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Sr. Alfonso Reyes, Rector
Colegio de México
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Distinguido Amigo:

This letter will confirm our oral agreement of yesterday. On behalf of the American Council of Learned Societies, I take pleasure in stating that we would be very glad to assist the Colegio de México to translate and publish ~~many~~^{five} United States books under the following conditions:

1. The American Council of Learned Societies will undertake to secure the translation rights without cost to the Colegio de México, and to purchase 500 copies of each volume.
2. The Colegio de México will select the books for translation, and will assume the responsibility for providing an excellent translation and for publishing the books.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions concerning the books which you are interested in publishing.

Sincerely Yours, Lewis Hanke

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July 3, 1945.

Lewis Hanke

Sr. Alfonso Reyes,
Colegio de México,
Sevilla 30,
México, D.F., México.

Distinguido y muy fino amigo:

By means of this letter, I take pleasure in commending to your kind attention, Mr. Steven Barwick of Harvard University who is planning to spend a year in Mexico studying ecclesiastical music of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. He is naturally interested in discovering relevant information in libraries, and in public and private archives. It is also essential for him to know the principal Mexican musicologists and historians acquainted with this subject.

Because I am sure that Mr. Barwick is a serious investigator whose researches will be useful to scholars generally, I am taking the liberty of suggesting that he call upon you on his arrival in Mexico City. Any assistance and counsel that you may be able to give him will be deeply appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Lewis Hanke

Lewis Hanke
Director

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México, D.F., 26 de julio de 1945.

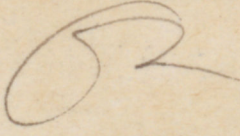
Sr. Dr. Lewis Hanke,
Director de la Fundación Hispánica,
The Library of Congress,
Washington D. C.
U. S. A.

Mi querido amigo:

He estado esperando que aparezca por acá Mr. Steven Barwick, a quien se refiere su atenta del 3 del actual y a quien desde luego tendré mucho gusto en conocer y ayudar en sus trabajos. Pero tarda en venir, y no quiero dejarlo a usted sin mi respuesta.

Estoy esperando indicaciones más precisas sobre el plan que usted trató con el Dr. Bentley de la Benjamin Franklin Library y que en principio nos es gratísimo.

Muy cordialmente suyo


Alfonso Reyes.

Paris.

March 27, 1950

Dr. Alfonso Reyes
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Mexico, D. F.

Querido Amigo:

The enclosed copy of my memorandum on "The Documentation on Modern Mexican History" is self-explanatory, I believe. It seems to me that you have an unusual opportunity to help preserve the manuscript and other material upon which future generations will depend for knowledge of the great movement known as the Mexican Revolution. If you have any suggestions on this matter, please send them to me at the Library of Congress. I will not return to Washington until about June 5, but you can always reach me through my office at the Library.

^{Ernesto}
This morning I had a good talk with ~~Ernesto~~ de la Torre. The enclosed copy of my memorandum will explain the present state of affairs. I hope that you approve the action we propose, and I look forward to receiving your advice on the whole subject.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Lewis Hanke

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México, D. F., 3 de abril de 1950.

Dr. Lewis Hanke,
Fundación Hispánica,
Biblioteca del Congreso,
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

Mi querido amigo:

Gracias por su carta del 25 de marzo y papeles anexos.
Gracias por su espontánea proposición de proporcionar una
nueva ayuda a Ernesto de la Torre.

Respecto al asunto sobre "Documentación de Historia
Moderna de México", pronto le escribiré a usted: estoy
poniéndome de acuerdo con Daniel Cosío Villegas. Lo que
deseo es que, a su regreso, se encuentre usted mi carta
sobre su mesa.

Saludos afectuosos de su amigo


Alfonso Reyes.

through before another revolution or change of government occurs.

C. The Documentation on Modern Mexican History

Charles B. Fahs of the Rockefeller Foundation, before discussing Colloquium matters, initiated a discussion on the need of extending the interests of Mexican historians closer to the present. He referred to the fact that Arquitecto Ignacio Marquina, in presenting project on behalf of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, was willing to extend the period only to 1850, thus leaving out the last 100 years of Mexican history. Fahs had previously discussed this problem with me in Mexico.

I wonder whether a special opportunity does not exist for the Library of Congress, in conjunction with the R.F., to work out some joint project which will look toward the organisation and microfilming of the documentation bearing on the Mexican Revolution and its immediate antecedents, say from 1900 on? Last year a preliminary conversation was held on this subject in the Colegio de Mexico under the chairmanship of Don Daniel Cosío Villegas, but at my instigation. Others present were the professor who gives the course on the Mexican Revolution at the University of Mexico, Prof. C.H. Haring of Harvard, and a member of the Colegio de Mexico staff working on the bibliography of the subject. No formal action was taken, though Cosío

seemed much interested and promised to find out from Dr. Alfonso Reyes whether the Colegio de Mexico would wish to sponsor such an undertaking. Cosío felt that only a private, non-political research organization as the Colegio would be suitable to direct the project, aided by a national committee chosen on a non-partisan basis. A recent query to Cosío brought the word that no formal steps had been taken but that progress had been made toward the formation of a committee. I suspect that Cosío will not be able to give the subject any sustained attention until he has completed his study on modern Mexico, for which he has received a two year grant from the R.F. ending in June 1950.

The time has arrived, or is arriving, when a real attempt should be made to locate the sources upon which modern Mexican history rests to preserve them in some instances by microfilming, to make them more accessible by the preparation of bibliographies, and to stimulate their study - and through their study to aid Mexico in confronting her great national problems.

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México, D. F., 11 de mayo de 1950.

Dr. Lewis Hanke,
The Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

Querido y recordado amigo:

¿Está usted ya en Washington? Espero sus noticias para el proyecto de copias de documentos sobre la revolución mexicana. El Colegio de México se honrará mucho en tomar a su cargo la dirección y concentración de este trabajo, hasta donde a usted convenga. Pero parece indispensable que hubiera alguna persona de responsabilidad y categoría, a quien se proporcionara una remuneración y que contara con un ayudante, para encargarse directamente de este trabajo. ¿Podría usted incluir estos dispendios en el presupuesto que prepara para su proyecto?

Espero sus amables letras y quedo siempre a sus órdenes. Muy cordialmente suyo.


Alfonso Reyes.