

July 14, 1960.

Dr. C. D. Desmukh
Chairman, University Grants Commission
CSIR Building
Old Mill Road
New Delhi, India.

Dear Professor Desmukh:

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 through 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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August 18, 1960

Dear Mr. Villegas,

I was glad to receive your letter of July 14, 1960 informing me of the existence in Mexico City of an institution called El Colegio de Mexico and its present and proposed programme of publications. I am grateful to you for inviting me to become a permanent collaborator of its Quarterly on International Affairs and to send a contribution for its first issue.

I would have been very glad to accede to your request, but there are certain difficulties which almost force me to deny myself the pleasure of becoming a permanent collaborator of your periodical. Firstly, I am not on the faculty of any university/college so that I am not in a position to send you a write-up on some of the topics I usually cover in my courses. Secondly, my assignments, besides the chairmanship of the University Grants Commission, occupy so much of my time that I have no leisure to write reviews or articles. Under the circumstances, you would kindly excuse me if I am unable to accept your offer.

I should, however, like to explore the possibilities of collaboration on an institution-to-institution basis, i.e. between your college and the India International Centre, which has been set up in India recently. Conceived on the lines of the International House of Japan, Tokyo, the Centre has been so designed as to suit the Indian conditions. With emphasis on promotion of understanding and amity among the different communities of the world through a study of their past and present cultures, the major activities of the Centre will include exchange of ideas by arranging conferences, discussions and symposia for specially invited scholars, scientists and cultural leaders and

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by providing for them accommodation and certain other facilities. A fuller statement of the aims and objects of the Centre is given in the enclosed copy of its Memorandum of Association. Since the two institutions have, inter alia, programme of study and presentation of cultures, it would be a good idea to make the existence and activities of one known in the countries served by the other. If this suggestion appeals to you, I would be glad to send you a write-up on the India International Centre for your quarterly. Likewise, we could publish a brief about your college in our news bulletin.

Yours sincerely,

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