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letter
Gen Ryan
B. H.

June 30 1921.

My dear Gen. Ryan-- I fear that you misunderstood several of the things I said to you in regard to Col. Rivera's efforts in our behalf. He comes to us tonight to say that Mr. Torreblanco accuses him of deserting us to go joy-riding and of other errors too numerous to mention. In telling you that the Colonel had --at our request taken the trouble to find and invite into his car the three young ladies to lend beauty and interest to the Corso of last Sunday--I was merely trying to make clear the necessity of having some sort of card or permit for Mr. Cowling to identify him with the police in the momentary and necessary absences of our chaperon. The Colonel's attitude in this matter was perfectly correct and assumed at our request.

The trouble is the the Palace authorities will not give even ten minutes of undivided attention to the Colonel and that no one has yet been able to lead them to understand the true situation. We have no complaints to make as to his kind attentions to us but we do find it difficult to accomplish anything in the line of the work we have come to do--when we are forbidden to operate without his presence and when his presence is required at the palace in vain efforts to secure some definite instructions and the means to carry them out. As it now stands Mr. Torreblanco refuses to listen to the Colonel until you O.K. the account which he seems to think that you and I have questioned. I personally have no doubt but that every item is correct ---my only concern was to avoid any future expenditures on the same scale and to assure the authorities that they need not so lavishly provide for what are really very simple needs. Apparently my effort to make things easier for our kind sponsors at the Palace has led to misunderstandings which are most unfortunate. The whole situation is now at a standstill---the Colonel and his brother and friends feel that he has been misrepresented and Mr. Torreblanco temporarily washes his hands of the matter---and there we are ---- It would seem to me that ten minutes straightforward talk with the proper official would clear up everything--But we have been six days in trying to reach and failing to reach any definite understanding--and meantime the sun shines and time flies and the Colonel is kept waiting vainly at the Palace--and the work we hoped to do for Mexico does not get done--- How can I get something

thing in black and white or had I better give up the effort and go home

Perplexed
Burt Holmes



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11:00 P.M.

My Dear Col. Rivera:

I have talked the matter over with Mr. Holmes and he will advise Gen. Pagan that there has been a mis-understanding - and I am sure that everything will be OK. as soon as he can see Mr. Tomblanca.
(over)

Mr. Holmes and I think³
that it is best for
you to go with us
to the Pyramids
tomorrow - We want
to start sharp at
8 o'clock City time
(official) from the
Princess Hotel and
take (2) tux cars -
Mr. Holmes will pay
for one of them;
Please come on time

(3)
and bring two good
Motor Cars; we have
the lunch already;

Sincerely,
H. S. Conklin



My dear Col. Rivera:-

It is important that we get a decision on our matter at once as we wish to leave Mexico City for Veracruz and Yucatán on the 7th., of July and will not return to Mexico City.- Previous to this date we need to make several small trips out of Mexico City.-

I need the money (\$1,180.00) eleven hundred and eighty pesos which I loaned you at Tampico to pay your expenses; also you will need to take with you about five thousand pesos if you are going to continue the work which Mr. Brown outlined.

Mr. Holmes is not prepared to advance you money on this trip or to pay your expenses.

Please ask Mr Torreblanca to give you an immediate decision on this matter as our time here is becoming very short and we want to take films every day up to the time we leave, to finish Mexico City. We need you for this and you need your money.

Yours for immediate action,

Very Sincerely,

Burton Holmes
BURTON HOLMES TRAVEL AGENTS

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TRADUCCION.-

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Es muy importante que tengamos una resolución inmediata en nuestro negocio, pues queremos salir ~~para~~ de la Ciudad de México para Veracruz y Yucatán el 7 de julio y no regresaremos a esta Ciudad durante el viaje.- Antes de esta fecha queremos hacer varios viajes pequeños fuera de la Ciudad.-

Necesito el dinero (1,180) un mil ciento ochenta pesos que le presté en Tampico para pagar sus gastos; necesitará usted además como cinco mil pesos si es que continúa usted el trabajo que bosqueñó el señor Brown.-

El señor Holmes no está preparado para adelantarle ó pagar sus gastos.-

Suplico pedir al señor Torreblanca una inmediata resolución en este asunto, pues el tiempo de que podemos disponer es muy corto y queremos tomar películas todos los días hasta nuestra salida, para terminar con la Ciudad de México.- Necesitamos, para ésto, de usted y usted necesita el dinero.-

Suplicamos acción inmediata.-