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Lic. don Daniel Cosío Villegas
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México, D.F.

Dear Licenciado Cosío:

I have used the opportunity of being Visiting Professor of Latin American history here to complete the research and writing on the long-undertaken biography of Matias Romero.

It now comes to 350 pages in order to meet the costs of United States publishers. Even so, publication here on such a subject may be difficult since publishers want to sell 5000 copies, at least. I have had 650 pages but no one would want that size book.

It is possible that a university press may be interested. I have been thinking of the Columbia University Press, since I am returning to New York. The University of Florida, which just did a book for me, might be interested.

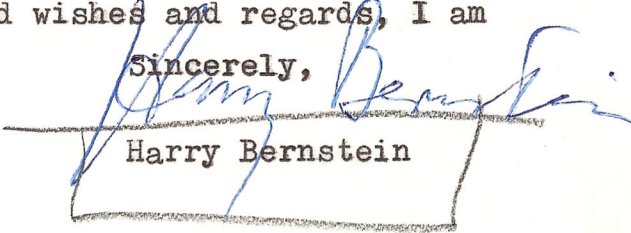
Unfortunately, since I must leave for Brazil early in July, I will have to wait until my return in September before doing anything more about the publication. Since I have signed one contract for a future book with a commercial publisher, and am about to sign a second, I thought also that perhaps one of these two commercial publishers (of the very first line reputation) might be interested in publishing the Matias Romero biography. I would show it to them when I came back from Brazil, and work out arrangements of a financial character.

Meantime, however, even though the book is not yet published I wanted to ask you if you would do me the honor and pleasure of writing the Introduction. You know as much of Romero as I do, and certainly more of the Mexico of his day and age. You were kind enough to let me use all of his papers freely and ought therefore to share in any published biography and history. I hope you will do this.

I am leaving here for my home, 191 Lexington Avenue, Freeport, Long Island, New York, on the 13th June. We should arrive at the end of June. I leave for Brazil early in July. If you can write to me at my home I will look for your reply to this invitation.

With all good wishes and regards, I am

Sincerely,


Harry Bernstein

7 de junio de 1962

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Distinguido amigo Bernstein:

Recibí hoy su carta de junio 5, que quiero contestar enseguida.

En primer lugar, permítame usted agradecerle muy cumplidamente su bondadosa invitación para escribir el prólogo o la introducción a la biografía de Matías Romero que se propone usted publicar próximamente. Por desgracia, este año es fatal para mí, pues en parte por circunstancias que no he podido impedir y en parte por impericia, me he llenado de trabajos y compromisos. Por otra parte, disto mucho de compartir la halagüeña idea que usted tiene sobre mi conocimiento de Matías Romero. Yo he estudiado, en efecto, documentos suyos con alguna abundancia, pero siempre limitando el tiempo o el período a las necesidades de mi Historia Moderna de México, por ejemplo en el tomo quinto de esa Historia. Pero disto muchísimo de tener segura una idea más o menos exacta del enorme archivo de él en una de las muchas fases de su vida, digamos, su labor hacendaria.

Esto significaría, en suma, que tendría que dedicar a esta tarea un tiempo del que posiblemente no dispongo.

Reciba usted, con mi agradecimiento mis excusas.

Daniel Cosío Villegas
Presidente

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