just "cultured" amateurs who have turned to teaching. No Mexican school teaches United States history and, of course, there has never been an attempt to teach the history of Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa.

3) The need for research is less apparent, but no less urgent. As far as the history of Mexico is concerned, our Seminar on Contemporary History is in a good position to appraise research ability, and so we know there is little; but, in any case, it would be difficult to find in Mexico—or in any other Latin American country—a person, much less a "school" that really specializes in research of Spanish American history.

4) For this reason, the Colegio de Mexico would like to re-establish its Center of Historical Studies, in order to offer, for an indefinite period, organized training in

"universal" history, which would prepare good professors, and in Spanish American and Mexican history, which would mainly prepare specialists in research.

5) The general plan would be to set up a group of fifteen Mexicans, with a bachelor's degree or, even better, with one or two years of post-graduate work in humanities. They would be selected with great care and they would have a fellowship which would assure that they devoted absolutely all their time to their studies. They would follow a three year course of studies, in accordance with a program (to be established later on, but which, for purpose of illustration, one is attached), at the end of which they would receive a master's degree in universal history.

6) It may be assumed that after three years of being in contact with different branches of history, they would have taken a definite interest in one of them. Those who decided on Mexican or Spanish American history would continue to specialize in the Colegio for two more years until they received their doctorate. Of those who are interested in universal history, the outstanding students will be sent abroad for two years to specialize in one of the following fields: a) United States History; b) Hellenic Culture; c) Islamic Culture; d) Indian Culture; e) Medieval and Renaissance Europe; f) Modern Europe; and g) Russia. The average students would then become teachers, especially in the provincial universities.

7) It is possible to visualize an ideal outcome: of the fifteen students who obtain their Master's Degree, the five best would continue their studies for two more years in order

to become professors or do research in Spanish American history; five would be sent abroad to specialize in some field of "universal" history; and the remaining five would go directly to teach in the provincial universities.

8) It would be advisable to have ten students from other Latin American countries attend the two year course specializing in Spanish American history.

II. First Steps

1) Once the Foundation approves the program, the Colegio would immediately proceed to:

a) Appoint a Director for the Center of Historical Studies, who will personally take charge of all organization and execution of this program.

b) Select the Mexican fellows, so that by July 1st. of this year they will have begun their intensive courses in two languages: English, French, German or Russian, and will have finished them by March of 1962. By then they could not only be taught, but express themselves, in speech and writing, in any one of those languages.

c) Having been selected the Mexican fellows, and the language courses organized and well under way, the Center's Director will make a short, but well prepared trip to the United States, England and France to study past experience and present trends in historical teaching and research, for the benefit of the Center's work and development.

d) Bring about an agreement between National University and the universities of Yucatán, Veracruz, Nuevo

León, San Luis Potosí, Guanajuato, San Nicolás, Guadalajara and Puebla, to the effect that Colegio graduates could teach in those provincial universities for periods of from two to six years and that afterwards this experience would be recognized for their admittance to the regular staff of the National University.

d) Immediately initiate the purchase of the books, magazines and microfilm needed for the Center's course.

III. Principal Problems

1) Not all the professors for the proposed courses could be obtained in Mexico. More precisely, of the 29 included in the complete five year program, it would be necessary to bring seven professors from abroad, that is for courses like numbers 2, 8, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 21.

2) These professors would only prepare the first group of students who enter the Colegio in 1962. Therefore, it would be advisable to send abroad, in September of 1961 and September of 1962, four fellows who would begin specialization in the fields which must be covered most urgently, for example: United States and Russian History, and Indian and Islamic Culture.

3) The creation of a library is basically one of effort and money; but it is a necessary prerequisite to any serious teaching project.

IV. The Cost Breakdown

1) A program of this type is, necessarily, expensive; but aid may be expected from institutions other than the Foundation and the Colegio.

a) The Organization of American States could finance the fellowships for Latin American students and perhaps some of the three of the foreign professors;

b) I am also hopeful that, by means of exchange arrangements, it may be possible to avoid or reduce the expense of employing foreign professors; but, in any case, history students can take advantage of some of the courses in history that are given in the Center of International Studies. This would hold true, for example, for the courses in the Chinese and Japanese civilizations, and the Indian and Islamic cultures, which will be subsidized by the UNESCO for the Center next year.

2) A rough estimate shows that the approximate cost of this five and a half year program would be as follows:

Fellowships (ten for three and a half years and five for two additional years)	\$ 60,529
Mexican Teaching Staff.	22,018
Foreign " "	42,000
Library Material	35,000
Director.	26,421
Adviser	5,765
Expense of Selecting Fellows.	2,000
Intensive Language Courses.	4,980
TOTAL	<u>\$ 198,713</u>

3) The Colegio intends to contribute \$66,238 and suggests that the Foundation contribute \$132,475.

