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January 11, 1960

My dear Dr. Cosio:

I am glad to be able to inform you that action has been taken by the officers of The Rockefeller Foundation to make available the sum of \$10,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to El Colegio de Mexico for use by its Center of International Studies for the purchase of a basic library in international relations. This sum is for use during a two-year period beginning approximately January 1, 1960, at the end of which time any unexpended balance will revert to the Foundation.

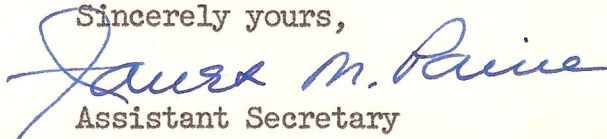
Our Purchasing Department will proceed promptly to order and ship to El Colegio the volumes (excluding the Encyclopedia Britannica) on the checklist we sent you recently. In order to facilitate the shipment, would you have sent to us at your convenience instructions as to how the shipment should be handled to avoid unnecessary delay or complication in its acceptance in Mexico City? In this connection, I understand that specific information is needed concerning the name and address to which the shipment should be directed, whether an import licence is required, and what special procedures or documents may be needed to secure clearance of the shipment through customs.

As soon as the order for these books has been completed, it will be possible to let you know the balance remaining in the grant which will be available to El Colegio for further purchases of volumes in international relations. When communicating with the Foundation concerning the grant, please quote the reference number "GA SS 59117."

A brief public announcement of this grant will be made in the next quarterly report of the Foundation. In this connection we are enclosing as a matter of routine a printed statement of The Rockefeller Foundation policy regarding the announcement of grants.

It is a pleasure to report this action to you.

Sincerely yours,


Assistant Secretary

Dr. Daniel Cosio Villegas, Director
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico

Enclosure

México, D. F., January 20, 1960.

Miss Janet Paine,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th St.
New York 20, N. Y.
U. S. A.

My dear Miss Paine:

May I acknowledge your kind letter of January 11, advising me that action was taken by the officers of the Foundation to make available the sum of \$ 10,000 to our Colegio for the purchase of a basic library in international relations.

As to shipping to El Colegio the volumes on the checklist you sent to us recently, the best way would be to send them by mail in packages, each of which must weight no more than ten pounds. In this way ther is no formality to be and the books will be delivered at our own door.

It may be quite possible, however, that the cost involved would be considerably higher than shipping them by express in big wooden boxes or cardboard paper. In this case, if the whole consignment or each has a value of more than \$ 80.00, a consular invoice must be obtained at some Mexican Consulate, and the boxes be consigned costum's agent, which in the case it may be Mr. Alfredo Palazuelos hijo, either in Nuevo Laredo, or Veracruz.

We understand that as soon as the order for these books has been completed you will let us know the balance remaining in the grant.

As we had explained, El Colegio does not make any announcement about the grants it receives.

Please accept the gratitude of El Colegio de México for this new generous action.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Director.

January 21, 1960.

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

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I must thank you, and most warmly, for the final outcome as to basic library for the Center of International Studies.

Miss Paine advised us officially as to the action taken, and the only thing in her letter that impressed me was her saying that the \$10,000 grant could be expent in the next two years. We will expend it in two months, as a matter of fact, since we have been working furiously on the list of books and reviews we need to buy first.

More then ever I am convinced that we will need a great deal more money. Let me tell you just one little, funny experience I just had. A big New York house specializing in selling big runs of learned journals sent us its last catalogue. I marked down the sets we would like to have in our library and then ordered to sum up the several items so marked. The result was\$10,705.65!

The book I refer to in our last conversation was:
Trygve Mathisen: Methodology in the Study of International Relations.
New York: The MacMillan Co., 1959; VIII + 265 pp. Has there been any comment on it in some American journal?

With my gratitude and best wishes,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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México, D.F.

March 15, 1960.

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

Dear Dr. Thompson:

You have been saved at least from two or three letters of mine simply because I have been wholly absorbed in bringing out the fifth volume of the Modern History of Mexico (which, incidentally, deals with the diplomatic history of the Díaz regime). But no more than five minutes ago, I handed out to the press the foot-notes, and... I am writing my first letter.

Since your assistant secretary advised us in the very first days of January as to the action taken to provide El Colegio de México with \$10,000 for a basic library on international relations, we have not heard as to whether the books of your small library are about to be sent. As the cost of this library is to be subtracted from the total grant to find out how much money we will have for direct purchases from the publishers, we at first limited ourselves to going over bibliographies, publishers catalogues, etc. As the time went by, however, we started placing orders to buy some books but especially as complete runs as possible of the most important journals because most of the offers had to be acted upon immediately, even by wire.

