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July 7, 1950

Dear Cosio:

I returned here about two weeks ago. Unfortunately, however, the memorandum which Dr. Reyes left came to my attention only recently. I see no reason why the problem which you raise could not be considered here. I think, however, that we should have somewhat fuller information with regard to the reasons which have led you to modify your earlier proposals. We much appreciate the frankness with which you have explained the change in your estimate of the situation - such changes are frequently unavoidable.

With best personal regards to you and your wife,

Sincerely,

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February 27, 1952

Dear Cosio:

I can readily appreciate the problems mentioned in your letter of February 20 caused by plans for the moving of the National Library. I would really prefer to leave the decision as to alternative courses of action to you, since I do not know in detail either the degree of your dependence on the National Library for materials or the degree to which long-term developments in work on modern history in Mexico would be handicapped by the dispersal of your present staff. The latter is an important consideration - I have hoped that out of your present staff would come at least a few young scholars who would in their turn become independent workers on modern Mexican history. If the interruption of your teamwork now would make this development less likely, I should be inclined to continue through the critical year even if you have to work under handicaps on the limited materials in other libraries. This is, however, something for you to judge, and I would trust your judgment.

The financial situation is this: if your work is interrupted and the funds not spent, it would be possible to extend the terminating date of the grant for an additional year to make up for the time lost now. Such an extension would not, however, provide any additional funds, either for your salary or for other proposals. Any question of such additional appropriations would have to be taken up separately later, and without any commitment at the present time as to what the decision of our Trustees might be.

There is one additional development which may affect your plans. When I was in Mexico City, the Director and the Assistant Director of the National Library asked me about the possibility of securing some American help with their problems of reorganization and with the training of future library staff. It is now at least possible that Dr. Downs, Director of the University of Illinois Library and President-Elect of the American Library Association, will visit Mexico this spring to consider further the possibility of such cooperation. I believe that the American Library Association is in correspondence with the Director of the National Library about the possibility of such a visit by Dr. Downs. It is possible that such a visit would lead to a more efficient plan for the transfer of the National Library and that therefore you will wish to delay a decision until you know definitely whether Dr. Downs is likely to be in Mexico City.