

Exp. Actividades del Colegio

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

DIVISION OF ECONOMICS AND HISTORY

405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

May 6, 1941.

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I am still cherishing and will long cherish the memory of my visit to Mexico. I trust that our relationship with the Colegio de Mexico will develop in the way in which I have indicated to you but it will be several days before our Trustees' meeting and I cannot delay longer in sending you a word of greeting and of thanks for your kindness both there and in sending me the beautifully bound copy of my History of History.

Looking forward hopefully to our future cooperation,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
Director, Colegio de Mexico,
Mexico City, Mexico.

México, D.F. a 4 de junio de 1941.

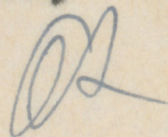
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Mr. James T. Shotwell, Director
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Division of Economics and History
405 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Mi ilustre y fino amigo:-

Permítame que le escriba en español. Agradezco su carta del 6 de mayo, que contestó con algún retraso porque fui en un rapidísimo viaje a Berkeley, viaje del que usted tuvo noticia por la señora Concha Romero James. Ella me instó mucho para ir a Washington. No me era posible en estos momentos. Pero; como usted dice muy bien, la liga queda establecida entre nosotros para siempre.

Espero sus gratas noticias. Soy de usted sincero amigo y seguro servidor,



Alfonso Reyes.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

~~Exp: Actividades del Colegio~~
June 6, 1941

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I am sorry that there has been such a long delay in writing to you and your colleagues concerning the proposals which we discussed and the possible further activities of the Carnegie Endowment in Mexico. It has taken some time to clarify the situation here, but now I think we shall be able to achieve substantially what we have had in mind, although not exactly in the same way.

When I presented the project to the Endowment, at their annual meeting, calling for the establishment in Mexico of a Center of the Endowment, the Trustees felt that in the present condition of world affairs, we could not very well plan for the creation of a branch of the Carnegie Endowment in Mexico in the formal way in which I had proposed. They, however, gave full assent to the idea that we should begin work together this year, and cooperate with the Colegio de Mexico to establish relations that we hope may grow and strengthen as time goes on.

The action taken by the Trustees came under a number of headings.

(1) The Endowment will be very happy to cooperate with the Colegio de Mexico in the fulfillment of the general purpose set

forth in our conversations, namely, the establishment of a relationship with the Colegio which would enable us to look to it as a center of information and cooperative effort in the furtherance of international understanding. Our idea is that we should begin quietly but definitely to achieve the purposes we have in mind but should not as yet undertake the formal establishment of a Carnegie Center in Mexico.

For this cooperation with the Colegio we are willing to contribute \$2,500 for the year beginning July 1, 1941 to provide incidental expenses including secretarial services, the purchase of equipment, and essential library material.

(2) Provision was made for a visiting professor to go to Mexico this coming year, and I have nominated for this post Professor George I. Sanchez, of the University of Texas. I trust that this nomination will be satisfactory to you and that you will be willing to regard him as the occupant of a Carnegie Chair during this year. So far as we are concerned, his work would be purely research, which would consist of the preparation of a report describing the universities and institutions of higher learning in Mexico, and the provision for advanced studies especially in the humanities and the political and social sciences. Such a guide would be of great use to us in the further development of our cultural relations with Mexico. Dr. Sanchez will still retain his professorship at the University of Texas and will secure leave of absence from that institution for three months of the coming academic year. I feel sure that you will find in him a very sympathetic colleague. He traces his descent to that heroic band of

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Spanish pioneers who, in the Seventeenth Century, moved into the northern wilderness to establish and strengthen the outposts of Spanish civilization in the land of Coronado. His sympathies are profoundly with Mexico and Latin America while, at the same time, he is an American citizen keenly appreciative of our present efforts at intellectual cooperation. I bespeak for him a cordial welcome in Mexico.

(3) We should be happy to have your cooperation in providing for lectures in American universities by Mexican scholars under your auspices. These lectures would not necessarily be limited to the political sciences but could include literature and the humanities. They might also cover the field of art if that were found advisable. For this project, the sum of \$2,000 has been set aside by the Trustees.

(4) In connection with the Colegio, but more especially in connection with the Fondo de Cultura Economica, it is proposed to proceed to choose by joint agreement books for translation, publication, and distribution, illustrative of the life and institutions of the United States, Mexico or Latin America generally. For such translation, publication and distribution, we have set aside the sum of \$5,000.