I am telling you these seemingly small details with two purposes in mind. Although I am sure it is quite outside your province, could you find out whether there is anything wrong with the dispatch of those books? Most important —and this is quite inside your province— I wish to say that although we are very far from having ordered what we could consider a starting library, we have spent so far \$4,200 in journals and books. This is a first, but sure sign that we will need soon additional funds.

I would like to inform you what the situation is as to those candidates for fellowships we talked about the last time we met. I left with you a list of some light or ten names with a brief curricula, and you had the impression of certain promise, when I got back here, I started finding out something more about each one of them and finally had a good talk with them. It took me little time to convince myself that no one of them could be a candidate for those fellowships. The reasons were after all quite obvious. Most of them had been abroad exactly with the purpose of making some special study; they had come back to Mexico and had gone through the unavoidable period of readjustment, and most of them had finally reached a position which was at variance with their primitive plans. One of them, for instance, had gone to Harvard, made a Ll. B., majoring in public international; is ordinary

professor at the Law School of the National University, but his real job is assistant to some senior litigator. It made little sense for them to give up what they have now, to start all over again: going abroad to study a new subject, and come back for another process of adjustment.

I decidedly turned to younger people, men and women who have been just graduated as masters or who are going to get their degrees in two or three months. I have not completed my findings and I think we must have a group of at least six people so there is good chance to choose from it.

There is however one thing I would like to be advised by you, and that is whether you yourself or somebody from the New York office will come down to Mexico to meet personally these young fellows, and, if so, if it could be arranged this visit for early August, which seems to me the best time. I will send you before hand, of course, full details on each individual: his curriculum vitae, institution he wants to go to and a rather definite outline of his program of work.

Now I want your good personal advice on a matter which seems to me of great importance, although, again, is outside your official province. I am trying to convince the strongest publishing firm in Argentina to start a series of books on international relations. (From my point of view it will be another means to strengthen El Colegio's work both in the teaching field, with the Center of International Studies and with El Colegio's quarterly International Studies).

Since conditions are rather peculiar not only in Mexico but throughout the Spanish-speaking world, I am thinking of three types of books. The first one will give the Spanish reader an idea of countries or regions practically unknown to him. Good examples of this type of books are: Samson's Japan, Fitzgerald's China, Linson's India or Butler's The Culture of Southeast Asia. The second type of book would be an "institutional" book, that is, one which will give the reader an idea of the working of an international institution, f. i., Goodrich's United Nations. The third type of book would be on international relations proper.

Will you please comment on the general idea, and then suggest two or three titles on the third type of book? As you know much more than I do, books on international relations are bound, by their very nature, to lose validity sooner than books on other subjects. So, we are thinking of books whose interest may be insured for the next five years, let us say.

Well, I am sorry to write at such length and above all, in such an English.

With best wishes

yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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March 22, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

Your letter of March 15 to Mr. Thompson arrived yesterday. Unfortunately, Mr. Thompson left last week for Europe and will not return until about the middle of April.

I took the liberty to check with our Shipping Department regarding the basic library for El Colegio and was informed that ninety percent of the volumes are already in transit, so I hope you will be receiving them soon.

As soon as Mr. Thompson returns, your letter will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Elena Amirian

Elena Amirian
Secretary to
K. W. Thompson

Professor Daniel Cosio Villegas
El Colegio de Mexico
Durango, 93
Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico

esa

Mr. John P. Harrison,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th. St.,
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

One of the best graduate students of El Colegio de México, Luis Felipe Muro, has not completed his Ph.D. dissertation on account of his inability to devote to it the necessary time. On the other hand, he wishes to go on with his work in the Seminar on Contemporary History of Mexico, specially in its bibliographical sources.

We would be very grateful if the Foundation could give to El Colegio a grant-in-aid of \$2,880 which would enable us to help Mr. Muro both to finish his thesis and carry on his work at the Seminar, where he is a most useful assistant.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Cosío Villegas,
Director.

marzo 31, 1960.

Sr. John P. Harrison
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50 th street
New York 20, N.Y.
E. U. A.