I. Maestría en Historia Universal

PRIMER SEMESTRE

(febrero-junio 1962)

1. Introducción a la Historia (3 horas)
2. Las Civilizaciones de Egipto y el Asia Occidental (2 horas)
3. La Civilización Chino-japonesa (2 horas)
4. Análisis Económico (3 horas)

SEGUNDO SEMESTRE

(julio-noviembre 1962)

5. Historia de la Historia (3 horas)
6. La Cultura Hindú (2 horas)
7. La Cultura Islámica (2 horas)
8. La Cultura Helénica (3 horas)

TERCER SEMESTRE

(febrero-junio 1963)

9. La Edad Media Europea (2 horas)
10. Las Culturas Precolombinas de América (3 horas)
11. Historia de la Filosofía (2 horas)
12. Doctrinas e Instituciones Políticas (3 horas)

CUARTO SEMESTRE

(julio-noviembre 1963)

13. El Renacimiento y la Ilustración (3 horas)
14. Hispanoamérica Colonial (3 horas)
15. Estados Unidos hasta la Guerra Civil (2 horas)
16. Doctrinas e Instituciones Sociales (2 horas)

QUINTO SEMESTRE

(febrero-junio 1964)

17. Europa en el Siglo XIX (3 horas)
18. Estados Unidos de 1865 a 1950 (3 horas)
19. El Siglo XIX Hispanoamericano (3 horas)
20. Historia Moderna de Rusia (2 horas)

SEXTO SEMESTRE

(julio-noviembre 1964)

- 21. La Revolución Comunista (3 horas)
- 22. Europa en el Siglo XX (2 horas)
- 23. Hispanoamérica en el Siglo XX (3 horas)
- 24. Los Grandes Problemas Contemporáneos (2 horas)

II. Doctorado en Historia Hispanoamericana

SEPTIMO SEMESTRE

(febrero-junio 1965)

- 25. Geografía Económica del Continente Americano (2 horas)
- 26. Historiografía Hispanoamericana (2 horas)
- 27. El Siglo XIX: la Evolución Política, Económica y Social (5 horas)

OCTAVO SEMESTRE

(julio-noviembre 1965)

- 28. El Siglo XX: su Evolución Política, Económica, Social y Cultural (5 horas)
- 29. El Imperialismo y el Influjo Extraño (3 horas)

NOVENO Y DECIMO SEMESTRES

(febrero-noviembre 1966)

Seminario para la redacción de la Tesis de Doctorado

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Dear don Daniel:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the receipt here of your letter of February 13 together with the proposal for Rockefeller Foundation support of the proposed new Center for Historical Studies at El Colegio de Mexico. As you know, this will receive immediate attention here. I will, of course, be writing you again should any questions be raised during our discussions that Dr. Fahs, Dr. Cole or I are unable to answer.

With every good wish and thanks again for your many kindnesses to us while we were in Mexico,

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Dr. Cosío Villegas:

I want to take this opportunity to express my pleasure at being able to meet you and to thank you for the most instructive conference that you afforded me.

As I told you, I was very much impressed with Senorita Minerva Morales Morales, and I am enclosing a scholarship application blank for her, as well as a medical examination form. The completed application should be returned to Mr. Gerald Freund, the Fellowship Adviser for the Social Sciences program. Perhaps you would tell Miss Morales that the medical form should be executed by her physician and returned directly to Mr. Freund together with the physician's bill. As you are doubtless aware, we also require written confirmation that the candidate will be granted leave of absence from his or her present post should the application be considered favorably.

I also interviewed Senorita Esther Velazquez Peña on February 15. Miss Velezquez Peña appealed to me as an intelligent and industrious young lady who, however, does not seem to be on the same superior intellectual level as Miss Morales Morales. In addition, Miss Velazquez Peña does not at present have a command of English which would enable her to study profitably in London, as is her desire. I understood from her, however, that if she is able to study abroad and is successful in her studies, on her return you would have a position for her at El Colegio de Mexico. I told her that when she has succeeded in gaining an effective command of English and if you wish to write to us about a possible scholarship for her, we should be very glad to hear from you. I must repeat, however, that Miss Velazquez Peña seems considerably less impressive than does Miss Morales Morales, and in my judgment if we give her a scholarship it would only be upon a clear indication of her mastery of English sufficient to follow lectures at the University of London and also upon quite strong letters of recommendation from you and others. I should think that this would mean that you would have to reach a decision whether one of the limited number of scholarships that we might afford for your program had best be used for Miss Velazquez Peña.

Dr. Daniel Cosio Villegas

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February 17, 1961

In closing, may I remind you that you are going to inquire to see whether Miss Teresa Aguilar de la Torre will be under a serious financial handicap if we do not agree to supplement the funds with which she is presently studying at Columbia. As I told you, especially in view of your own judgment of her ability and work, I think we should be disposed against any such supplementation of funds. But we might change this disposition if the young lady is in serious financial straits.