(5) It is my hope that the Fondo, under the direction of the Colegio and with our cooperation, will serve as the publishing house for the distribution in Latin America of the series of volumes to be known as the History of the Americas which is being prepared by the Endowment and will be published in English by the Columbia University Press. This is a project which will probably extend

over a five or even a ten year period. It involves securing either historians of recognized standing or students devoted to historical research in practically all the countries of Latin America. It is my hope that the Fondo may be the distributing center for Latin America, but the details of this cooperation will have to be worked out with Dr. Cosío Villegas when he comes to New York this summer. I hope that one volume of this series will be written by your professor of history, Dr. Zavala. I spoke to him about this when I was in Mexico. It would be a volume dealing with the Colonial period and the institutions of that time. Dr. Zavala was doubtful of the possibility of preparing an adequate volume at the present time owing to the fact that research in that field is still very incomplete. Nevertheless, I hope that a way may be found to secure his cooperation. I am writing him specially about it.

Also in this connection you will, I am sure, be glad to know that Professors Hackett and Mecham, of the Departments of History and Government of the University of Texas, along with Dr. Castaneda are working out with me a plan for the history of Mexico in collaboration with Mexican scholarship. This will take time and we are not yet far enough along to say more than ^{that} we are seriously and hopefully studying the situation.

It will be of interest to you also, I believe, although the work does not lie within the purview of the Colegio, that we have given a grant in aid to Professor Charles W. Timm, of the University of Texas, to enable him to write a general volume on the problems of the Rio Grande basin in order to inform Americans about the claims and needs of Mexico as well as those of Texas. Dr. Timm

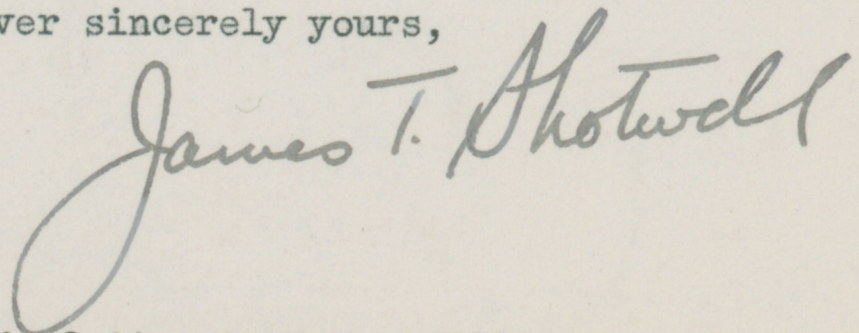
is very sympathetic to Mexico and is a scientific worker primarily in the field of international law and I hope that his volume will prove helpful in securing a better understanding of the problems of the frontier. If his report proves of a kind that the Colegio would accept, we then might consider how best to bring out a Spanish edition as well as an English one.

The same situation obtains with reference to a proposed volume by Senor Jaime Gurza on The Foreign Relations of the Americas. It will be primarily an endeavor to explain the more recent policies and ideologies of the United States in world affairs. If Dr. Gurza's volume proves of a kind that the Colegio would wish to distribute, then we should be very happy to have the Spanish text published through the Fondo.

At present as we are working out this program, I do not think that any more formal agreement is necessary than an exchange of letters between us. If you find this statement a satisfactory basis for undertaking our work together, I should be very happy to have a letter from you and from Senor Villasenor to that effect.

I assure you that it has been a very great pleasure to me to be able to send you word of at least this extent of cooperation on our part. It goes with all good will and best wishes for future success.

Ever sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James T. Shotwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Dr. Alfonso Reyes
Director, Colegio de Mexico
Mexico, D. F.

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Senor Villesenor.

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

Woodstock, N. Y.

July 29, 1941.

Dear Dr. Reyes:

Exp. Carnegie Endowment

It affords me much pleasure to introduce to you my friend and colleague in many enterprises, Dr. Carl H. Milam, of the American Library Association, who is going to Mexico shortly to look over the library situation there.

Dr. Milam is one of the most experienced and wise executives in the field of library administration and thoroughly in touch with all that is being done here and in the European library system. I am sure you will find him deeply interested in the problems of Mexico, and I trust that his advice in planning for the future will be of benefit to us all.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
Colegio de Mexico,
Panuco 63
Mexico D.F.

James T. Shotwell

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México, D.F. a 14 de agosto de 1941.

Dr. James T. Shotwell, Director
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Division of Economics and History
405 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Mi querido Dr. Shotwell:

Ante todo, explico mi tardanza. Solo en estos momentos llega a mis manos su carta del 6 de junio, debido a irregularidades postales de que su secretaría le habrá informado. En cuanto al ejemplar de la carta que usted dirigió a don Eduardo Villaseñor, éste no me lo había comunicado porque esperaba que de un momento a otro yo recibiera el mío, y sólo me lo ha hecho conocer hace pocos días, a su regreso de los Estados Unidos, en vista de que a mí no me llegaba nada. Su carta ha sido pues examinada por mi Junta de Gobierno antes de llegarme a mí y paso inmediatamente a contestarla manifestándole desde luego que nos complace mucho el establecer toda cooperación posible con ustedes. Voy a referirme a todos los puntos de dicha interesante misiva.