Querido amigo Harrison:

Quisiera presentar a su bondadosa consideración una petición formal para que la ayuda que concedió la Fundación Rockefeller al Seminario de México sobre Lengua y Literatura Hispánicas se pueda prolongar hasta el 30 de junio de 1961, en lugar de concluirse, como se previó inicialmente, el 31 de octubre del presente año.

Los fundamentos de esta petición son los siguientes. A nuestra petición del 5 de septiembre de 1957, ustedes contestaron el 27 del mismo mes providing up to \$39,000 toward the support of a research and training program in literary studies. Estos \$39,000 representaban las dos terceras partes del dinero necesario para sostener dicho programa; la otra tercera parte correría por cuenta de El Colegio. Ustedes añadían: "Any balance of the fund unexpended on October 31, 1960, will revert to the Foundation".

Para el programa de estudios literarios estaba previsto un Director, encargado de dar cursos y de supervisar los trabajos de los becarios. Nosotros esperábamos que este Director llegaría al Colegio en el otoño de 1957. Desgraciadamente, no anduvimos con suerte. Nos dirigíamos al profesor José F. Montesinos (Universidad de California), al profesor Angel Rosenblat (Universidad de Caracas), al profesor Lapesa (Universidad de Madrid) y al profesor Emilio Alarcos Llorach (Universidad de Oviedo), sin ningún éxito. Para colmo de desgracias, algunos de estos profesores hicieron esperar bastante su respuesta a nuestra invitación, de tal manera que en esto se pasó mucho tiempo.

Finalmente, a mediados de 1958, el profesor Arnauld Steiger (Universidad de Zürich) aceptó nuestra invitación, asegurándonos que podría hacer su viaje a México en breve plazo. Ante esta seguridad, decidimos que se iniciaran las actividades del grupo de estudios literarios, y nos dirigimos a ustedes el 10 de junio de 1958 submitting our first budget, por la cantidad de \$5,448.00, cantidad que ustedes nos enviaron el 27 del mismo mes.

En espera del profesor Steiger, los señores Alatorre y Lope Blanch y la señora de Alatorre comenzaron a dar cursos de lingüística y de literatura al grupo de becarios, que comenzó a funcionar el 1º de julio de 1958.

Pero el profesor Steiger comenzó a retrasar cada vez más su viaje, con distintos pretextos, a los cuales se añadió una operación que tuvo que sufrir a comienzos de 1959. En junio de 1959 nos dijo que haría su viaje a México a fines de ese año. En vista de tantas dilaciones, decidimos prescindir de él e invitar a otro scholar para que viniera a

dirigir el grupo de estudios literarios. Nos dirigimos al profesor Alonso Zamora Vicente (Universidad de Salamanca), el cual aceptó nuestra invitación. En este caso no hubo contratiempos, sino sólo las dilaciones naturales. El profesor Zamora Vicente llegó aquí el 19 de febrero de este año.

Mientras tanto, los cursos continuaban en la misma forma en que se habían iniciado, y el 22 de diciembre de 1958 yo presenté our second budget por la suma de \$5,448.00. A mediados de 1959 no se hizo la petición de fondos, aunque el grupo de estudios literarios continuó en actividad. Thus, our third budget, por la suma de \$6,500.00, fue enviado a ustedes el 5 de diciembre de 1959. Al mandarnos ustedes esta cantidad, nos recordaron que el plazo del subsidio terminaba el 31 de octubre de 1960.

En vista de que (1) nuestro programa comenzó a realizarse en julio de 1958; de que (2) durante el año de 1959 no presentamos más que un budget; y de que (3) el director del grupo apenas acaba de llegar, pedimos que los \$21,604 que aún quedan de los \$39,000 concedidos por la Fundación se nos prorroguen hasta 1961, de tal manera que podamos hacer otras tres peticiones de fondos: en junio y diciembre de 1960, y en junio de 1961.

Suyo, amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado: 2123
México, D.F.

Mexico, D. F., April 28, 1960.

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

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I am sure that this question of the balance on the appropriation for our library on international affairs is outside your province. At the same time, I do not know who is the proper authority to deal with, and have no means to find it out.

The fact is that all the books are now safely in our hands, and that according to a copy of the bill (whose original, I suppose, was sent directly to the Foundation) the final price is \$ 2,009.45. We have no information as to the amount of charges for handling, insure, etc., and

Consequently, we cannot ascertain what it would be the balance at our disposal.

Will you be so kind as to put this note in the proper hands?

