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México, D.F., 2 de diciembre de 1948

Mr. Lewis Hanke,
The Library of Congress,
Washington 25, D.C.

Querido amigo Hanke:

Antes de que abandone usted su espléndida biblioteca quiero inferirle una molestia grande. Se trata de estas dos cosas:

I - En el libro de Carleton Beals Porfirio Días Dictator of Mexico (Philadelphia 1932) me encuentro en la página 8, introducción de la siguiente afirmación: "La bibliografía, que cubre una época de 100 años y que consiste de más de 3000 volúmenes, es demasiado extenso para incluirse en este libro; por eso será publicada separadamente bajo los auspicios de alguna universidad". Mi pregunta es en consecuencia la siguiente: ¿Fue publicada, en efecto, esa bibliografía? Si lo fuera así le agradecería darme la fecha bibliográfica exacta para poderla adquirir.

II - Ya sabe usted que me encuentro en la tarea de hacer una investigación que cubre todos los principales aspectos de la vida mexicana de 1900 a 1950: ¿en qué forma podría yo valerme de los espléndidos catálogos de la Biblioteca del Congreso para confrontar mis propias lecturas y bibliografía y, en consecuencia, mejorarlas? ¿Cree usted que esa Biblioteca de ustedes podría ayudarme en algo y en qué forma?.

Con un gran abrazo y muchos deseos de verle ya radicando en México, suyo amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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The Library of Congress,
Washington 25, D.C.

Att: Sr. Lewis C. Coffin,

Distinguido y fino amigo:

Me refiero a su carta de noviembre 23, Referencia
AE. Mex/CAR, para anticiparle el profundo agradecimiento
del Colegio de México por el anuncio del envío de la obra
de Kubler Arquitectura Mexicana del Siglo XVI.

Quedo de usted afmo., atto. y S. S.

Daniel Cosío Villegas

DCV:mme

CARLETON BEALS
SACHEM'S HEAD
GUILFORD, CONN.

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December 17, 1948

Mr. Lewis Hanke,
The Reference Department,
The Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hanke:

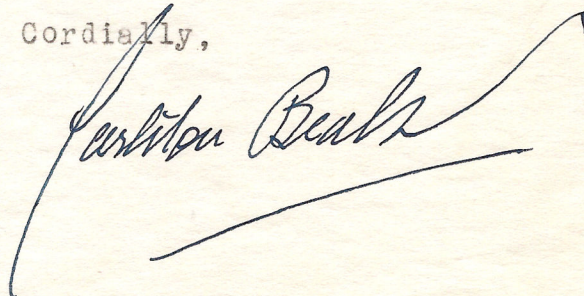
Thank you for your letter of December 14 in which you mention the request of my friend, Licenciado Daniel Cosío Villegas, for information regarding the Porfirio Díaz bibliography.

The original idea was for it to be published by the University of California Press, and Dr Herbert Ingram Priestly was interested in having this done and made the arrangements. Certain changes in organization of the bibliography were suggested and by the time I was ready to work these out, the war, the paper shortage and publishing difficulties intervened, and on top of this came Dr. Priestly's unfortunate death. I now doubt that it will ever be published.

Unfortunately I have only one copy, much annotated, and as it would require much work and be quite a typing job (about forty pages if I recall) which no one hereabouts is qualified to undertake, I'm afraid that for the moment I cannot help Dr. Cosío much as I should wish to do so.

Will you kindly explain this to him and send him my kind regards.

Cordially,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Carleton Beals". The signature is written over a horizontal line and has a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
WASHINGTON

THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION

December 20, 1948

Sr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
Colegio de México
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Mexico, D.F., Mexico

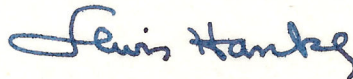
Apreciado amigo:

This will reply to your request of December 2 for bibliographical information in connection with your study on Mexican history since 1900. I have written to Carleton Beals directly because we cannot find in the catalogs here any reference to the bibliography he said he was going to publish. No reply has come yet but I will write to you promptly as soon as we get information on this.

With respect to your other question on how you can best make use of the catalogs of the Library of Congress, I am wondering whether you have gone over the ten volumes of the Handbook of Latin American Studies. These registered the more important publications we have for the years covered by the Handbooks. It will be a laborious and rather costly matter to send printed cards from our catalogs covering the subject you are interested in, but perhaps this is a matter we can discuss with Srta. Uribe when she gets here. I am glad to be able to state that both the State Department and the Library of Congress has formally approved her internship and we look forward to her early arrival in Washington.

With best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year,

Cordially yours,



Lewis Hanke
Director

AIR MAIL

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Date: Dec. 20. 1948.

To: Sr. Cosío Villegas,

From: Lewis Hanks

Subject:

Do you want to
handle this directly with
Beals?

Merry Christmas!

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México, D.F., 31 de diciembre de 1948

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

Mi querido amigo Hanke:

Muchas gracias por su carta de diciembre 20 y por el en
vío de la respuesta de Beals.

En alguna forma tendrá que llegar el momento en que deba
confrontar mi propia bibliografía con la que tenga la Biblio-
teca del Congreso, de modo que si alguna sugestión útil pue-
de usted hacerle a Susana Uribe, hágasela por favor. Y yo -
por mi parte conversaré con ella.

Con un gran abrazo y mis agradecimientos de siempre suyo
amigo

Daniel Cosío Villegas