1°. Enterados de que por ahora no consideran conveniente crear una rama de la dotación Carnegie en México, lo que no impide el iniciar relaciones y trabajos.

2°. Enterados de que se ha aprobado una contribución de dólares 2,500, para el año que comienza el primero de julio de 1941, para permitirnos el ensanche de servicios que requieran nuestra colaboración con ustedes. Me apresuro a manifestarle que de momento no nos parece posible aceptar este generoso ofrecimiento, pues la cooperación que se inicia no nos exige gasto extraordinario alguno y entra de derecho en nuestras funciones habituales. Más adelante me permito sugerir a usted un mejor aprovechamiento para esta suma aprobada.

3°. Enterados con sumo agrado de que ha designado usted al profesor George I. Sánchez, de la Universidad de Texas, para que realice por tres meses, en el próximo año académico una previa investigación descriptiva de nuestras universidades e instituciones culturales. Tendremos el mayor gusto en introducir y relacionar a dicho señor con todas las personas y centros que interesan a su trabajo.

4°. Creemos entender que el punto (3) de la carta de usted significa el que nosotros propongamos un programa de conferencias sobre ciencias políticas, literatura, humanidades y acaso arte de nuestros países, sugiriendo personas, temas, lugares y fechas. Para este plan ustedes han aproba-

do la suma de 2,000 dólares. Nosotros proponemos que añadan ustedes los 2,500 dólares que pensaban ofrecer al Colegio de México, a fin de que podamos presentar a ustedes un programa suficientemente completo y de personas competentes. Si no he comprendido bien, espero sus aclaraciones.

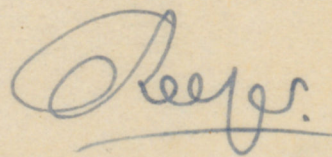
5°. Respecto a la traducción de libros mencionada en el punto (4) de su carta, don Daniel Cosío Villegas, director del Fondo de Cultura Económica, escribirá a usted directamente, pues la traducción de obras modernas no compete a los fines del Colegio.

6°. Lo mismo digo a usted respecto al punto (5) de su carta.

7°. Enterados de su amable información sobre la historia de México emprendida por los profesores Hackett y Mecham, en colaboración con el doctor Castañeda, así como de los trabajos encomendados al profesor Charles W. Timm sobre problemas de la cuenca del Río Grande.

8°. El Fondo de Cultura Económica se comunicará también con usted, a propósito de la obra sobre Relaciones Exteriores en América que han encomendado ustedes a don Jaime Gurza, pues tengo entendido que ya dicho Fondo tiene en preparación una serie de monografías encomendadas a personas tal vez más idóneas.

En espera de sus amables letras, y con el mejor recuerdo de nuestras conversaciones en México, lo saluda sinceramente su amigo y seguro servidor



Alfonso Reyes.

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CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

August 5, 1941.
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Dear Dr. Reyes:

The attached letter dated June 6 addressed to you at Colegio de Mexico has just been returned to this office marked "Non réclamée" and "Adresse insuffisante". We are now forwarding the enclosed letter to an address listed in one of our mailing lists of 1938 and hope it will reach you this time.

Very truly yours,

Sasha Tushinskaya

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Dr. Alfonso Reyes
Casa de España
Madero 32
Mexico, D.F.
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August, 14, 1941.

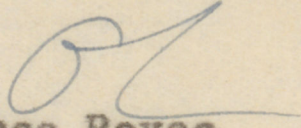
Mrs. Sasha Tushinskaya
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
405 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Núm. 564.

Dear Mrs. Tushinskaya:

I have just received your letter of August the 5th and
Mr. Shotwell's letter of 6th June, which I'm answering
immediately.

Very truly yours,


Alfonso Reyes.

México, D.F. a 20 de agosto de 1941.

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Dr. James T. Shotwell, Director
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Division of Economics and History
405 West 117th Street,
New York City. E.U.A.

Mi querido Dr. Shotwell:

Con su atenta del 29 de julio, tuve el gusto de recibir la visita del señor doctor Carl H. Milam de la American Library Association, con quien conversé largamente sobre los importantes planes que le traen a nuestro país. Espero que tenga el mayor éxito y, por mi parte, me he puesto a las órdenes del Dr. Milam para todas las sugerencias que yo pueda proporcionarle.