Again, with warm appreciation for your courtesies during my visit in Mexico, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Charles M. Hardin
Associate Director

Dr. Daniel Cosio Villegas, President
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Enclosures 2

February 24, 1961.

Prof. Charles M. Hardin
The Rockefeller Foundation
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Dear Professor Hardin:

May I acknowledge your good letter of February 17, which reached me yesterday.

I suppose that while preparing your trip to Mexico you went over the little correspondence I had with Dr. Thompson in regard to some fellowships El Colegio de Mexico wanted to secure. If so, you may remember that when Dr. Thompson advised me on December 19 as to your joining the Foundation's staff, and your coming to Mexico, I inquired a week later what your own field would be so as to be prepared and facilitate your work as much as I possibly could.

Having been unable to get this information, I could prepare nothing in advance, and so, I could but introduce to you Miss Minerva Morales.

I am then doubly happy to learn from your letter that you see Miss Morales as a quite suitable candidate. I would like to be sure, however, that there is still the possibility of exploring the possibility of some candidates for a fellowship to prepare one or two men in Asian foreign affairs.

As I told some time ago to Dr. Thompson, I am afraid that to find out candidates for these fellowships is going to be much more difficult than has been the case for some other fields of study. At the same time, there is certain urgency in taking this step if these fellows are to be back in Mexico in time to serve as assistants to the foreign professors we are inviting to give the corresponding courses in our Center. On the other hand, I learn yesterday that the meeting of agricultural economists you are planning to attend here has been convened for the last week of August.

I have tried to find out something in regard to Miss Teresa Aguilar de la Torre's financial resources but with no success at all. I suppose then that the only way open would be to inquire directly from her.

Finally, let me say I was indeed glad to have met you, although I had the impression I could have talked with you more than I did. But I hope we shall have in the near future a better chance to do it.

Sincerely yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

Feb 24

Dear don Daniel,

I have been sitting here at home blithely preparing an "activities list", the first step in preparing the Center for Historical Studies program of El Colegio for presentation to the Trustees (the prison connotation of that word is slowly becoming dominant in my mind) when I noted that there is a mistake in the addition of your budget on page five of the statement that accompanied your letter of February 13. Since it comes to more than \$6,000 it occurs to me that some item might possibly have been omitted from the budget.

For my immediate purpose--preparing the activities list--I am assuming only that the addition is wrong. I have consequently changed the total budget to \$200,000 and the Foundations contribution to \$134,000. ✓ Since I do have to submit your statement to our Secretary and Comptroller before it can be officially submitted, perhaps you might want to send me a ~~retyped~~ newly typed page five and six to substitute for those I now have. ✓

Best to all,

Jack

marzo 2, 1961.

Sr. John P. Harrison
The Rockefeller Foundation
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Querido amigo Harrison:

Si mi memoria no me es infiel, creo que usted llegó a advertir la variedad de inflexiones con que en algunos de nuestros paseos pronunciaba yo la bien conocida expresión de oh dear!

Pues bien, el mejor oh dear! que ha salido hasta ahora de mi ronco pecho, se me escapó al leer sus buenas líneas del 24 de febrero, donde señala un error en la suma final del presupuesto del Centro de Estudios Históricos. Esto, no sólo porque me desagrada cualquier error mío, o atribuible a mí, sino porque en este caso lo cometió el mejor de los calculistas profesionales que tengo aquí, y quien hice traer —con su máquina calculadora, por supuesto,— a mi oficina para hacer estos cálculos.

Le mando a usted ahora las dos hojas de repuesto con la esperanza de que no me vuelva usted a coger en un gazapo semejante.

Con un gran abrazo,

Suyo, amigo.

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Presidente

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March 15, 1961

Dear don Daniel:

The New York Public Library has assumed responsibility within the Association of Research Libraries for the filming of current national and, in some instances, state gazettes which they microfilm with prepared descriptive indexes of the general sort. They also are trying to complete back files for most of the national gazettes. It occurred to me that El Colegio, with its concern for international relations and history, might be interested in purchasing the gazettes of some of the Latin American countries other than Mexico. I would be curious to learn how important you and your colleagues feel the accession of this type of material on microfilm is for the research interests of El Colegio.

The New York Public Library has, I feel sure, established exchange relationships with El Colegio. It is trying to extend the volume and quality of books it can offer for exchange. For example, they have negotiated with the Association of American University Presses to purchase at a substantial discount all university press books used for exhibit purposes at professional and other meetings. These books will be made available for exchange purposes, and it seemed to me that El Colegio could make at least as good, if not better, use of these books than other libraries in Latin America. In any case it seemed to me that the exchange relations with the New York Public Library could be made more productive for El Colegio than probably with any other library in this country.