Grateful, as always,

Yours sincerely.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

THE Rockefeller Foundation

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May 3, 1960

Dear don Daniel:

A couple of days after our pleasant evening together I came down with a virus, muy macho and persistent. I was away from work for approximately two weeks and have been operating at a low level of efficiency ever since. This lament is to explain why you did not hear from me again during your time in New York and explains also why I have been forced to rearrange my South American travel so that I now leave, hopefully, on May 23.

I will write you about other matters later and this note is simply to say that Miranda called at the Foundation offices yesterday to discuss further his travel plans for the nine months preceding his assuming full duties at the Colegio as a Professor of History and as the Coordinator for Research on contemporary Mexican history being done by El Colegio.

As you know, he feels that if he is to assume responsibility for conducting graduate studies in history at El Colegio, he needs badly to renew his contacts with historians and his reading of work in European historiography in France and England. Consequently, to improve his effectiveness as the Coordinator of the studies on contemporary Mexican history, he wants to do research on the European--particularly French and English--reaction to the Mexican Revolution and especially to the constitution of 1917. He tells me that El Colegio will provide him with his salary of \$240 a month during this sabbatical year and that he needs an additional \$4000 to cover the cost of his travel and living expenses while in Europe.

From our conversations, I assume that you are in agreement as to the importance of this period in Europe for Miranda, not only personally but in his capacity as History Professor and Coordinator of Research at El Colegio. If I am correct and you wish to request \$4000 for his travel and living expenses during a nine-month period, I will recommend approval to my colleagues here. I would not want to do this, however, unless as Director of El Colegio you believe the program in history instruction as well as research has an important place in the long-range plans of El Colegio.

With warmest regards to all,

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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May 4, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

Thank you for your letter of April 28. I have asked the Comptroller's Office to look into the matter you have mentioned and hope to be able to give the information in the very near future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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May 4, 1960

Dear don Daniel:

Monty Yudelman is, as you may or may not know, at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard this spring and he has telephoned to say that a Mr. Hong Tang, a Vietnamese, is presently doing graduate work on development economics at Harvard on a special fellowship from his government. As I understand it from Monty, Mr. Tang wants to observe the study and operation of economic development in some country other than the United States before returning to Vietnam. He plans to visit Mexico June 18-25.

It seemed to me that it might well be of interest to you, both as an economist and as Director of El Colegio with its new School of International Studies, to talk to Mr. Tang while he was in Mexico. If you are both interested and free to see him, could you write Dr. Montague Yudelman in care of the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, indicating when and where Mr. Tang should get in touch with you.

With continued warm regards,

Sincerely,



Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
Director
El Colegio de México
Durango 93
Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico

JPH: MEN

México, D. F., 11 de mayo de 1960.

Dr. Montague Yudelman
c/o Center for International Affairs,
Harvard University,
6 Divinity Ave.
Cambridge, Mass.
U. S. A.

Querido amigo Yudelman:

Recibí hoy una carta de John P. Harrison relativa a la visita a México del Sr. Hong Tang, de Viet Nam, para el próximo junio, o sea del 18 al 25 de ese mes, para ser exactos.

Yo tendré mucho gusto en conversar personalmente con el Sr. Tang, y para ello puede usted darle mis teléfonos como sigue: 18-68-00 y 28-61-61.

Pero si el Sr. Tang quiere ponerse en contacto con otras personas o instituciones, y quizá visitar algunos centros agrícolas o industriales, será preciso que me escriba con bastante anticipación.

Me alegra mucho saber que está usted en este continente, y me alegraría más saber algo sobre sus planes actuales de trabajo.

Con mis mejores deseos, suyo amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

México, D. F., 11 de mayo de 1960.

Dr. John P. Harrison,
The Humanities,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th Street,
New York 20, N. Y.

Querido amigo Harrison:

Le he informado a usted en alguna otra ocasión, que al iniciarse los trabajos del Seminario de Historia Contemporánea de México, invité al Profesor José Miranda a incorporarse a él tanto como investigador cuanto como coordinador de investigación para la historia social y cultural contemporánea de México. En este doble papel ha estado trabajando en el Colegio de México desde el 1º de julio del año pasado.

Como en 1960 tenía su año sabático en la Universidad Nacional de México, planteó el problema de su aprovechamiento en Europa lo mismo para rehacer sus contactos con personas e instituciones dedicadas a la historia de México y de la América Latina, así como para estudiar concretamente la reacción de la opinión pública y política hacia la Revolución Mexicana y de un modo particular sobre los grandes textos jurídicos que salieron de ella, además, por supuesto, de la Constitución de 1917.