Al agradecerle tan grata relación, quedo siempre a sus órdenes como su cordial amigo y atento s.s.

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Alfonso Reyes.

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

October 21, 1941

Committee on I.C.C.V.

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I am very sorry that there should have been this long interval between my last letter and this one but the reason was partly because I have been away some of the time, and partly that my own plans for the autumn were uncertain until now. There was some doubt as to whether the Havana meeting of the Committees on Intellectual Cooperation would be held now or postponed until January, and that involved me because of my chairmanship of the United States Committee. We have just received word that the President of the Cuban Republic has definitely called the meeting for November 15 and I shall be going to Cuba on that occasion. It would be a great delight if by any happy chance I would be able to meet with you, Professor Cosío Villegas, or Lic. Villasenor while I am there. I have not received word as to the composition of the Mexican delegation, but I cannot resist telling you that it would give me great pleasure to be able to talk with you now concerning the plans for the future.

In any case, I am looking forward eagerly to having you with us in the United States as a visiting professor and, except for the two weeks in November when I shall be in Cuba, I should be delighted to make whatever arrangements are possible to suit your convenience. Your honorarium and expenses would be met from the fund set aside for that general purpose in the Carnegie Endowment budget.

I find it difficult to do more than to state in very general terms our desire to have you with us this winter, leaving it rather to you to tell me what plans would suit you best.

I have received the magnificent collection of publications of the Fondo and I shall do my best to call them to the attention of those interested.

With sincere regard,

Faithfully yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
Director, Colegio de Mexico,
Mexico, D. F.

P.S. I have just heard in a round-about way that you probably will be going to Cuba. That would be splendid. Would you entertain the thought of coming up to New York from there?

México, D.F. a 5 de diciembre de 1941.

Exp: Carnegie Endowment.

Núm. 755.

Sr. Dr. James T. Shotwell
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
405 West 117th Street,
New York City.

Mi querido Dr. Shotwell:

Como no he recibido ninguna comunicación de usted, he creído que usted esperaba mis letras sobre posibles profesores mexicanos que hablen inglés y puedan desarrollar algunas conferencias en los Estados Unidos. He aquí los candidatos que le ofrece El Colegio de México:

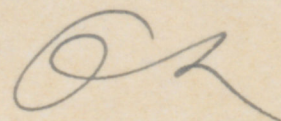
Dr. Silvio Zavala, a quien usted ya conoce, director del Centro de Investigaciones Históricas del Colegio de México, director de la Revista de Historia de América del Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia, antiguo becario de la Guggenheim. Algún tema de historia de América.

Dr. Antonio Castro Leal a quien también conoce usted, catedrático en la Universidad Nacional de México. Tema alternativo: literatura mexicana o bien relaciones diplomáticas entre México y los Estados Unidos.

Dr. Daniel Rubín de la Borbolla, director de la Escuela de Etnografía en el Instituto Politécnico Nacional, antiguo becario Rockefeller y graduado de la Universidad de Chicago. Tema Etnografía mexicana.

Los tres pueden dar sus conferencias en inglés y tienen categoría eminente. No deseando comprometer a usted, no les he comunicado nada todavía. Si fracasara la invitación a alguno de ellos, estoy pronto para proponerle substitutes recomendables.

Con los más cordiales recuerdos de La Habana y mi agradecimiento por todas las amabilidades que tuvo usted para conmigo, quedo su devoto amigo y s.s.



Alfonso Reyes.

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

January 29, 1942.

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Reyes:

The entry of the United States into the war has transformed all our perspectives and touched our lives very deeply. You know, of course, of the tremendous effort which the United States is making and of the financial cost which falls upon us all. The Endowment is not exempt from this burden and the Trustees have reconsidered our plans of work so that we are not as free as we were in peace time to follow the general lines of intellectual intercourse.

We shall, of course, honor our engagements wherever they are real and pressing. But I am requested to keep within the limits that have already been determined upon. This means among other things that the great plan for a series of volumes on the history of the Americas will remain incomplete. I am, therefore, not asking Dr. Zavala to write the volume for us, but I am happily able to extend to him the invitation which you suggest and have written inviting him to come to visit us and I hope very much that he can do so. That is as far as I can go in this matter at the present moment. I have already invited Sr. Cosío Villegas but have not had his acceptance. I assure you that it will be a pleasure to have him come and investigate the possibilities of our cooperation with the Fondo, and a personal pleasure to have him as our guest. But, of course, I am placing very great hopes upon your own visit to us this spring. You will find friends waiting to greet you here and no matter how absorbed we may be in war effort, we shall always be happy to have you with us.

