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Lic. Daniel Cosío Villegas  
El Colegio de México  
Guanajuato 125  
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Dear Lic. Cosío Villegas:

I am a member of the department of history of Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota, and I was on one occasion a contributor to Historia mexicana. On the strength of that brief introduction to you and at the suggestion of Dr. Nettie Lee Benson of the Latin American Collection at the University of Texas, I make bold to write to you concerning a research project which I have recently undertaken.

At present I am beginning a year's leave of absence from my teaching post to do research for a monograph which will deal with American and European rivalry for influence in Mexico, 1820-1870. During the coming year I hope to work in the diplomatic archives of Mexico, Great Britain (where I have already covered considerable ground), France, and Spain -- a large undertaking, but in the case of Mexico, at any rate, I can return for further work with little difficulty at a future time.

On the basis of my present very incomplete knowledge of the subject I should like to concentrate my first studies during the coming months in Mexico City at two points: the archives of the Secretaría de Relaciones and the personal papers of Matías Romero for the period of his service in the legation at Washington during the Intervention. Professor Guadalupe Monroy tells me that I shall need authorization from you to use the papers of Sr. Romero, and others, including Miss Benson, have strongly urged me to consult you for suggestions concerning the use of the Relaciones archives.

Accordingly, I should like to inquire whether you can spare me a few minutes in what I know is a busy schedule. I plan to arrive in Mexico City on September 15 for a visit of two months or more, and I should greatly appreciate the favor of a brief appointment with you at any time during that period which may be convenient to you. In replying to me, you may use the above address until September 14. In Mexico City it is my present plan to live at the following address: % Srta. Luz Vidriales Jones; Dr. Vertiz 552 Navarete; México 12, D. F.

Sincerely yours,

*David M. Fletcher*

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31 de agosto de 1962

Sr. David M. Pletcher  
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Señor Pletcher:

Me refiero a su carta de agosto 28.

Puede usted contar con que el archivo de Matías Romero estará a disposición de usted sin restricción ninguna y durante el tiempo que usted necesite para consultarlo.

No puedo darle a usted la misma seguridad respecto a los papeles diplomáticos que se guardan en la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, aun cuando por lo que toca a la correspondencia de Matías Romero durante la Guerra de Intervención, está publicada íntegramente, según usted sabe. Supongo que no encontrará usted problema especial ninguno tratándose de otros papeles de la Secretaría de Relaciones. Cuando usted esté aquí en México le haré las sugerencias necesarias para plantear oficialmente este problema.

Con mis mejores deseos, suyo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas  
Presidente

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Dear Lic. Cosío Villegas:

I should like to thank you once again for your many courtesies to me during my visit to Mexico City this autumn. It is not too much to say that your helpful suggestions and the unpublished materials which you placed at my disposal represented the difference between the success and the failure of my research activities. While I regret not having been able to use the Relaciones archives, the work which I did on the typescripts of material from the French and Spanish legations filled up all the time which I had available for work in Mexico City and will save many weeks of work in Paris and Madrid. I shall have to return to Mexico City in two or three years, and I shall hope that perhaps another application to the Secretaría de Relaciones at that time will be more successful, especially since I shall know more exactly by then the materials which are most important to me.

✓ Professor Olson told me before my departure that you have accepted an invitation to address a luncheon meeting at the American Historical Association convention later this month in Chicago. ✓ If you are to be there, I shall hope to be able to greet you in person, as I plan to attend the convention. Also, as a small but tangible piece of evidence of my gratitude, I should like to send you a copy of my forthcoming monograph: The Awkward Years: American Foreign Relations under Garfield and Arthur. It was to have been published before now, but some sort of obscure printing difficulties have caused delays, and it may not be available before I leave the country. For that reason I have asked the University of Missouri Press to send you a copy directly, as soon as it appears.

Sincerely yours,

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19 de diciembre de 1962

Sr. David M. Pletcher  
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Distinguido profesor Pletcher:

Mil gracias por sus líneas del 8 de diciembre.

Por desgracia, no podré concurrir a la reunión de ustedes en Chicago.

Le agradezco mucho el envío de uno de sus trabajos que no ha llegado a mi poder todavía.

Estoy enteramente seguro de que cuando regrese usted a trabajar en México, no encontrará ya dificultades para consultar los Archivos de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores.

Entretanto, con mis mejores deseos, suyo amigo.

Daniel Cosío Villegas  
Presidente

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