Yesterday I spent the day at the University of Pennsylvania participating in a seminar Arthur Whitaker is conducting on nationalism in Latin America, with a particular emphasis on - as you might imagine - Argentina. The discussion leader was William Ebenstein of Princeton University, whom I found both penetrating and stimulating. I also was impressed by his ability to handle Spanish in discussions with three Spanish Americans present. I gather that years ago you were responsible for the Fondo de Cultura's publishing one of his

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books in a Spanish translation. I do not know your specific needs for visiting professors, but thought I would mention him to you simply so you could keep him in mind, should a specific need for his particular talents develop.

With continuing warm regards, and I will be writing you again shortly after the meeting of our Trustees in early April.

Sincerely,



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March 1,8 1961.

Dr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Taking advantage of an invitation to give a lecture at a nearby university, I am planing to be at New York from Monday, March 27th through the 31st.

Naturally, I would like to call on you, not only to advise you on recent developments at the Center of International Studies, and go over some our problems (very few and small, this time), but to say good bye, for I am sure this time this is going to be my last trip to New York.

I would like also to have a chance to talk with Mr. Gerald Freund in regard our fellows at Harvard and Paris.

May I advance one point I wish we could consider in our conversation: I am sure now that our students will need next year to have a general approach to the study of foreign affairs, or, as it is sometime refer to, a theory of international affairs. I am extending you a very formal invitation to come to our Center next year to give us a short course (three or five lectures) on this subject.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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April 3, 1961

Dear Susana:

I am sending you separately several publications we have recently received from the University of Florida. Except for the monograph on the Costa Rican election of 1953 I am not certain that they will be of sufficient interest for you to catalog them. The University of Florida would be glad, I am sure, to send you the Journal of Inter-American Studies regularly should you be interested. If you want to receive further copies of this type of material, let me know and I will be glad to forward to El Colegio some more items when they are received here.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Harrison MSK

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April 17, 1961

Dear Professor Cosio:

I found your letter of March 18 awaiting me on my return from travel in Africa. I deeply regret that I was out of the country when you came to New York. I was saddened to learn that you did not expect to be back for some time.

I am very much flattered by your invitation that I lecture at the Center of International Studies. I would very much welcome the opportunity, provided I had something to say. If I can find the time, I have agreed to deliver the Stokes Lectures next autumn and if some part of them offers any promise for discussion and criticism in Mexico, I would be happy to present them to you and your colleagues. May I be in touch with you on this matter in the near future?

Sincerely,

Kenneth Thompson

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April 19, 1961

Dear Professor Cosio Villegas:

Thank you for your letter of March 24. Please forgive the delay in my reply, but I had heard that you might be visiting New York City and had hoped that we might then be able to discuss the possibilities of renewing the scholarships for Messrs. Segovia, Gonzalez Salazar, and Ojeda.

Regarding Mr. Segovia, some time ago we received a request for a renewal from him and recently have recommended to our senior colleagues that this be granted. We should know the results of these recommendations shortly.

I am somewhat puzzled by your discussion of the possibilities for Mr. Roque Gonzalez Salazar and Mr. Mario Ojeda. Up to this time we have not received requests from either of them for a renewal of their scholarships. As soon as we have such requests from them, we will be glad to consider them and feel sure that one or more of their present instructors will be willing to support their requests.

If you expect to be writing to Mr. Gonzalez Salazar and Mr. Ojeda in the near future, you might mention to them that, to the best of our knowledge, we have not received requests for renewals from them.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Freund

Gerald Freund
Fellowship Adviser

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abril 20, 1961.

Sr. John P. Harrison
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Querido amigo Harrison:

O usted está tremendamente ocupado, o se ha llenado de una reserva y discreción desusada. Digo esto porque le ha dejado usted a la señorita Rhind el encargo de darme la buenísima noticia de que el Board of Trustees aprobó la ayuda para el nuevo Centro de Estudios Históricos del Colegio de México. Quiero agradecerle a usted vivísimamente esta nueva ayuda, y quiero rogarle que trasmita también nuestra gratitud a Burton y al Doctor Cole, partícipes indudables en esta magnífica gestión.

Quisiera anticiparle que, como el tiempo se nos ha echado encima, tenía yo preparado todo cuanto me era posible preparar para que, si la noticia era buena, se dieran los pasos ejecutivos necesarios. Así, para fortuna mía, tenía listo el texto del folleto informativo que vamos a imprimir anunciando las actividades del nuevo Centro. También había convenido con Luis y Moisés González, Berta Ulloa, Josefina Vázquez y Eduardo Blanquel que hicieran un viaje a Puebla, Oaxaca, Jalapa, Monterrey, Saltillo, Chihuahua, Durango, San Luis Potosí, Morelia, Guadalajara, Guanajuato, Cuernavaca, Hermosillo, Mérida y Campeche, tanto para trabajos del Seminario de Historia Contemporánea, como para plantear, por lo menos, nuestro deseo de contar con los mejores candidatos a las becas del Centro de Estudios Históricos.