I understand from President Butler that he has some thought of sending Mr. Edward L. Tinker, Literary Critic of the New York Times, to Mexico to become more acquainted with the Mexican intellectuals. If so, I bespeak for him a cordial welcome. Mr. Tinker is a critic and literary writer of distinction and a cultured gentleman withal. I am sure you would enjoy meeting and talking with him.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
El Colegio de México
Pánuco, 63,
México, D. F.

P.S. I have just received a letter from Sr. Cosío Villegas and am delighted to know that he is planning to come later in the spring.

México, D.F. a 17 de febrero de 1942.

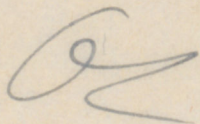
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Mr. James T. Shotwell,
Director
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405 West 117th Street,
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Mi querido Dr. Shotwell:

Le agradezco su carta del 29 de enero. Ya sé que Zavala está tratando directamente con usted la posibilidad de su viaje, y también Cosío Villegas me ha confirmado sus deseos de ir por allá. Yo bien quisiera darle alguna seguridad sobre mi posible viaje. Pero tengo graves problemas en estos momentos. Tal vez usted recuerda nuestra conversación en La Habana en que le expuse sinceramente ciertos peligros a la vista. Las cosas siguen complicándose. La última novedad: nuestro Ministerio de Educación Pública no nos ayudará más este año para el sostenimiento del Colegio de México, donde tengo yo que responder del compromiso moral contraído por mi país con tan ilustres colaboradores. Imposible dejarlos ni una hora en estos instantes aflictivos. Sueño con el día en que podamos emancipar esta institución científica de los tristes vaivenes presupuestales.

Téngame siempre por su muy cordial y verdadero amigo,



Alfonso Reyes.

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JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

February 20, 1942.

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I cannot tell you how disappointed I am to receive your letter of February 17 stating that it will not be possible for you to come. It would have been a great personal pleasure for me to have had you here as our guest and I know that my friends were looking forward to your visit. Moreover, my regret is increased by reason of the situation which you indicate in your letter. It is true that here as well as there "things get more complicated every day". Nevertheless, I do hope that so distinguished an institution as the Colegio de Mexico will come through the difficulties of today with flying colors.

We are looking forward to the early arrival here of Dr. Cosio Villegas and a little later of Professor Zavala. I am making arrangements for them now.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Ever sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
El Colegio de Mexico,
Panuco 63,
Mexico, D. F.

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May 11, 1942.

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I am so happy to learn that you are able at last to pay us a visit, although, as I understand the situation from Professor Zavala, it will not be as long as I had hoped.

I shall not take up any problems with you by correspondence in the hope that we can have a good time talking things over when you come. In the meantime, however, I am asking the Washington office of the Endowment to send you \$500 for the more immediate expenses of your travel. We shall, of course, be very happy to pay all expenses in connection with your visit here.

With sincere regard,

Faithfully yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
El Colegio de México,
Pánuco, 63,
México, D. F.

No. 11.

May, 16. 1942.

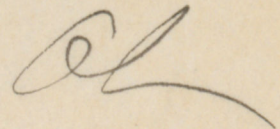
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Dear Dr. Shotwell:

I must be at New Orleans precisely the 3rd June (The Tulane University, Commencement Day). From there I will continue my trip to New York, and will immediately call on you. The 11th I must be in Cambridge (Harvard University, Commencement Day) and immediately after the ceremony I will return to you in New York for some more days. Mr. Cosío Villégas tells me that he will join me there in this second part of my trip, according to arrangements made here in Mexico City with Dr. Berrien.

I thank you very much for the economic facilities and, with greatest appreciation, I am sincerely yours,



Alfonso Reyes.

México, D.F. a 22 de junio de 1942.

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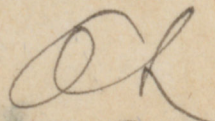
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Director,
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405 West 117th Street,
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Mi recordado y muy querido doctor Shotwell:

Una vez más expreso a usted mi más profunda gratitud por su hospitalidad y sus delicadas atenciones. Quedo en espera de que las conversaciones que gracias a usted pudimos entablar prosperen felizmente. Pronto escribiré a esa fundación, contestando la carta del Dr. Davis sobre las muy deseadas conferencias del Dr. Larocque Tinker, cuyo patrocinio será una honra para este Colegio.

