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PRESIDENT EA IEL COSIO VILLEGAS

EL COLEGIO DE MEXICO GUANAJUATO 125 MEXCTY

10:00 AM NOVEMBER 2 IS FINE, CAN YOU STAY

FOR LUNCH TO MEET SOME COLLEAGUES

JAMES PERKINS

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September 21, 1961.

Mr. James G. Perkins <sup>?</sup>  
Carnegie Corporation of New York  
589 fifth ave.  
New York 17, N. Y.  
U. S . A.

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Thanks for your cable received today.

I gladly accept your kind invitation to stay for lunch and meet some of your colleagues. But if I am going to call on you at 1000 a.m., could I entertain you for two hours, until luncheon time? I know my limitations, both as to ideas and language.

If I dont get a word from you before next Thursday, September 28, I will then call on you November 2nd at eleven thirty.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerelly

Daniel Cosío Villegas  
President

DCV/ehf



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DANIEL COSIO VILLEGAS

EL COLEGIO DE MEXICO GUANAJUATO 125 MEX

WE WILL COMPROMISE ON ELEVEN OCLOCK ON NOVEMBER SECOND

JAMES PERKINS *2*

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# CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 19, 1965

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas  
The Collegio de Mexico  
Mexico City  
Mexico

Dear Doctor Villegas:

In celebrating its centennial anniversary this year, Cornell University is reviving an institution which was established at the time of its founding, and I write most cordially to invite you to serve as one of its members.

Andrew D. White, the first president of Cornell, inaugurated the position of "nonresident professor" to be held by the world's eminent scholars, who would periodically visit the university in order to supplement the activities of the permanent faculty. Among the men early appointed to this position were Louis Agassiz, James Russell Lowell, Bayard Taylor, Goldwin Smith and James Anthony Froude. One hundred years later the Cornell Faculty has unanimously recommended, and the Board of Trustees has approved, a plan to revive this office by appointing as non-resident professors individuals, both from America and abroad, who have achieved high international distinction in the various areas of science and scholarship, as well as in the learned professions, public affairs, literature and the creative arts.

These distinguished men and women will hold the title of Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large and will be appointed for an initial term of six years. They will be required to perform no regular duties for the University but will agree to spend a period of residence on the University campus -- we should hope as much as one month, but at any rate

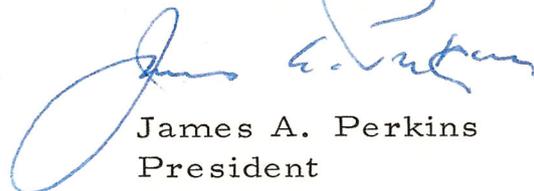
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no less than two weeks, in every three years. During that residence they will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the University Faculty and will participate in such teaching, discussions or other activities with students and faculty, as shall be agreeable to them and to their colleagues at Cornell. For this, the Professors-at-Large (and their wives) will be provided free housing on or near the campus and will be paid at the approximate rate of \$3,500 for a month of residence. The Professor-at-Large will pay his own transportation costs. In addition, he is invited to visit Cornell informally at any time during the academic year; he will find a residence available to him without cost and will have full access to the libraries and the other facilities and amenities of the University. We plan to appoint six Professors-at-Large in this first year, and then gradually to increase the number up to a maximum not to exceed eighteen at any given time.

At the recommendation of the Cornell faculty, it is my privilege to invite you to accept appointment as one of the first six Andrew D. White Professors-at-Large, for six years beginning in the fall of 1965. Your holding this office would, of course, in no way affect your present academic position. If you have any questions to raise, please do not hesitate to write to me, or better still, to cable or telephone me collect. We plan to announce during our Charter Week, beginning April 27, this revival of an ancient Cornell institution -- one which, we trust, will strengthen international co-endeavor in research, scholarship, the professions and the arts.

I very much hope you will do us the honor of accepting this appointment.

Very sincerely yours,



James A. Perkins  
President  
Cornell University

México, D.F., April 27, 1965.

Dr. James A. Perkins  
Cornell University  
Office of the President  
Ithaca, N.Y.  
U.S.A.

Dear President Perkins:

May I acknowledge your good letter of April 19th, advising me as to the action taken by the Cornell Faculty and the Board of Trustees to revive the office of "non-resident professor" under the title of Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large, and inviting me to accept appointment as one of the first six professors for six years beginning in the fall of 1965. Fearing that even an air letter could not reach you on time, and on the eve of a new trip to the University of Texas, I decided to cable my acceptance in a night letter as follows:

Your kind letter April nineteenth inviting me to accept appointment as Andrew D. White Professor-at-large Stop I do accept extremely flattered and honoured hoping only that in due course I will be able to do some formal work at Cornell which was as you may know my University long before it became yours.

I can hardly have anything of substance to add, for, as I told you at Cuernavaca, my acceptance was made even before I read the last paragraph of your letter, so pleased, flattered and honoured I felt.

The only doubt I had was the one I expressed to you then: whether the pleasant but light duty of residing at Cornell from two to four weeks every three year could at a certain moment be transformed into my offering a formal course on either Mexican history or some of the many Latin American problems Americans are interested in. This, of course, because I felt the need of doing my best to correspond to the high distinction you are conferring on me. I was relieved when you told me that you considered such an arrangement quite in line with the purposes of these professorships.

Allow me to say a final word: I certainly appreciated your giving me personally your letter of invitation.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas

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JAMES A. PERKINS  
Cornell University  
Office of the President  
Ithaca, (New York)

YOUR KIND LETTER APRIL NINETEENTH INVITING  
ME TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS ANDREW D WHITE  
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*April 27-65*

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 5, 1965

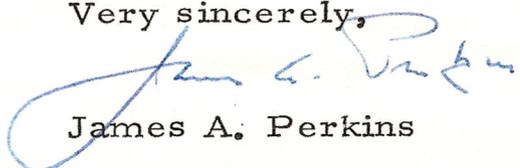
Dear Dr. Villegas:

I should like you to know that you were officially installed as an Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large of Cornell University last Friday evening. We were very sorry that you could not be with us but quite understand the reasons that precluded your visit at this time.

You should know that your appointment was greeted with the greatest of enthusiasm by the Cornell community, which includes both faculty, administration and trustees. I am enclosing a copy of the special booklet that was prepared for the occasion.

Let me add a personal note to tell you how pleased we are that your name is among the original group of Andrew D. White Professors-at-Large. We look forward to your visits to the campus and to your participation in our councils. I suspect we shall be in touch with you frequently, although not to the point of being an unnecessary burden.

Very sincerely,

  
James A. Perkins

Dr. Daniel Cosío Villegas  
Apartado 2123  
Mexico, D. F., Mexico

*Your suggestion of a more  
extended visit did not go  
unnoticed. Ⓟ*

Enclosures (2)

México, D.F., May 31, 1965.

Mr. James A. Perkins  
Cornell University  
Office of the President  
Ithaca, New York  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Perkins:

As I believe I told you in Cuernavaca, I was all this time working at the Latin American Collection, Texas University. This is the reason why only today I read your good letter of May 5th, the booklet and the diploma, or formal appointment as Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large of Cornell University.

Needless to say that although I was in the secret since we talked at Cuernavaca about this matter, reading now your extremely nice letter, reading the booklet and looking to such a handsome diploma, renewed my joy for receiving this flattering distinction.

The truth of the matter is that I am rather skeptical as to my usefulness to Cornell, but you may be sure that I will try hard to attend any request you may make of me.

With best wishes always,

Yours sincerely

Daniel Cosío Villegas  
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México 1, D.F.

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