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October 5, 1949

Dear Dr. Reyes:

You will recall, I am sure, that one of the important questions brought to my attention during my stay in Mexico City was that of possible help after July 1, 1950 to the continuation of Dr. Cosio Villegas' work on contemporary Mexican history and, more specifically, the establishment within El Colegio de Mexico of a seminar for work in this field. Dr. Cosio Villegas submitted to me a memorandum with regard to this proposal but it did not reach the stage of a formal request from you on behalf of El Colegio.

10 I am writing now to say that we are prepared to consider such a request this fall. In addition to a formal statement from you, however, we need some additional information. When I was in Mexico City, Dr. Cosio Villegas was not yet sure in his own mind what level of scholars El Colegio should seek to attract to this seminar group - whether it should be senior established scholars or relatively young men who could be trained into the field. Your decision on this point will obviously affect the budget which you will wish to submit.

20 In addition, I wonder whether the budget should not include some provision for travel expenses to enable Dr. Cosio Villegas to establish contacts with scholars and centers of study in the United States which may be relevant either to his specific work on Mexico or to the general problem of writing contemporary history.

30 Perhaps by now there may be other modifications in the original tentative suggestions which either you or Dr. Cosio Villegas may care to make. We shall be glad to hear from you when you are ready to submit an official request on behalf of El Colegio de Mexico.

Mrs. Fahs joins in good wishes to you and Mrs. Reyes.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Fahs

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Mexico, D. F., October 10, 1949.

Dr. Charles B. Fahs,
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Dear Dr. Fahs:

According to your good letter of October 5th., I am formally requesting the help of the Rockefeller Foundation to establish within El Colegio de México a Seminar on Contemporary Mexican History as follows:

1) The Seminar will be in charge of Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas; it will start on July 1st., 1950, and will close on June 30, 1952.

2) The Seminar will have as its main purposes to train a small group of young scholars in the field of Contemporary Mexican History; to do research work in that field and publish some monographs on special subjects.

3) The Seminar will be open up to ten students, both from El Colegio and the University, but only six, the most promising of the group, will receive scholarships. Two of the six will be senior trained students, and will be offered each a yearly scholarship of \$625; the other four will be young new students, and will receive annual scholarships of \$ 420 each.

4) It will be desirable to include in the budget some provision for travel expenses to enable Mr. Cosío Villegas to establish contacts with scholars and centers of study in the United States which may be relevant both to his specific work on Mexico and to the general problem of writing contemporary history. Three months seem enough to meet both ends, and on this point you certainly are in a better position to estimate the amount needed. In any case, it will be better for Mr. Cosío to travel early next spring, for once started the Seminar it might be inconvenient for him to leave Mexico.

5) The budget for the whole period of two years would be as follows:

- ✓ a) Mr. Cosío Villegas' stipend \$ 10,000
- b) 2 Senior Scholarships..... 2,500
- c) 4 Junior Scholarships..... 3,360
- d) Materials and Secretarial help..... 2,660
- ✓ e) Travel expenses to the States, three months. ? ???

6) Items a) and e) to be charged to the Foundation; item d), to El Colegio; items b) and c) to be divided between the two institutions.

In the hope that my suggestions may meet with your approval, with good wishes to Mrs. Fehs and you,

Sincerely yours

Alfonso Reyes
President

P.S. Please do not use "Centro de Estudios Sociales" in our address, but only: "El Colegio de México".

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October 14, 1949

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of October 10 to Mr. Fahs, which contains the formal request to the Foundation for help toward the establishment within El Colegio de Mexico of a Seminar on Contemporary Mexican History. Mr. Fahs will be writing to you about this presently.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia B. Cadigan

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