

ENS..WSR..58.

Mexico City, D.F.,  
Apartado 538,  
April 20, 1929.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

Your letter dated April 15th just received.

I quite agree with you that any effort "on our part" to place my cattle study in hands of every Congressman" would be foreign to the aims and objects of the ICWA. I quoted this statement of Mr. Morrow's merely with a view to giving you a sidelight on his attitude toward my work and by way of explaining the raison d'être of his suggestion that the study be printed. Of course, I need not say that Mr. Morrow's statement was in no sense official and is not to be taken literally. Obviously, Mr. Morrow in his role as Ambassador to Mexico is in no position to take sides one way or another on the question of the cattle tariff. His feeling seems to be simply that it would be generally helpful if the conclusions reached in the cattle study and the data supporting them were made available to those individuals (Congressmen and others) who perforce must be interested in the matter of the tariff. I leave it to you to decide what content of meaning we can afford to inject into the word "available".


With reference to your suggestion that I ask Mr. Morrow to write to Mr. Rosenwald proposing that the Fund finance the Institute's plan for a research organization in Mexico, allow me to state that I do not think that it would be advisable to make such a request.

As indicated in my last letter, at a recent conference with Mr. Morrow I outlined our plan for an organization

in Mexico devoted to the study of social and economic problems. On this occasion Mr.Morrow stated that he approved of the proposal and that he would like very much to see such an organization functioning in Mexico. At the same time, however, (although he did not say it in so many words) I received the impression that Mr.Morrow did not wish to have his approval interpreted as a request on his part that such an organization should be set up in Mexico. In other words, it would appear that the Ambassador is willing to co-operate in any way possible if and when the ICWA starts its research program, but he does not wish to take the initiative himself. Later on I checked this matter with Mr.Rublee and found that he had received the same impression.

Since the above mentioned conference I have had several other talks with Rublee and have given him a copy of my memorandum on Social Research. He has promised me that if possible he would get the Ambassador to read my memorandum, or, failing this, he would at least talk the matter over with Mr.Morrow. I have asked Mr.Rublee to do this at his earliest convenience and then to write you a letter stating Mr.Morrow's attitude.

I was somewhat surprised yesterday to receive the enclosed letter from Mr.Mc Laren of the Institute of Politics. In your letter of January 31st you made mention of the fact that you had been talking to Mr.Mc Laren about the possibility of my acting as chairman of the Mexican Section at Williamstown, but I did not know that the matter had been settled. I am writing Mr.Mc Laren tonight and will get to work on the matter at once.

Sincerely,  


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April 24th, 1929.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Rogers:

I am much impressed with the plan that Simpson has drawn up. This is the sort of thing the Council wants to keep closely in view, and I hope you will let me see other material that Simpson sends. I confess that I do not see, at the moment, just how the Council can help. There is no precedent for extending our fellowships or grants-in-aid to Mexicans, but this is undoubtedly a problem that we shall have to face sooner or later.

Evans Clark will be very much interested in seeing the plan for these local institutes.

Is Morrow still a director of the Commonwealth Fund? If so, let me throw out the informal suggestion, on which I should not like to be quoted, that that group might conceivably be interested in entering the Mexican field. It is very hard to know just how Harkness' interests may jump.

Sincerely yours,



RSL/AR

Columbia University  
in the City of New York

FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

April 25, 1929.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers  
Institute of Current World Affairs  
522 - 5th Ave., City

Dear Mr. Rogers:

It is very kind and thoughtful of you to send me the report of Social and Economic Research in Mexico. It is an interesting and valuable report and will be helpful to the group of us at Columbia who are conducting researches concerning foreign investments in Mexico.

Again thanking you, I am

Faithfully yours,

*Carlton J. Hayes*

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VICE-GENERAL DIRECTOR

April 26, 1929

Mr. Walter S. Rogers  
Institute of Current  
World Affairs  
522 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear Rogers:

Allow me to thank you very much for the report of Social and Economic Research in Mexico. I shall read this with much interest for several reasons - because it deals with Mexico; and also matters of social research, and because what you have already told me about Mr. Simpson has interested me in him.