El problema de elegir al director del Centro ha resultado singularmente enredado y difícil. Supo usted por informes verbales míos, que Silvio Zavala, la primera persona a quien invité, había rehusado considerar la oferta porque cree necesario permanecer en París dos o tres años más. Ha habido una necesidad completa de descartar la candidatura de José Miranda, porque la Universidad ha adoptado inesperadamente una actitud de gran exigencia en cuanto a sus investigadores y profesores de tiempo completo, de modo que puede resultar difícil aun conseguir que Miranda siga trabajando en nuestro Seminario de Historia Contemporánea. Luis Villoro, que había considerado con gran simpatía e interés la invitación, no pudo resistir (así es de débil) la invitación del nuevo Rector de la Universidad para ser su secretario particular. Traté de convencer a Luis Weckmann (para mí el mejor candidato); pero fue inútil por una variedad de razones. Consideré muy seriamente las candidaturas de Ignacio Bernal, Rafael Moreno, Juan Ortega y Medina, María del Carmen Velázquez y Alfonso García Ruiz. Por una serie de consideraciones de la más variada índole, finalmente me decidí por Alfonso García Ruiz, quien parece que aceptará.

No creo que lo haya conocido usted, o si se lo ha encontrado usted alguna vez, que tenga una opinión muy definida sobre él. Tiene la ventaja de

que es un graduado en Historia del Colegio de México; es, sin duda, un muchacho muy inteligente y aun con cierta vena intelectual original; es juicioso y medido; de un temperamento muy tranquilo y con cierta inclinación al buen humor; tiene una excelente base humana, es decir, no es político ni enredador, sino camarada y cordial. En fin, tiene la experiencia de haber sido durante los últimos tres años secretario de la Escuela de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales y, en consecuencia, está acostumbrado a lidiar con los problemas de profesores y estudiantes.

Si hubiéramos dado con candidatos como Zavala, Miranda, Weckmann o Bernal, no hubiera sido quizás imprescindible el viaje a Estados Unidos, Inglaterra y Francia, en el que usted mismo pensó para el caso de Villoro. Quiero decir que si, como espero, García Ruiz acepta finalmente la invitación, será necesarísimo que haga ese viaje y, por lo tanto, le ruego a usted muchísimo en relación con este asunto, lo siguiente: primero, si la Fundación daría el dinero necesario para ese objeto, y la forma en que deberíamos plantear este asunto, pues, según recordará usted, este gasto no figura en el proyecto de presupuesto o de costo general que le envié a usted, y que sin duda habrá servido para los acuerdos del Board of Trustees. Segundo, que me ayudara usted (por conocimiento, experiencia directa de usted, o consultando a las personas propias) a idear el itinerario de viaje más conveniente, es decir, instituciones en Estados Unidos, Inglaterra y Francia (pero, por supuesto, preferentemente en Estados Unidos) y personas (si esto es posible) a las que García Ruiz debería ocurrir para conversar y recoger las informaciones necesarias. Recuerda usted, por ejemplo, que nuestra primera y única larga conversación sobre este asunto, Burton consideró la posibilidad de sustituir los cursos sobre las culturas chino-japonesas, hindú e islámica por un curso de civilización oriental. Yo sé que la Universidad de Columbia ha ensayado este curso y aun conozco los tres tomos de texto que han estado usando; pero sospecho que, como en el caso del curso sobre civilización occidental, el de la oriental está en un proceso de experimentación. Parece indudable, pues, que García Ruiz debería ir a Columbia para hablar con las personas que manejan este curso; ¿pero es ésta la única universidad o colegio norteamericano que está haciendo un experimento de esta naturaleza? Y así consecutivamente en todos los problemas imaginables.

Le he enviado a usted, a Burton y al Dr. Cole ejemplares del índice de los diez primeros años de Historia Mexicana, que hicimos imprimir no sólo para celebrar este gran acontecimiento, sino para cortar de un modo formal mi intervención en la revista y la entrega total de la dirección de ella al grupo de jóvenes historiadores del Colegio. Me gustaría enormemente que hallara usted algunos ratos de ocio para repasar el índice, pues descubre (como fiel espejo) muchas de las vicisitudes de los estudios históricos en México en esos diez años. Yo, particularmente, me siento orgulloso de ver que en la revista han escrito doscientos y tantos colaboradores, lo cual es una prueba irrefutable de que Historia Mexicana no ha cerrado sus puertas a ningún historiador mexicano o extranjero; por el contrario, ha sido una revista abierta a todos.

Reiterándole mi agradecimiento y mis mejores deseos de siempre, suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

April 22, 1961.

Dr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I received yesterday your good letter of April 17.

I did not go to New York after all. So nothing was lost through your being so far away. I did not let you know before because I knew you were in Africa.

Of course we will be delighted that you consider favorable the possibility of coming down to Mexico and lecture at el Centro de Estudios Internacionales.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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April 27, 1961

Dear don Daniel:

This is to thank you for your full letter of April 20 and also for the copy of the Index to the first ten years of Historia Mexicana. I have no trouble at all in agreeing with you that this has been a major accomplishment and I hope only that Moises and his colleagues do as well with the second ten years. If you have an extra copy or two, perhaps you could send them to me, particularly since I took both Burton's and my copy and sent them out for review purposes. Burton, incidentally, is still in the Far East but will be back shortly after I leave for six weeks in South America this Sunday.