El Colegio ha visto con gran interés este trabajo que hará el Sr. Miranda en Europa, y por esa razón, le mantendrá su asignación durante los 9 meses que durará dicho viaje. Sin embargo esta cantidad es, por supuesto, insuficiente, y quisiera someter a la bondadosa consideración de usted la posibilidad de que la Fundación le diera al Colegio un subsidio de 4,000 dólares para completar los gastos de viaje y estancia del Sr. y la Sra. José Miranda, para los fines indicados.

Esperando que encuentre usted justificada esta petición, quedo suyo amigo y s. s.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

DCV/ja.

THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY
TUFTS UNIVERSITY

ADMINISTERED WITH THE COOPERATION OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

May 23, 1960

Dear Mr. Villegas:

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy expects applications for admission and for scholarships or fellowships to be complete by February 15 of any year for enrollment in the School in the following September. Notices of admission are sent out on April 1, and normally the enrollment is complete and scholarship awards have been made by that time.

Applications received after February 15 will be carefully considered, however, and admission may be granted if an opening in the School enrollment still exists or if one occurs later.

Admissions for the academic year 1960-1961 are now complete, and the Committee on Admissions and Fellowships does not anticipate further admissions unless a vacancy should occur between now and September. In that case, a selection would be made from among pending applications. No immediate action would be taken, therefore, on your application. It would be filed for consideration should a vacancy occur. I am enclosing application forms, and the Committee would be glad to review your application if you care to have it filed in this manner and under the conditions noted.

There is one other possibility that might be of interest to you. If you care to complete your application now, and if no occasion should arise for its consideration this year, the Fletcher School would be willing to consider it for the academic year 1961-1962 if you should request us to do so not later than February 15, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia Casavant

Registrar

Mr. Daniel Casio Villegas
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Mexico, D. F.

May 24, 1960.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U. S.A.

Dear Burton:

I hope you are back from your last trip to Japan, or rather, that you have been in New York for a while.

I just found out that Jack Harrison started for South America much later than he originally had planned, and consequently, that he shall not be back but practically in July.

This worries me on account of that big project (starting January 1961, a new cycle of historical teaching) which you have in your hands since . You may remember that at the time you received this suggestion, a new vicepresident, in charge, as I understand, of the humanities and Social Sciences, had been appointed, and that you naturally wanted to submit it to him. I think you had the idea that this could be done fairly soon, and so, we here, at El Colegio, could see no harm in waiting.

Conditions seem rather different now. In the first place, I suppose it will be necessary for me to submit a rough estimate of what the cost of the project might be. Then, even with information at your disposal, I understand your Board of Trustees never meets during the summer. What then would be the first chance for our application to come up before it? Could that be, say, in late September?

I am sure you understand that what it really worries me is my hard and bitter experience: to do things in Mexico require much more time and effort than elsewhere. And in this particular case the problems involved are by their very nature difficult: we have to raise money, assemble the teaching staff and select the students.

On the other hand, I am sure you can hardly do anything to expedite matters. However, I hope that some information on the main points raised would help a lot.

With best wishes always,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Apartado: 2123
México, D.F.

May 30, 1960.

Miss Marcia Casavant
The Fletcher School of Law
Medford, Mass.
U. S. A.

Dear Miss Casavant:

Your kind letter of May 23rd.

May I explain our position?

We need the latest catalogue your school will offer exactly to plan the studies of some our students who may applied for admission before February 1st, 1961, to enter for the academic year September, 1961-June, 1962.

Our students will not be, however, regular students, working toward any degree, nor they need applied for any scholarship or fellowship. They already have a master's degree either in law, economics or political science, and will go to your school to take up a number of courses according to their own needs.

Please, then, advise me, as to whether we can secure a copy of your latest catalogue, and as to registration requirements for this kind of special students.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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June 3, 1960

Dear Daniel:

As you knew when you wrote it, your letter of May 24 arrived in Jack's absence. He had discussed with me in very general terms the question of the reinstitution in a somewhat broadened fashion of your earlier program for the training of graduate historians; but I had not until now looked at your letter of last December, since I had left this largely in Jack's hands. Let me give you the best advice I can now, which can be supplemented when Jack returns, if necessary.