Sincerely,



Shelby M. Harrison

NE

April 26th, 1929

Dear Dr. Duggan:

It occurs to me that you might like to read the enclosed report on Social and Economic Research in Mexico. It was written by our representative in that country, Eyer N. Simpson. If you have any definite reactions to this report, I should like very much to know what they are.

With cordial greetings, I am,

WSR/TC  
encls.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Stephen P. Duggan,  
Institute of International Education,  
2 West 45th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

April 26th, 1929

Dear Mr. Smith:

Walking by your office this morning brought Max Farrand to mind. I used to gssip with him occasionally. I wonder if he is likely to be hereabouts soon.

These thoughts led to the idea that you might find the enclosed report on Social and Economic Research in Mexico worth reading. It was prepared by the staff representative of this Institute stationed in that country. To what extent the views set forth represent those of other Americans in Mexico, I do not know. But I do know that he has on several occasions discussed the subject with Ambassador Morrow and with Mr. George Rublee, who is working with the Ambassador.

Yours sincerely,

WSR/FO  
encls.

Mr. Barry C. Smith,  
Commonwealth Fund,  
1 East 57th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

April 26, 1929.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. MOULTON

FROM: L. R. EDMINSTER

SUBJECT: INSTITUTE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS REPORT ON THE CATTLE INDUSTRY OF NORTHERN MEXICO.

I have gone carefully through this report, prepared by Mr. Simpson and forwarded to you by Mr. Walter Rogers, and have reached the following conclusions.

If the question is whether the report is worth publishing by any organization whatsoever I should say Yes. It is a useful compilation of data on the Mexican cattle industry and even without further changes should make a good information bulletin.

If, on the other hand, the question is whether the report would make a suitable pamphlet for the Brookings Institution Pamphlet Series my answer is (even without knowing precisely what standards are to be set in this series) that in its existing form it ~~is~~ <sup>would</sup> not. In organization, condensation, synthesis and movement it seems to me to fall far short of the standard which we have heretofore endeavored to set in our publications. For the purpose for which it was originally intended--as a confidential report for Ambassador Morrow--it was doubtless satisfactory. For one of our pamphlet series, however, it seems to me that it would require much reworking. There is probably ample material in the study for a pamphlet, but that is all. Of a total of some 110 pages of text something like 20 pages are taken directly from my own book The Cattle Industry and the Tariff, and I assume that we should hardly want to republish this material in any case.

*Mr. House concurring  
E. S. H.*

*Lynn Ramsey Edminster*



WSR..ENS...

April 26th, 1929

Dear Tyler:

I now have your letter of April 20th together with copy of McLaren's letter.

I fully approve of your course in regard to a research setup in Mexico. Quite possibly we have both gone far enough for the present and we should allow the proposal to simmer for awhile.

Monday I am to have another conference in Washington with Moulton in regard to the possible publication of the Cattle report by the Institute of Economics. Meanwhile his experts are presumably reading it.

Apparently McLaren got ahead of me. I have been nursing him along, and the last time I talked with <sup>him</sup> he wasn't much beyond favoring the idea. Evidently he was authorized by Garfield to go ahead, and the letter to you followed.

Bruce Hepper is here. He is in good health and full of pep. For the next two or three weeks he is going to be more or less in seclusion completing certain of his studies. He had difficulty in Europe getting decent stenographic help, so his final drafts were held up.

John is sailing early in June and present plans contemplate a meeting in Chicago participated in by John, Bruce, you and me.

WSR/FC  
encls.

Sincerely,

P.S. Enclosed is copy of letter from Rublee to me and a copy of my reply.

April 26th, 1929

My dear George:

Thanks for your letter of April 17th. I am still uncertain whether I should definitely go out to raise funds for such an undertaking. However, I am going to make discreet inquiry in a number of directions.