Our Comptroller's office questioned the item in your budget for expenses in the selection of fellows for the Centro de Estudios Historicos. It was approved without question although I could not help them in deciding whether this should fall under administrative costs or the cost of your fellowship program. I suggested they take it from the last item in the budget submitted by you to me and then to our Board of Trustees. If you wish it subtracted from general administrative costs this change can be made.

I have met Garcia Ruiz and talked with him at a couple of receptions held at El Colegio, the first I believe before I was with the Foundation. I am sorry I do not know him better but without any question he has been extremely well spoken of by everyone in Mexico whose opinion I respect and by some whose judgment I do not necessarily hold in so high regard. I imagine he will work out satisfactorily although I quite agree that Zavala, Miranda, or Weckmann would perhaps have more judgment and experience for the position at this particular time in each of their careers. I cannot commit the Foundation to the support of a travel grant for Garcia Ruiz, although from our conversation in Mexico when Villoro was the candidate under consideration the importance of such a trip was understood by all. I will bring this to Burton's attention and if he does not reach a decision before my return I will be writing you again around the end of June.

Columbia certainly is not the only university in the United States with courses on oriental civilization. There is work on Hindu at Berkeley and Chicago, and on Chinese and Japanese culture at several universities, principally perhaps Washington, Berkeley and Harvard. In any case Burton can comment on these programs better than I.

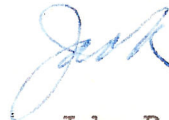
April 27, 1961

I do not know whether or not you have seen the recent issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science devoted to nationalism in Latin America, for which I wrote a piece on the confrontation of American scholars with the political university in Latin America, but on the chance that it would have some interest I will see that a copy is sent you.

Unfortunately I see no immediate prospect of getting to Mexico before November when I look forward among other things to seeing another grandson or possibly your first granddaughter. Incidentally, I received a note from Erskine McKinley indicating that he was considering driving to Mexico for a week or two this summer. Should he get to Mexico I hope you can spend some time with him. Dr. Cole is also away from New York right now but he too will see your letter when he returns early next month.

With institutional and personal best wishes for your work in every field at El Colegio. What about your own writing?

Abrazos,



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April 27, 1961.

Mr. Gerald Freund
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Dear Mr. Freund:

I was glad indeed to receive yesterday your kind letter of April 19 for I had been wondering whether mine of March 24 had gone astrayed. You are right: I had made all the arrangements to be at New York City during the last week of March, but I had to cancel my trip at the last moment.

You say in your good letter I am answering that you were somewhat puzzled by my discussion "of the possibilities for Mr. Roque González Salazar and Mr. Mario Ojeda". I have gone over my letter of March 24, and feel sure I did not deal with the problems of those two gentlemen as if they were one. In fact, I had never felt there was any problem at all as to Mr. Ojeda, because I know perfectly well he had no trouble in presenting his examinations and that his marks were satisfactory.

As I tried to explain in that letter, the Secretary of the Paris Institute of Political Studies not only denied Mr. González Salazar a chance to present examinations in regard to his main courses, but even to ask his professors for a private or unofficial statement about the quality of his work. If that is the case, as it seems to be, may I be allowed not sharing you feeling "sure that one or more of [his] present instructors will be willing to support [his] request"?

As I have no recent news from Mr. González Salazar, I ignore whether he called again on the Institute's authorities and whether they have consented to his petition. Anyhow, I will write him asking him to get in touch with you.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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May 2, 1961

Dear President Cosio Villegas:

Thank you for your letter of April 27.

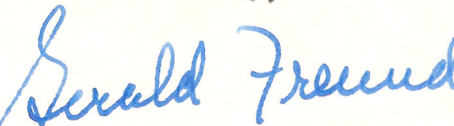
We are currently discussing the possibilities of a renewal for Mr. Ojeda and expect to be able to reach a decision very soon.

Recently we were visited by Professor J. B. Duroselle, who, although he does not know Mr. Gonzalez Salazar well, has heard from his colleagues that he is doing good work. We hope to be in touch with Mr. Gonzalez Salazar in the immediate future and to take action on a request for a renewal that we now expect him to submit.

Thank you for your interest in these current Foundation fellows; we hope that their problems will be resolved quickly and in accordance with your wishes.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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May 2, 1961

Dr. Gerald Freund
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Dear Mr. Freund:

I had this morning a letter from Mr. Rafael Segovia advising me that having applied for a renewal of his fellowship for another year, he was asked to obtain from El Colegio de México the necessary authorization to do so.

I suppose this is a formal requirement, for El Colegio has always considered a two-year period of study essential for the training not only of Mr. Segovia, but of both Mr. Roque González Salazar and Mr. Mario Ojeda.