Debo explicar a usted que, dada la rapidez de nuestro viaje y la circunstancia de que no pudimos corresponder en forma alguna a la graciosa invitación del Departamento de Estado para quedarnos algún tiempo allá como huéspedes suyos y visitar algunas otras instituciones de cultura, resolvimos en Washington Cosío Villegas y yo declinar por ahora esta invitación, y le explicamos nuestras razones al Dr. Thompson, quien ha tenido la amabilidad de dejar su proposición abierta para el próximo octubre en que tenemos la esperanza de volver por allá.

Quedo siempre a sus órdenes y lo admira y quiere muy de veras su atento amigo y s.s.


Alfonso Reyes.

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405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

February 17, 1943.

Exp: Carnegie

Dear Dr. Reyes:

I am very happy indeed to receive your statement of the plan of curriculum of the Colegio de Mexico and take this occasion to send back my very cordial greetings to you and to my colleagues in Mexico.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
El Colegio de Mexico,
Panuco 63,
Mexico, D. F.

México, D.F. a 4 de noviembre 1943.

Exp: Carnegie

Dr. James T. Shotwell
Dotación de Carnegie para la Paz Internacional
405 West 117th Street.
New York. U.S.A.

Mi querido amigo:-

Mis primeras palabras al regresar son para agradecer sus incontables bondades y la ocasión que me proporcionó de entrevistarme con tan excelentes amigos y de trabajar en los nobles empeños de la Cooperación Intelectual. Según lo convenido, ya le envió mi libro Última Tule, señalando especialmente en el índice los artículos que pueden interesarle. Quedo siempre a sus órdenes como su muy cordial y firme amigo



Alfonso Reyes.

Exp: Carnegie

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

DIVISION OF ECONOMICS AND HISTORY

405 WEST 117TH STREET, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

JAMES T. SHOTWELL, DIRECTOR

November 20, 1943.

My dear Friend:

I was delighted to receive both your very kind letter and the splendid volume, Ultima Tule. The latter I shall prize as a lasting souvenir of our friendship and common interest in the world of literature and thought. I only wish that I had the freedom both of time and of mind to explore as you have these pathways of the intellectual life.

It was a great pleasure to have you with us and we profited immensely from your wisdom and insight. Please accept my very best wishes for the future and for further collaboration in years to come.

Ever sincerely yours,

James T. Shotwell

Dr. Alfonso Reyes,
El Colegio de México,
Pánuco, 63,
México, D. F.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

UNITED NATIONS PLAZA AT 46TH STREET, NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK

JAMES T. SHOTWELL
PRESIDENT
EMERITUS

14 December, 1953

CABLE ADDRESS
INTERPAX NEW YORK

Dear Professor Reyes:

About a fortnight ago I sent you a letter introducing my friend, the musical composer, Alexander Semmler, but I did not have your home address at hand and am afraid that my letter may not have reached you, as it was sent through the Collegio de Mexico. I am sure you will enjoy making the acquaintance of Mr. Semmler, who has a fine reputation among musicians both here and in Europe. He is also intelligently interested in intellectual problems generally, and his address is, care of the American Express Company, Mexico, D. F. He will undoubtedly write you a note in the hope that he and his wife, who is a very charming lady, may have a chance to talk with you. He will be in Mexico for some six months or more studying Mexican music, of which he is a great admirer.

This letter goes to you with all my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I am taking the liberty of sending you today a small volume of my poetry which is to be published in January. It is a very inadequate return for the scholarly and philosophical volumes which you have sent me and which I have been proud to have in my library.

With sincere greetings,

Faithfully yours,

James T. Shotwell
James T. Shotwell

H. E., Professor Alfonso Reyes,
Av. Industria 122,
Mexico, D. F., 11.

*James T. Shotwell
notificar de estos sucesos?*

México, D. F., 9 de enero de 1954.

Mi querido Andrés Iduarte:

Con una carta de presentación del Presidente Emérito de la Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, han llegado a México Mr. y Mrs. Alexander Semmler, él, un distinguidísimo musicólogo que ha desempeñado ya altas funciones en su especialidad y que desea conocer y estudiar ahora la música mexicana, lo que redundará en bien de nuestro país; ella, una encantadora y culta dama. Para ambos pido a usted los servicios del Instituto que usted tan acertadamente dirige, en el sentido de relacionarlos y ponerlos en contacto con nuestro ambiente musical, etc., y asimismo solicito de Graciela y de usted una acogida amistosa para nuestros ilustres huéspedes.

Un cariñoso abrazo y el agradecimiento de su viejo amigo



Alfonso Reyes.
Av. Industria 122,
México 11, D. F.

Dr. Andrés Iduarte,
Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes,
México, D. F.

