

July 14, 1960.

Dr. A. Chakravarty
Boston University
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Dear Doctor Chakravarty:

We would like to inform you that for twenty-two years there has existed in Mexico City a non-profit, private institution dedicated to higher education and to research work in the field of humanities and in some of the social sciences. Its name is El Colegio de México and it is directed by a group of well known personalities.

El Colegio de México has been publishing for thirteen years, besides its teaching and research activities, a hispanic, literary and philological review and a historical one, for ten years. It intends now to initiate a quarterly publication on international affairs.

This, of course, would be a periodical devoted to give to the Spanish-speaking readers, that is to say, to Spain and to the nineteen Latin-American countries, a notion of their own international problems and of those of the main nations or regions of the world. These problems are not only juridical, but political, economic, social and cultural as well.

The review would have an initial section dedicated to the publication of articles, of an average length of 4,500 to 9,000 words, in which a particular subject or theme, the presentation of which could be of international interest, would be dealt with. It would have a book-review section and another of documents, where those which could have a notable international repercussion would be reproduced.

El Colegio de México intends to pay the contributions it publishes: it offers a fee of 40 American dollars for an article, and from 10 to 20 dollars for a book-review, according to its extent. El Colegio does not pretend to acquire through these payments exclusive literary rights, that is to say, in all languages, but only in the Spanish language. In this manner, the authors who write in a language other than the Spanish, would be free to use those same articles for publications in reviews or periodicals in their own language. In the same manner, if you are planning to deliver an article or book-review for a journal of your own language, you may order a carbon copy of it to be sent to us for consideration.

El Colegio de México would like to invite you most heartily to send a contribution, perhaps on some of the topics you usually cover in your courses. We would like you to consider yourself a permanent collaborator of its periodical, so that you may send, without further invitation, those articles and book-reviews that may come from your

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habitual work or activity, with the certainty that they will be most welcomed.

El Colegio de México would also appreciate very much if you could indicate to us the name and address of friends or colleagues of yours whom you consider liable to be interested in cooperating with us.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, we remain,

Sincerely yours

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President

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Dr Daniel C. Villegas,
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Dear Dr Villegas,

I deeply appreciate your gracious letter and your invitation to contribute to your esteemed Journal.

It so happens, I was just ready to arrange for foreign publication of my new article on Boris Pasternak, the great Russian poet who has recently died. On my way to Prime Minister Nehru in New Delhi, I stopped over in Moscow specially to meet and have a long discussion with the noble author of Dr Zhivago. I shall get it published in my own language in India--Bengali--but I would be happy if you would kindly get it carefully translated into Spanish and publish it in your Journal. The terms you have mentioned, namely forty dollars, will be acceptable though as you know, we are paid a far higher fee in this country.

I am also enclosing a brilliant article on the greatest poet of U.S.A--Robert Frost. It has been written by a rising young poet and scholar Mr Donald Junkins who teaches English literature at Boston University (English Dept). The article is new and before it is published anywhere at all, I have asked him to reserve the first right of publication in your Journal. I am glad that this fine coincidence has taken place: if I had received your letter a few days later, I would not have been able to secure this article on Robert Frost. And I should add that Robert Frost himself has heartily approved of this interview-article on him which is rare and unique. Please send the same sum, as mentioned above, to Prof. Donald Junkins, English Department, Boston University, Boston 15, or send the check to him % of my address.

I am busy preparing a volume on the Indian Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore: the entire volume has to be ready for the Press in less than two months. Macmillan Company of New York will be the publishers and they will arrange for world-rights in publishing translations in other countries. I am very glad that even during these exceedingly busy times, I was able to secure two special articles for your Journal.

We in India have a special regard for Mexican culture and for the great Spanish literature which has some affinities with the creative genius of the East.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience and wishing your Institution and Journal a continuing fulfilment, With my regards to you,
Yours sincerely

Amiya Chakravarty

August 12, 1960.

Mr. Amiya Chakravarty
Boston University
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Dear Professor Chakravarty:

May I thank you for your kind letter of July 25 and the two articles attached to it.

I am frightfully sorry if I did not make myself clear in my letter inviting you contribute to our journal FORO INTERNACIONAL. As you may see in the copy I am sending under separate cover of the first issue of said journal, all its material deals with international problems, and its very name so points out. And although we believe to have a broad conception of what are international affairs, so as to include in them cultural problems, we cannot go as far to publish articles of a purely literary nature as yours and professor Junkins!

I am sending you back, then, your articles with my apologies for any trouble caused to you.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Cosío Villegas
President