

July 14, 1960.

Dr. N. D. Wijesekera
Deputy Commissioner for
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Ceylon

Dear Professor Wijesekera:

We would like to inform you that for twenty-two years there has existed in Mexico City a non-profit, private institution dedicated to higher education and to research work in the field of humanities and in some of the social sciences. Its name is El Colegio de México and it is directed by a group of well known personalities.

El Colegio de México has been publishing for thirteen years, besides its teaching and research activities, a hispanic, literary and philological review and a historical one, for ten years. It intends now to initiate a quarterly publication on international affairs.

This, of course, would be a periodical devoted to give to the Spanish-speaking readers, that is to say, to Spain and to the nineteen Latin-American countries, a notion of their own international problems and of those of the main nations or regions of the world. These problems are not only juridical, but political, economic, social and cultural as well.

The review would have an initial section dedicated to the publication of articles, of an average length of 4,500 to 9,000 words, in which a particular subject or theme, the presentation of which could be of international interest, would be dealt with. It would have a book-review section and another of documents, where those which could have a notable international repercussion would be reproduced.

El Colegio de México intends to pay the contributions it publishes: it offers a fee of 40 American dollars for an article, and from 10 to 20 dollars for a book-review, according to its extent. El Colegio does not pretend to acquire thorough these payments exclusive literary rights, that is to say, in all languages, but only in the Spanish language. In this manner, the authors who write in a language other than the Spanish, would be free to use those same articles for publications in reviews or periodicals in their own language. In the same manner, if you are planning to deliver an article or book-review for a journal of your own language, you may order a carbon copy of it to be sent to us for consideration.

El Colegio de México would like to invite you most heartily to send a contribution, perhaps on some of the topics you usually cover in your courses. We would like you to consider yourself a permanent collaborator of its periodical, so that you may send, without further invitation, those articles and book-reviews that may come from your

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habitual work or activity, with the certainty that they will be most welcomed.

El Colegio de México would also appreciate very much if you could indicate to us the name and address of friends or colleagues of yours whom you consider liable to be interested in cooperating with us.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, we remain,

Sincerely yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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Official Language Dept.
22, Reid Avenue,
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4th August 1960.

My dear President,

I received your Air Mail letter dated 14th July 1960 and wish to inform you that I propose to contribute to your magazine and send you reviews from time to time. Please note my name for such work as well as for any other assistance you may require in the field of Sociology, Anthropology, Archaeology, Art and Architecture pertaining to Ceylon particularly and the East in general.

I shall be glad if you will favour me with more information regarding your journal and send me a few back numbers so as to enable me to form an idea of the type of material and the standard that would suit your requirements. Meanwhile, I shall think of a few subjects of general interest.

Awaiting further information, with
all good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



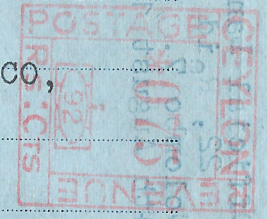
(Dr. N. D. Wijesekera, Deputy
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August 20, 1960.

Dr. N. D. Wijesekera
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Dear Dr. Wijesekera:

Many thanks for your good letter of August 4th., and for the interest it shows in our new quarterly on foreign relations.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the first issue of FORO INTERNATIONAL, and as soon as the second one is ready on October 1st. next, I'll be pleased to send it to you.

Our journal is on foreign or international affairs as the subject is commonly referred to in English. We think of it, however, as being wider than usual. We include the social and cultural affairs, and consider them as important as the economic or political aspects of the relations among nations. We believe that this is particularly true in regard regions and countries —like Asia and Africa— about which the Spanish countries know little or nothing.

If, as you say, you could prepare some contributions on sociology or art pertaining to Ceylon, we will be very pleased to have articles dealing with those two subjects. One on the class structure of Ceylon, and the changes already achieved with independence, or in view, would be of extreme interest. As to art, it occurs to me that one article, of an introductory nature, to explain both the individuality of Ceylani art, and its relationships to art in India, and the East in general.

Please, however, feel at liberty to suggest other possible subjects.

Yours truly

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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