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- 1°.- La creación de una institución que pueda emprender en la América española actividades semejantes a las que el Carnegie Endowment for International Peace ha desarrollado en los Estados Unidos y Europa, admite dos soluciones diversas: la primera, sería crear una institución absolutamente independiente y nueva; la segunda, asociar la nueva a una ya existente, por ejemplo, El Colegio de México.
- 2°.- En el primer caso la forma jurídica mejor la ofrece el contrato de fideicomiso que celebrarían, como fideicomitente, el Carnegie Endowment y, como fideicomisario, un banco autorizado de la ciudad de México. Por ese contrato el Endowment entregaría al banco una suma anual fija destinada a la investigación científica de las relaciones internacionales de los países de América; por su parte, el banco se obligaría a guardar el dinero y a llevar la contabilidad necesaria. Las actividades técnicas de la institución así creada quedarían encomendadas a una Junta de Gobierno designada por el fideicomitente. El mismo contrato, de fideicomiso, o un reglamento especial, fijaría con precisión las relaciones entre esa Junta y el banco fiduciario.
- 3°.- Si se considera más conveniente asociar las actividades del nuevo centro Carnegie a las de otra institución ya existente, habría que conocer la organización jurídica de ésta, para saber la mejor forma de enlace entre ambas.
- 4°.- En el caso de El Colegio de México la situación sería la siguiente:

es una asociación civil, es decir, una organización privada, no gubernamental, de fines no lucrativos, constituida conforme al artículo 2670 del Código Civil del Distrito Federal.

Según su escritura constitutiva tiene dos órganos de gobierno: uno, la Asamblea de socios fundadores que se reúne una vez al año con el objeto de examinar las cuentas del año anterior y aprobar el presupuesto para el entrante; otro, la Junta de Gobierno compuesta de seis miembros que duran en su encargo seis años que a la fecha son: don Alfonso Reyes, como presidente; don Daniel Cosío Villegas, como secretario; don Eduardo Villaseñor, director general del Banco de México, S.A.; don Enrique Arreguín, Subsecretario de Educación Pública; don Gustavo Baz, Secretario de Asistencia Pública; don Gonzalo Robles.

El artículo 6° de la escritura constitutiva de El Colegio de México preve la posibilidad de que reciba donaciones condicionales, es decir, donaciones que se aplicarán exclusivamente a los fines específicos marcados por el donante y aceptados por El Colegio.

Dentro de ese marco legal, podría hacerse un convenio entre El Colegio de México y el Carnegie Endowment for International Peace según estas ideas generales:

a). El Carnegie Endowment for International Peace dona al Colegio de México una suma inicial de \$15,000. dólares y una suma anual de \$10,000 dólares durante los cinco años siguientes.

b). El Colegio de México dedicará íntegramente esa suma al fin de hacer investigaciones científicas sobre las relaciones

internacionales entre los Estados Unidos y los países de habla española y la de estos entre sí; para ello El Colegio crearía, dentro del cuadro de sus actuales institutos (de historia, de fisiología, de química) uno nuevo que se llamaría: "Instituto de Relaciones Internacionales. Fundado por la dotación Carnegie para Paz Internacional".

d). La misma Junta de Gobierno de El Colegio de México sería el órgano directivo del nuevo instituto y, por consiguiente, sería ella quien formulara el plan de trabajos, seleccionara a los investigadores y determinara su remuneración. Al frente del nuevo instituto habría, como en los actuales de historia, de fisiología y de química, un director técnico responsable directo de su marcha.

MEMORANDUM FOR PROF. JAMES T. SHOTWELL.

1.- There might be two possible ways of creating an Institution which could undertake in Latin America a work similar to the one carried out in the United States and in Europe, by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: (1) by means of the establishment of an entirely new and independent institution, or (2) by associating the new institution with an existing organism as, the "Colegio de México".

2.- The most adequate legal to carry out the first suggestion, consists in creating a trust by means of an agreement between the Carnegie Endowment, acting as the creator of the fund, and an authorized bank of the City of Mexico acting as the trustee. The same agreement should contain a clause concerning a fixed annual amount to be granted by the Carnegie Endowment to the bank, which should be spent on scientific research in connection with international relations of the American Countries; the bank will be in charge of the money as well as of the necessary bookkeeping. A Governing Board appointed by the creator of the trust fund, will direct the technical activities of the institution. The relations between such a Board and the trust bank should be fixed by the above mentioned agreement or by special rulings.

3.- The association of the new Carnegie Center with any other existing institution must be necessarily subject to a previous analysis of the legal form of organization of the latter one.