A few days ago I received a letter from the Ambassador suggesting the advisability of publishing Simpson's study of the Cattle Industry in Northern Mexico. Thus far it has not been the policy of this Institute to publish its reports for general distribution.

My first reaction was to offer the report to the Institute of Economics, Washington, which is getting out a series of tariff studies and which has friendly relations with several members of Congress especially concerned with the subject. Moulton, the director of the Institute of Economics, is a member of the Advisory Committee of this organization. His men are now going over Simpson's report, and I am to confer with them in Washington Monday.

If opportunity arises please tell the Ambassador what I am doing. Later on I will write him directly.

With best possible wishes, I am,

WSR/FO

Yours sincerely,

Mr. George Rublee,  
American Embassy,  
Mexico City, D. F.  
Mexico.

# The University of Chicago

Department of Political Science

April 30  
1929

Mr. Walter S. Rogers, Director  
Institute of Current World Affairs  
532 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The pamphlet on SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
RESEARCH IN MEXICO which you sent to Mr. Merriam  
arrived just after his departure for New York, on  
the way to Paris.

I will hand this study to Mr. Mer-  
riam immediately on his return.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. C. Shepard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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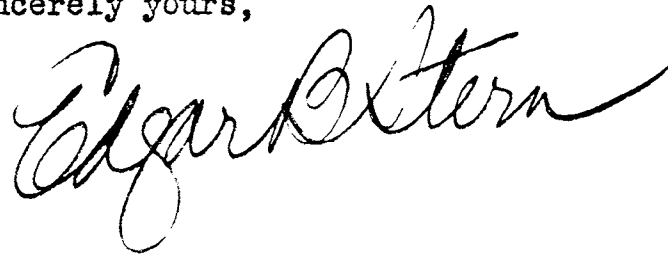
Dear Mr. Rogers,

I received your favor of the 24th ultimo,  
together with the report on Social and Economic Research  
in Mexico by Mr. Simpson, which I find very interesting and  
I want to thank you for your kindness in sending it to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EBS/TJN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edgar B. Stern". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Edgar B. Stern".

May 6th, 1929

Dear O.K.:

Enclosed is a copy of a report on Social and Economic Research in Mexico, which was prepared by our representative in that country, Eyer N. Simpson. Please take the time to read it. Later on in the week I will telephone you for an appointment, as I am anxious to get your comments and advice.

Also enclosed is a copy of a report on Poland and American Capital, which was prepared by John Crane and Leo Pasvolksy. This I do not suggest that you read unless you happen to be interested in the particular subject. But if you know of any one who might like to receive a copy, I will be glad to provide it.

WSR/FC  
encls.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Oscar K. Davis,  
Foreign Trade Council,  
1 Hanover Square,  
New York, N.Y.

ENS..WSR.. 59.

Mexico City, D.F.,  
Apartado 538,  
May 7, 1929.

My dear Mr. Rogers:

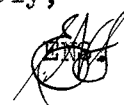
Just a little note to let you know that I am still among those present. For the past ten days I have been working day and night trying to finish my report on labor and getting materials into shape for Chicago and Williamstown.

Edgar Turlington of the Research Committee on Latin America (see my No. 54) dropped in the other day with a letter from Feis. Mr. Turlington has come to Mexico (apparently at the request of Mr. Morrow) to bring his study of Mexico's foreign debt up to date. I have had several talks with him and have given such assistance as I could.

And this reminds me to ask you to try once again to get me a copy of the Banker's Report. I am greatly in need of this book at the present time. Mc Bride has very kindly loaned me the Embassy copy on several occasions, but for my courses this summer and for Williamstown it is absolutely essential that I have a copy of my own.

I look forward with the greatest eagerness to the first conference of the ICWA which you mention in your letter of April 26th. Give my regards to Bruce.

Sincerely,



# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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925 SOUTH HOMAN AVENUE

CHICAGO

May 7, 1929.

Dear Simpson: I had a good visit with Senor Moises Saenz when he was in Chicago. He seemed hopeful that the Mexican Government would invite us to cooperate in a general program, at least one that would include the support of teacher training. I think we should not be interested simply in making a contribution to one of the technical schools. It is the sweep of the program throughout the country and the implications of this mass education movement that appeal to us.

