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Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Dr. Cosío Villegas:

You may recall that we met last autumn at a luncheon at the Carnegie Corporation, and talked about some aspects of the policy of the United States toward the maintenance of peace in the Americas. At that time, you suggested that I might write to you in connection with my interest in research on the conflict between Ecuador and Peru in 1941-42 concerning the territorial dispute between those countries.

I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a copy of my book entitled "The Making of the Good Neighbor Policy," (Columbia University Press, 1961).

At present I am engaged in revising a manuscript, based on archives of the Department of State, on the policy of the United States toward the conflicts of the Chaco, Leticia, and that between Ecuador and Peru over territorial issues.

As you know, the latter dispute has not been settled, and for this reason, the Department of State has not permitted the utilization of the materials in its files with the same freedom as it has allowed access to materials relevant to the earlier disputes.

I am planning a two-months' visit to several Latin-American countries in the summer of 1962 to endeavor to further my research on the Ecuador-Peru dispute. In the first week of July, I expect to be in Mexico City, and I should greatly appreciate the opportunity to talk with you. If possible, I should also like to know whether I might be permitted access to Mexican official documents relevant to this dispute, and in particular, to documents relating to the note of September 15, 1941, in which Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla proposed that Argentina, Brazil and the United States should issue an invitation to the other American republics to join with them in an effort to put an end to the dispute.

Hoping to have the opportunity to talk with you about these matters, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bryce Wood
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May 9, 1962.

Mr. Bryce Wood
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New York 17, N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your good letter of May 2nd.

I'll be abroad during the first week of July, in fact, the whole month will be almost turbulent for me.

I would suggest that you write at your earliest convenience to:

Dr. Antonio Gómez Robledo
Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores
Ave. Juárez 109
México 1, D.F.

to secure his help to see the papers you want at the Ministry's archives. Dr. Gómez Robledo is a high official of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, knows the problem you are interested in, and his recommendation may give the access you want. You may, of course, mention my name.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

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May 14, 1962

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas, Presidente
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MEXICO

Dear Dr. Cosío Villegas:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 9.
I shall regret not being able to see you when I am in
México in July, but I shall write, as you suggest to
Dr. Antonio Gómez Robledo, concerning the research
I am interested in undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Bryce Wood
(Bryce Wood)