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My dear Professor Villegas:

We are planning at Sarah Lawrence College an eight-week summer session to begin May 7 and end June 29, 1945. We are very much interested in inviting a group of six to ten students from South American countries and Mexico to attend the session, and I am writing to you about the matter at the suggestion of Dr. Bert James Loewenberg of our faculty, who taught in Mexico last summer.

We think that a session of this kind should serve two functions: it would give our students an invaluable opportunity to know students from Latin American countries, and to study the culture of those countries at a time when young men and women from Latin America are on the campus. It should also help students from those countries to know the United States better by studying at the College and associating with American students, and by acquiring a first-hand acquaintance with an important American community.

We would want to have the visiting students attend regular courses, along with our students, on Life and Thought in North America and we would plan to give them as wide opportunity as possible to become acquainted with institutions and ways of life in the United States. Our college is only half an hour by train from the center of New York City, and our students constantly use the facilities of the city as part of their own education. It is also within reasonable distance of the vital sections of New England to which visits could be arranged.

At the same time, our students interested in Latin America would attend courses dealing with certain aspects of Latin American life and we would want the visiting students to take part in the discussions in these courses. There would also be open meetings for all students interested in problems common to both Americas.

Although this is a women's college, we should like to have both men and women attend the session. The women would live in our regular dormitories, the men in a small house just off the campus.

If you are interested in such a plan we would expect to obtain a Foundation grant to cover the principal part of tuition, residence and traveling costs for the students. This could perhaps be supplemented by smaller sums from your end and from ours.

Mr. Loewenberg will probably write you a personal letter on this subject. If we are to proceed we should move rapidly, and so I should like to know as soon as possible what you think about this plan.

Very sincerely yours,

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