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Prof. Daniel Cossio Villegas
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Dear Prof. Villegas,

We would like to invite you in the name of the Brandeis University Department of Sociology, to participate in the Spring Colloquium on Latin America. This will be a three day meeting which will provide an opportunity to gather students of Latin American affairs to discuss some broad topics relevant to its present stage of development. We would like to explore in the discussions the relations between economic development and political possibilities in terms of case studies of specific countries.

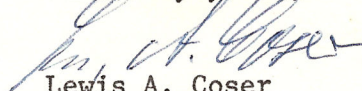
The first day will be devoted to the discussion of theories of structural change in societies with no special focus on Latin America. The second day, will include the presentation of case studies of Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, and Chile. Finally, in the third day, the discussions will center around methodological problems and research possibilities and limitations. The setting for the discussions will be provided by the interaction of invited speakers, faculty members from Brandeis University, and graduate students in the area.

The audience will be a closed selected group at all times. We expect to hold at least two formal sessions per day [one at 10 a.m., the other at 3 p.m.] and to devote the rest of the day to small working group meetings. The three days selected for the colloquium are Friday May 12, 13, and 14. From each guest speaker we would expect a statement about their current interest and research. If possible, a draft of the speech should be forwarded. Although this is not a formal conference, we would like the papers presented to be available for later publication. Also, if you find any of your earlier work to be important background for the colloquium, we would appreciate having it so to distribute to all participants.

We are extending this invitation, among other scholars, to the following: David Apter, Frank Bonilla, Andre G. Frank, Philip Foner, Gino Germani, John Gerassi, Federico Gil, Eric Hobsbawn, Joseph Kahl, Irving Horowitz, Alex Inkeles, Otavio Ianni, Helio Jaguaribe, Robert Packenham, Anthony Leeds, Oscar Lewis, D. Maybury-Lewis, Jose A.S. Michelena, S.M. Lipset, Barrington Moore Jr., Lisa Peattie, Kalman Silvert, Paul Singer, Paul Sweezy, Arthur Vidich, Maurice Zeitlin.

Since we have to rely on very limited funds for this colloquium, we are in the condition to offer only a nominal daily fee to each participant. Unfortunately we can't cover your travel expenses from Mexico to the U.S., but upon your arrival in this country we can offer a full coverage of transportation expenses and accomodations. We would be very honored if you agree to be one of our main speakers presenting the case of Mexico during the session to be held on May 13. Of course, your presence in all other sessions would be extremely valuable and if the project seems at all feasible to you, we would be delighted to discuss it in further detail. We hope the general arrangements may suit you. Please feel free to make any suggestions and corrections in our proposed program. We would be grateful if you can let us know as soon as possible which days you can come.

Sincerely yours,



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the Latin American Colloquium

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Dear Professor Coser:

Your good letter of March 6th must have been mailed much later for even coming by surface mail it could not take a whole month to reach me.

I was extremely flattered by your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I am unable to consider it as I must lead the Mexican delegation to ECOSOC in New York all way.

You may be sure that I deeply regret being prevented to participate in such a useful and stimulating work.

With best wishes for the success of your meeting,

Yours cordially

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