I wish however to explain Mr. González Salazar's particular position. When, since the very beginning, I talked with Mr. Thompson about these fellowships and the fellows' programs of study, I expressed my strong conviction that our fellows should not seek any degree or diploma for the obvious reason that meeting the requirements for such degrees or diplomas was bound to turn away our fellows from their main goal, that is to say, to start a specialization in the chosen field of international studies.

I could not anticipate, however, what could happen to Mr. González Salazar, who, as you may remember, is supposed to work on the U.S.S.R. foreign policy. The Paris Institute of Political Studies conditions the right to take examination in any course to all students going through two courses, one in present-day French political problems, and the other called "Conférence de méthode". The students are required to prepare each week an oral or written "exposé" on such topics as the French working class, the main problems of the French farm labourer, is there a middle class in France?, the last two year's participation of the French political parties, etc.

I hardly dare to question the advisability of such courses for a French student, but it seems to me that the foreign student, without any knowledge of present-day French life, has to devote so much time and effort in the preparation of these exercises, that necessarily his other courses have to take second place.

I understand that Mr. González Salazar had the idea of talking with you at a time when you seemed to go to Paris. Anyhow, he informed me in due time about his problems, and I advised him, first, to talk with Mr. Touchard, and then with the professors of his main courses in order to obtain from them a personal note appraising his work, so as to enable you to form an opinion of his progress. Mr. Touchard refused to authorize Mr. González Salazar taking any examination in his main courses, and even the professors of these courses to make such a private appraisal.

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I do not know, of course, whether you consider the official marks the only way to base your opinion about a fellow's progress. As far as I am concerned, I am sure that Mr. González Salazar has done his very best and has worked as much as it is humanly possible. On the other hand I dare to say that it would be a pity if this gentleman has to come back to Mexico without making any real progress in what was supposed to be his principal concern.

Mr. Segovia's case is quite different since he is working on Contemporary Western Europe. Those two courses were within his proper field, so he went through them, presented his examinations and hopes to get the necessary approval.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

DCV/meh.-

May 3, 1961.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
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U.S.A.

Dear Burton:

I had yesterday a letter from Jack, dated April 27th, telling me he was leaving on Sunday the 30th for a six-weeks tour in South America, and, at the same time, that you will be back at your New York office shortly thereafter. You will excuse me then if I try to make some progress in Jack's absence.

First, he tells me that he would bring to your attention my query as to whether the Foundation will help us assuming the expenses of the new Director of the Center of Historical Studies trip to the U. S. and Europe to get acquainted with individuals and institutions devoted to teaching and research in History, so as to draw from their experience and expectations the best possible lessons for our new Center.

You may remember that we talked about this problem at El Colegio while you were here, and I had the impression that there was a general agreement as to this being very helpful. As I told Jack in my last letter, I have appointed as per today Alfonso García Ruiz the Center's Director. I believe it is an excellent choice, but while this trip might appear even unnecessary had I being able to appoint Silvio Zavala, José Miranda or Luis Weckmann, that is, men who had studied and lived in the U. S. and Europe, García Ruiz's case is different, because he has never been abroad.

On the other hand, my impression is that in few fields as in History there is today less assurance as to the path followed so far being the best one or, at least, the only one. Then, we have, I believe, special problems in our Center, as the one you personally raised in our long talk here: whether it could not be better to have just one solid course on Oriental Civilization, as the one, I presume, being tried at Columbia, instead of the various courses we had considered on Hindu, Islamic, Sino-Japanese, cultures, etc.

When I wrote Jack on this point, I had no clear idea as to the best time for García Ruiz to travel. Today I know it would hardly be possible to do it before summer is over, in fact, I would consider early October as the best, and, in fact, the only choice. If I raise the point now —so unnecessarily early, it would appear—, it is because I am afraid we have to plan this trip very carefully and very well in advance if we are going to make it as brief and fruitful as we need. I leave the problem, then, in your good hands.

With best wishes always,

Daniel Cosío Villegas

mayo 10, 1961.

Mr. Gerald Freund
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Dear Mr. Freund:

May I thank you for your good letter of May 2nd. in regard the renewal of Mr. Ojeda's and González Salazar's fellowships.

I know the latter wrote you asking formally for such renewal and submitting his plans for work during the summer months.

Yours sincerely.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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June 8, 1961

Dear Daniel:

Under separate cover I am sending you several pamphlets which may be of some use to you and to Alfonso Garcia Ruiz in your thinking with regard to the proposed courses on non-Western civilization. These materials have been given me by Ward Morehouse, Educational Director of the Asia Society, who is at present the person best informed about the various Asian studies programs in American colleges. I think that you will possibly find the Indiana pamphlet the most useful.