4.- In the case of a connection with the Colegio de México, the position would be the following:

The "Colegio de México" is a private organization without

any official nexus or profit purposes, and has been created in accordance to article 2670 of the Civil Code of the Federal District. Its statute prescribes two governing bodies (1) the charter members who have their annual meeting in order to examine the accounts of the previous year, as well as to approve the budget of the coming one; (2) the Governing Board composed of six members who are in office for a period of six years. The members of the present board are: Mr. Alfonso Reyes president; Mr. Daniel Cosío Villegas secretary; Mr. Eduardo Villaseñor, General Manager of the Bank of Mexico; Mr. Enrique Arreguín, Assistant secretary of Public Education; Mr. Gustavo Baz, Secretary of Public Assistance; Mr. Gonzalo Robles.

Article 6 of its charter empowers the Colegio to accept endowments to be applied to purposes specially specified by the endower.

In accordance to the stated legal prescriptions, an agreement could be signed between the "Colegio de México" and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in the following general terms:

a) The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace contributes with an initial amount of \$ 15.000 U.S.cy. and with another additional annual amount of \$ 10.000 U.S.cy. during the next five years.

b) The "Colegio de México" will spend the whole amount in scientific research on international relations between the United States and Latin American Countries, as well as the inter-relations between the latter; the "Colegio de México" should create a new institute, in addition to the existing institutes

(History, Physiology, Chemistry) entitled "Institute for International Relations, founded by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace".

a) The Governing Board of the "Colegio de México" will take charge of the guidance of the new Institute and consequently plan out its program of work, appoint its director, researchers and administrative staff, fix their respective salaries, etc. The new institute would be in charge of a technical and responsible director, as in the case of the existing institutes of History, Physiology and Chemistry.

MEMORANDUM ON THE "COLEGIO DE MEXICO"

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- 1.- The direct predecessor of the Colegio de México was the late Casa de España en México, founded in 1938 mainly to provide a group of Spanish intellectuals and professional men with a meeting place and a centre in which they could carry on their educational and research work, which was interrupted by the Spanish civil war.
- 2.- In order to make the activities of the Casa de España en México correspond to those of a permanent institution, equally well suited to deal with Mexican problems and needs, it became what is known at present as the Colegio de México.
- 3.- The Colegio de México is a civil association, that is, a private company, non-governmental and non-profit-seeking, created in accordance with the Civil Code of the Federal District and by virtue of a deed sealed before a notary public and registered in compliance with legal requirements.
- 4.- The civil association known as the Colegio de México was founded by the following members: The Federal Government of Mexico, the National University of Mexico, the Bank of Mexico, the Fondo de Cultura Económica, and the Casa de España en México. The latter became dissolved on transferring to the new institution all its resources. The founders undertook to subscribe an annual sum each, totalling 400,000 Mexican Pesos.
- 5.- The institution is governed by two bodies: the Founders' Meeting, held annually to examine the accounts of the

preceding year and approve the budget for the forthcoming year; and the Governing Board, which consists of six members and whose function it is to carry out whatever measure is conducive to the attainment of the institution's ends.

- 6.- At present the Colegio de México has 33 regular members and 28 students, most of whom devote their whole time to the tasks entrusted to them by the Colegio.

The Colegio is gradually limiting its activities to research work, and is creating special institutes for that purposes. There are now three such institutes: the Institute of Physiology, the Institute of Chemistry, and the Centre for Historical Research. Each one is organized in the following manner: a technical director in charge, and two research groups, one consisting of senior researchers and the other of graduate students. Each institute has its own building and is gradually acquiring the necessary equipment and library. The Rockefeller Foundation granted the Institute of Physiology 5,000 dollars for equipment.

- 7.- At present a number of members of the Colegio devote a substantial part of their time to teaching in several of the colleges of the National University of Mexico. It is hoped that an agreement will be reached with the University whereby they may become part of the regular University staff, in order that the Colegio de México may keep as members only those devoted to research work.
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- 8.- One of the Colegio's important activities is to organize each month and for eight months a year courses in five or six provincial universities, with a view to attracting the latter's attention to new or sounder academic or research work.
- 9.- Finally, the Colegio de México publishes the books which are the result of the research work conducted by its members, and grants financial aid for the publication of books prepared by other centres or by individual researchers, provided their scientific value is evident.
- 10.- The Colegio de México aims at becoming a centre of international relations, and in a sense has already become such a centre. For example, it has organized a service of photocopies of historic documents for national and foreign research workers; it often receives inquiries from foreign scholars concerning institutions, activities, bibliographies, etc., available in Mexico. Moreover, it intends, within the limits of its resources, to organize exchanges of Mexican and foreign teachers and professors.