First, it is now too late for this to be considered at the June meeting, and the next opportunity for consideration by the Executive Committee of our Board of Trustees would be in September, when the meeting is scheduled for September 24. While Dr. Charles Cole, the new Vice President, has spent a few days with us during this last month, there has not yet been an opportunity - particularly with Jack absent - for discussion of this project with him. ✓ So I have nothing new to report as to the possibility of our recommending it for the September meeting. ✓

From what I know of the background, I would certainly agree that there is a need for this graduate training in history and that the Colegio remains the best place in Mexico for it to be carried out. } As you know, also, I have long been interested in the problem of broadening the interest of Mexican historians to include something on the Orient, as well as Europe and other parts of the Americas in addition to Mexico itself. In considering this question here this summer, I foresee two kinds of problems. |

First is the question of possible conflicts between this project in history and the project for the Historia Contemporanea to which we are already committed. There may be some question as to whether we should be involved in two substantial projects in history at the Colegio at the same time. But the more substantial issue will be whether this involves an overstraining of the Colegio's capacities both in finances and in personnel, including the question as to whether you yourself may be taking on too heavy personal commitments. I am not prejudging these questions, but only mentioning them so that you will have a chance to give us your thinking with regard to them. |

June 3, 1960

The second major question which I think would need to be explored here is the question of how the Colegio can hope to provide adequate instruction on such a broad range of history as that outlined in the draft curriculum included with your letter of last December, even granted - as I have already indicated above - that this broadening-out of the vision of Mexican historians is most desirable. ✓ This question, I suppose, could be best answered by your spelling out more specifically how you would hope to provide this kind of instruction. ✓

Without commitment then as to the final decision here, we should be happy to have more information from you, including, if you wish, a tentative budget. With this we can be sure to get good discussion here either this month or next, and therefore would be in a good position for a final decision on the matter by early fall.

My brief trip in Japan was, as usual, a very interesting one. I do hope that you are going to have your Asian experience at some time in the not distant future.

It was delightful to see you and Emma before I left.

With best personal regards to you both, in which Jamie, Barbara and Jim join,

Cordially,

Burton

Charles B. Fahs

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Mexico, D.F.
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CBF:mwt

Mexico, D. F., June 8, 1960.

Mr. Rowe S. Steel, Comptroller,
The Rockefeller Foundation,
111 West 50th St.
New York 20, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Steel:

I wrote some time ago Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson, Director of Social Sciences Division, in regard to a grant-in-aid for \$10,000 for the purchase of books on international relations for our Colegio's library. He wrote me back advising me that he would refer the matter to you. As I have not heard from you so far, I guess I might as well write directly to you.

As you undoubtedly know, the use of that grant-in-aid was conditioned to the Foundation supplying us directly (or rather through a New York dealer) the basic library formed by the Foundation, and the remainder would be sent to us for direct purchases. This has been done, but it has taken a long time, and the present position is that we have received all but some forty books, we don't know what the final balance will be and cannot dispose of the larger part of the grant in due time.

I wonder whether it could be possible for you, either to cancel the order for the books so far not supplied, or set aside the necessary funds for their payment, but in any case send us the balance, which we certainly need if we are going to have the books well in advance of the opening of our academic activities.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President.

June 10, 1960.

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

Dear Dr. Thompson:

All possible work to prepare for you or the officer of the Foundation who will come down to Mexico to talk with the young Mexicans interested in your international affairs fellowships, seems to be complete now. Both because of this fact, and because the candidates are rather anxious to find out whether they have a chance, no to mention the time required to secure registration at the colleges and universities involved, seems to point to the convenience of a much earlier action on your part. I say this because I remember that when I talked with you last time, I suggested for your trip to Mexico the middle of August.

Presuming, in any case, that some advanced information on the candidates may prove useful for whatever decision you may take, I am writing you this letter. After going through the usual stages not only of disappointment, but of deep downheartness, I am now satisfied that the group is good in general, fits quite nicely in some of the Colegio's needs and plans, and offers a wide range of choice. You may notice, for instance, that one candidate suggests a program of studies based on political science, other on economics and a third on military matters, while others have chosen the area concept to build up their programs. One suggest the United States, another the U.S.S.R., and its satellites, a third one the Western European powers, and so on. The majority come from law schools, although not even all of these are one hundred percent legalminded. One of them, for instance, in spite of his masters degree in law, has been interested in letters, and another in political science. One is a historian, another an economist, and a third one a military man who made a master's degree in political science.