I am sorry to have been so slow in making suggestions with regard to the visits Garcia Ruiz should make in this country. I think actually that most of what he needs to do can be done here in the East principally at three institutions: Columbia, Princeton, and Harvard. Each of these has an undergraduate program on Asia, but the three are on quite different patterns. Moreover, each has collateral programs which are relevant to your interests. Princeton has one of the most important Near Eastern programs in the country as well as a strong program in international relations. Columbia has a number of area institutes of which the Far Eastern Institute and the Russian Institute are perhaps the strongest. Latin American studies are also extensive at Columbia. Harvard has perhaps the strongest program of research on Russia, one of the two strongest programs on the Middle East, and one of the leading programs on the Far East. In addition, nearby Boston University has one of the relatively few African programs. In these three cities, therefore, Garcia Ruiz could have quite a variety of useful contacts. In England the two most interesting institutions would be the London School of Oriental and African Studies and St. Anthony's College in Oxford. In Paris the most interesting program is that of the Sixieme Section of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes. There are many other much more limited programs in Europe, but these are the ones which would I think be of most relevance.

With best personal regards.

Cordially,



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Querido amigo Harrison:

Le envío a usted adjunta una copia de la carta que le escribí a Burton al recibir la última de usted, del 27 de abril, en que me anunciaba una larga ausencia de seis semanas.

Apenas ayer, recibí la respuesta de Burton fechada el 8 de junio, en la cual se excusa por una respuesta tan tardía. No será menester que usted le pida a él copia de su carta a mí. Me bastará decirle que en su respuesta no toca en lo absoluto mi principal problema, a saber: si la Fundación podría darnos el dinero necesario para el viaje de Alfonso García Ruíz. Burton me da en su carta informes muy valiosos sobre un único punto: instituciones norteamericanas donde se están ensayando cursos sobre civilizaciones orientales.

Yo, por supuesto, le contestaré inmediatamente a Burton pero sin tratarle el asunto del dinero, que vuelve a quedar plenamente en manos de usted. Me referiré en mi respuesta a Burton en cambio, a estas informaciones que me da, y que quisiera que me complementara.

Espero que le haya ido bien a usted en su viaje y que esté tan animoso para el trabajo como siempre. Aquí nosotros nos hemos puesto a trabajar furiosamente en la formación del primer grupo de becarios para el Centro de Estudios Históricos y en unos cuantos días haremos la elección final. A pesar del corto tiempo y gracias a una exploración masiva (como se dice en buen inglés y mal castellano) tenemos treinta y tantas solicitudes para quedarnos en 12 ó 15 estudiantes. Hay, pues, un cierto margen de elección. Tenemos arreglados también los cursos obligatorios e intensivos de inglés y en buena medida los de la segunda lengua (francés, alemán o ruso) pero ahora nos falta el tremendo problema del profesorado. Haremos sin embargo cuanto esfuerzo sea necesario para iniciar nuestros cursos en la fecha prevista.

Con un gran abrazo, suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

June 15, 1961.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
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Dear Burton:

I was glad indeed to receive your good letter of June 8th. I know you are a busy man and your travels undoubtedly impose on you heavy additional burdens. So, don't worry about answering late my last letter.

I wrote Jack today being him to take care of the financial aspect of this problem, and for the use of both of you, may I submit some of my latest worries.

I am trying to establish some suitable and, if possible, permanent arrangement with a young lady, already with a young lady, already with a master's degree in general history, working in her Ph D. dissertation, and at present teaching at the Veracruz University. I hope her English is good, for I have been advised about her doing part of her doing part of her bachelor's studies at Goucher and some post-graduate work at Harvard. This lady —of all things— has been particularly attracted by Ancient Egyptian civilization, and has been daydreaming for some time about going to Italy to work under some famous Italian specialist. The striking thing, however, is that while talking with her some days ago, she told me she has decided to start next year, right here in Mexico City, an Institute for Oriental Studies.

Of course I know —and I hope she too knows— that the task is right now impossible, and that it will be impossible for a long, long time if it were attempted outside El Colegio. However, if the information about her is good, and if she is willing to jump in and stay forever at the Oriental historical field, I believe that the García Ruiz's schedule of visits has to be modified somewhat. He must go, as you advise, to Columbia, Princeton and Harvard, and find out what they are doing in the Oriental field. But one of his most important purposes would be now to ascertain the best place we could send this lady to take herself —say the Columbia— the courses on Oriental Civilizations and learn how they are conducted, bibliography, etc. That is, to prepare herself to take our courses at El Colegio after a year or fourteen months abroad.

Anyhow, one point I would like to stress, and that is that García Ruiz must find out what the experience and main problems in the teaching and research of Historia (not only Oriental, but Occidental and U.S. history) are viewed by a well selected number of institutions and persons.

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My next problem would be: could you and Jack suggest one or two names and addresses of persons you believe that for some reason are exceptionally qualified to give García Ruiz information and advise?

You may believe me: sending you such long and difuse letters as this one, pains me always. So, with apologies and best wishes,

Cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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