If by chance the federal government should feel that it could not properly invite a foreign organization to cooperate in the general school program, what would you think of discussing the matter with one of the states? A single state may not feel the same self-consciousness and timidity that might naturally influence the federal government. By cooperating in a state-wide demonstration in direct affiliation with one of the smaller states, we might influence the whole program. This is what the Rockefeller Foundation has done in its health work, as for instance with the state of Yucatan in Mexico. Pending further discussions concerning the federal program, I wish you would be thinking this matter over. We might talk about it when you come to Chicago this summer.

Walter Rogers was good enough to send me your paper on Social and Economic Studies. This is another clear and significant statement from your pen. The proposal to build up a good "school" of such studies around the Mexican division of the institute seems sensible. Isn't this in effect very much what you and Rogers have been discussing for some time? The only difference I see is that in the earlier plans you expected to serve as a nucleus for foreign workers whereas the present proposal looks toward using chiefly Mexican investigators.

Very truly yours,



ERE:msg

Mr. Eyler Simpson  
Apartado 538  
Mexico City, Mexico

May 10th, 1929

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Simpson's report on Social and Economic Research in Mexico. I hope you find it interesting.

Yours sincerely,

WSR/FC  
encls.

Mr. Norman H. Davis,  
Room 3028,  
61 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.



ENS..WSR..60.

Mexico City, D.F.,  
Apartado 538,  
May 14, 1929.


My dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed find letter from Embree. I am doubtful about his suggestion that the Fund enter some Mexican state with a view to working more or less independently of the federal government. However, I will feel the situation out and talk the matter over with Embree when I get to Chicago.

Keith is planning to leave Mexico a little early and spend several weeks with her family in Eureka Springs, Arkansas before joining me in Chicago. For Keith's and my own transportation it will be necessary to request additional funds to the amount noted below:

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In view of Keith's desire to precede me by a week or more, I wonder if it would be convenient for the office to deposit these additional funds so as to reach me by May 25th.

Sincerely,  


NORMAN H. DAVIS  
61 BROADWAY  
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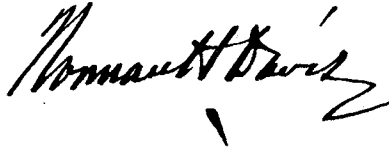
May 15, 1929.

Mr. Walter S. Rogers,  
c/o Institute of Current World Affairs,  
522 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Rogers:

I have read with much interest Mr. Simpson's report on Mexico, and his recommendation for a Social and Economic Research Bureau. His recommendations seem sound to me, and I hope you will succeed in getting the necessary support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Norman H. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Norman H. Davis".

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May 16th  
1929

Mr. Walter S. Rogers  
Institute of Current World Affairs  
522 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Rogers:

It is now nearly three weeks since you were good enough to send me the confidential report on "Social and Economic Research in Mexico", written by your representative, Mr. Myler N. Simpson. It was only last Saturday that I had the chance to read it. I think it is an excellent statement in every respect. You asked in your letter if I had any definite reaction to this report. I know one person who I think might be interested in helping to realize the suggestion. I will take it up with him at once and, if he is really interested, put him in touch with you.

I wonder whether you would be good enough to let me see the reports from your agencies in other countries such as Russia and China? I can assure you that, if you do, I will hold them as strictly confidential.

Sincerely yours,

  
Director

SPD:AMC

COTTON & FRANKLIN  
63 WALL STREET  
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May 16, 1929

My dear Mr. Rogers

I have your note and the Mexican memorandum. So far as it talks Mexican facts I think it is good - particularly as to land and irrigation. So far as it points out the limited kind of information and research which would help Mexico, it is good.