Now as to the individuals:

Roque González Salazar: Has an A.B and a master's degree in law from the University of Nuevo León; teaches Mexican history in secondary schools; has been secretary general of the University for the last two years, and even acting president for few months. I suspect that the very fact of his having been so successful in this administrative career, has created in him the impression of that success being unmatched by a similar advancement in the intellectual field proper. Furthermore, the fact of being the second man at the University, and his realization of being hard or hazardous to climb up to the first position, must have created in him the idea of trying anew something else, and something in which progress, exactly because of its being slow, will be more lasting. He would like to go to Paris, to the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, and make the U.S.S.R. his special field. He would take during the first year four courses:

General Political History, History of Political Ideas, History of the XX Century and the U.S.S.R. In the second year, three lecture courses: The Foreign Policy of the U.S.S.R., "Popular Democracies" and International Relations since 1945. He will also take two seminar courses on certain particular aspects of the U.S.S.R. He will then come back to Mexico to serve as assistant to the foreign professor in charge at El Colegio de México of a one-year course on the Soviet Bloc; and then he could go to Moscow to learn well the language and study sur le champ.

Alfonso Rangel Guerra. Another curious case: AB and master's degree in law from the University of Nuevo León, his inclination is rather humanistic, as revealed by his having been acting dean of the School of Humanities of the same university and its professorship of history of literature. He wants to go to Paris, to the same Institut d'Etudes Politiques, and take a series of courses with a certain emphasis on France. During the first year he will take General Political History, History of the XX Century, France since 1945, International Relations from 1914 to 1945. During the second year, International Relations since 1945; European Institutions since 1945; French Foreign Policy since 1945, the French Community and Colonial Policies.

Rafael Segovia. Has a master and a doctorate in history, from the National University, and from this point of view, is the best trained of the group. He plans to go to the Ecole des Hautes Etudes and to the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, and build up a special field on the Western European Powers. During the first year he would take a seminar under professor Braudel on the methodology of the social and historical sciences, and the following lecture courses: Economic and Social History of France since 1848; The Big Powers; International Relations from 1871 to 1914, and from 1914 to 1945. During the second year he will take as many courses as possible on Western Europe.

Mario Ojeda Gómez. Has a master's degree on diplomacy from the Political and Social Sciences School, National University of Mexico; and wants to specialize on the United States, going, I guess, first to Harvard for courses of a general character and then to Chicago if this is the best place to study American Foreign Policy.

Homero Herrera Orrantia. A.B. and A.M. in Law, from the Free School of Law, at Mexico City. Works under Jorge Castañeda on the research project you know about. Wants to go to the Paris Institute of Political Studies according to this plan. First year: Introduction to Political Science; the State's Fundamental Political Problems; Administrative and Political Foreign Institutions and Political Parties. During the second year: Administrative and Political Foreign Institutions, History of the XX Century, Political Movements of France Today and two seminars on French Political Institutions and French Political Parties.

Julio Faesler. A. B. y A.M. in Economics, National School of Economics, University of Mexico. Wants to go to the London School of Economics to study International Economics.

César Contreras Aguilar. Special case, first because he is forty years old, then, for its being a military man. A member of the Mexican Air Force, was trained in the U. S. to enter active service in World War II, as member of the famous (for Mexicans) Air Force Group n°. 201, which went as far as Manila to enter the war against Japan when Japan surrendered. This gentleman is now third in command of the Mexican Air Force, and completed and graduated as A.M. in Political Science at the National University. In spite of his age, I have included him because it seems to me so unusual to have a Mexican who may work on international problems, with a good military background.

There is another special case I would like to call your attention to Miss María Teresa Aguilar. Has a masters degree in diplomatic "sciences" (as they call them at the University) and applied for a fellowship through the American Embassy here. She has just received an official communication telling her she will be admitted to Columbia University next fall under a grant of \$2,525, which according to the University itself requires to be supplemented to the amount of \$915, plus transportation costs. The girl, of course, has no means to supply that sum of money, and then, I am afraid that if she is going to organize her work under the sole guidance of the University's authorities, she will not do as much as she might if that work were planned by El Colegio. Although I know that the Foundation does not look with favor complementary fellowships, I hope you may see in this a special case.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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June 17, 1960

Dear Professor Villegas:

Many thanks for your letter of June 10. I shall give more careful attention to the curriculum vitae of the young scholars whose names you sent me. I merely want at this point to acknowledge your good letter and to advise you that I expect to be in Mexico during the week of July 24. If I could interview your younger scholars during this period, I would be most happy. I would suppose either the first day or two or the last day of the week would be preferable for my purposes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas, President
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June 20, 1960.

Mr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
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Dear Professor Thompson:

I am sending you under separate cover one copy of the first issue of our journal FORO INTERNACIONAL, in which your splendid article on American approaches to International Politics appeared. I hope you find satisfactory both its translation and its printing.

You will find herewith a New York draft for \$40.00 and a receipt, which I will appreciate being signed and sent back.

Hoping to receive at your earliest convenience the next contribution to our journal, I am, with my deep appreciation,

Yours faithfully

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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México, D. F., 21 de junio de 1960.

Sr. Charles B. Fahs,
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New York, City.

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Daniel Cosío Villegas

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June 22, 1960.

Dr. Kenneth W. Thompson
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 40th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Professor Thompson:

I am indeed happy to learn that you yourself are coming down to Mexico next July.

I presume that you will arrive sometime during Sunday July 24th, and be ready to start your work next day, Monday July 25th. If that is the case, may I suggest that you start interviewing the young people interested in the international affairs fellowships on Monday, July 25, at ten o'clock A.M., let us say. I am sure you may be through in just one day, and then be free the rest of the week for anything else you may have in mind.

I would like to have your confirmation as to that date, and then about the place. I don't know whether you want to interview these fellows at the Foundation's office, or at El Colegio. You may have at El Colegio my own office all for yourself. It is not as impressive as your own and much less so modern looking, but you will be comfortable and alone.

Since I have to tell these young scholars the exact date, place and time, and two of them are coming from Monterrey, I would like to have a word from you beforehand.

I will send you in a few days more the formal curriculum vitae.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President.

June 22, 1960.

Mr. Charles B. Fahs
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th street
New York 20, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Burton:

I must apologize for answering so late your good letter of June 3rd. The fact is that I wanted to be sure about my answer.

The news you gave me that the next opportunity for consideration by the Executive Committee of your Board of Trustees will be late in September, made me ponder what chances El Colegio had to select our students, to assemble our faculty, buy books, and so on.

Although (perhaps because of my not being a marxist), I like to practice from time to time some "adventurism"; although one of the very few divergences I have found between some officials of your Foundation and myself is exactly this: that backward countries cannot afford to be too rational and sensible, in spite of all that, I have come reluctantly to the conclusion that it will be too late for El Colegio to organize so many things.

The question now is, then, when it would be convenient to present the project, if we would suppose that the courses will start by January 62.

The problems you refer to are real problems, but not unsalvable, I hope. I will not, however, take them up this time since it would be premature.

With best regards,

Yours cordially

Daniel Cosío Villegas
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México, D.F.

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PROFESSOR DANIEL COSIO VILLEGAS

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
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NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

June 23, 1960

Dear Dr. Malagon:

In the absence of Jack Harrison in Latin America,
I have checked with El Colegio de Mexico with regard to your
inquiry as to the possibility of a release for Luis Felipe Muro
to enable him to work on the Revista Interamericana de Bibliografia.
On the basis of advice received, it is my impression that Muro
will not be available for this work and that you should therefore
make other plans.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Charles B. Fahs
Director

Dr. Javier Malagon
Pan American Union
Washington 6, D.C.

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Copy to: Lic. Daniel Cosio Villegas ✓

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México, D. F., junio 28, 1960.

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June 28, 1960

Dear President Villegas:

I am looking forward with the keenest anticipation to the first issue of FORO INTERNACIONAL.

It is a very agreeable thought that I might be privileged to contribute to your journal. I shall keep this in mind and be in touch with you if I think it likely that I could present something which would be worthy of your consideration.

I regret that it will not be possible for me to come to Mexico next February. I must be in Mexico briefly in September for a meeting of the International Association of Universities and doubt that I could return so soon. In any event, under our long-standing traditions, we have remained in the background and have not taken part in ceremonies connected with work to which we are privileged to make a modest contribution. There are occasions when one would wish to make an exception but I am sure that you will agree that the role of a junior and silent partner is the appropriate role for a foundation.

With esteem and best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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President Daniel Cósio Villegas
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June 29, 1960

Dear Professor Cosio:

I have your note of June 20 and appreciate very much your sending me a copy of the first issue of FORO INTERNACIONAL.

I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness in offering an honorarium for my article, but feel that I ought not to accept your kind offer. When the check arrives here (nothing was enclosed with your letter of June 20), I shall return it to you.^x

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth W. Thompson
Director

x I suggest you hold the check if you have not already sent it.
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