As to its concrete suggestions for a Mexican bureau - I am not so sure. You ought to get Morrow's reaction on it - but so long as he holds office I certainly think Morrow should have nothing to do with it - officially. It is by no means clear that any Mexican administration desires or would now tolerate any charity from Americans or the operation of any American foundation in Mexico which wrote in Mexico what it thought on current social policies. If there were a bureau sitting in Mexico today - staffed as proposed - I doubt if Morrow could get the present administration to use it or read its results. I would think it more helpful to help finance advice on special matters given to Mexican government at its own request - e.g. Colpitts' recent survey of the Railroads (but not Sir Henry Thornton's) which I suppose is paid for by the Bondholders, or Sterrett's recent work on Mexican public debts, or another book like Gruenings. The proposed bureau could not duplicate any of those services. Those services help Mexico today - just as the individual work of Morrow

and Rublee does - on the fundamental problems the writer of your memorandum speaks of. But I doubt if the bureau he proposes would help much on those problems. As an adviser to the present administration helping Morrow (for that is what the writer of the memorandum seems to picture) I doubt the value of his advice, and I doubt if such advice is as likely to be accepted coming from a resident bureau with a philanthropic appearance, as it is from occasional experts. For instance, some foreigner has got to draw up a plan for funding the Mexican foreign debt - not such a terrible job, but I doubt if there is a Mexican now capable of it. I doubt if the bureau could do it, or help largely in the work. And I doubt if the proposed bureau is a good way to write contemporary history of Mexico. Yet those two things are really what is proposed in the memorandum.

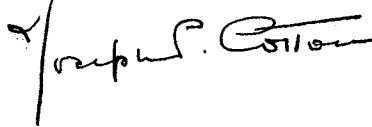
If the results of the bureau operation are to be published in English, I do not believe the work will be best done by a bureau permanently in Mexico. For instance, I would much prefer to send Buell or someone like him there for two years. Mexico would probably never let him back. If it is to be published in Mexico I think it would do little good if written by Americans or under their auspices.

So I think if you are going to get up a bureau in Mexico your memorandum writer is right about what needs doing - nevertheless I doubt if he proposes a wise expenditure of cash. I would rather give the money to educate a few promising young Mexicans. There are some good men in the Mexican service today - and as long as the present administration

stays in there would be room for more.

I should value Rublee's opinion on what you are talking about more than any other. Certainly I should not pay much attention to any American resident or industrial manager now in Mexico whom I met - or heard about.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter S. Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Walter S. Rogers, Esq.  
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Rogers

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WSR..ENS..

May 21st, 1929

Dear Eyer:

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Your cooperation with respect to Mexicans coming to the United States and to Americans going to Mexico is hoped for by officials of the Guggenheim Fund.

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Sincerely,

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Born 1893 at Weatherford, Texas. Attended Weatherford Public Schools, and received scholarship to the University of Texas. While attending school and during summer, received some legal training in father's law office; also wrote insurance, etc.

Was graduated University of Texas 1914; Phi Beta Kap a. Was student assistant in Economics and conducted some classes. Was editor of "The Texan"; president of Athenaeum Debating Society, and active in other student affairs. Held Oldright Fellowship in philosophy year 1914-1915. Attended conference on International Relations at Cornell University during summer of 1915. Returned to the University fall of 1915, but left to go to Europe with Ford Peace Party. On my return to the United States, I wrote a series of articles for The Dallas News, and then accepted position with The News for one year.

Attended Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs 1917 and was commissioned and assigned to 90th Division. Was sent overseas December, 1917. Attended second class of Army General Staff College, Langres, France; served as observer at British Front; studied intelligence work. Returned to 90th Division, first as Assistant G-3, then Adjutant of the 179th Brigade. Also wrote Official History of the 90th Division; also History of the Inter-Allied Games. Was Officer in Charge of Civil Affairs for the Kreis of Daun, Germany, during Occupation.

After discharge, spent about seven months with the Associated Press in Washington, D.C. Covered the Coal Strike, the National Industrial Conference, and spent some time on the State Department and Congress.

In May, 1920, was appointed Trade Commissioner for the Near East, with headquarters at Constantinople. Left Constantinople at Christmas, 1920, on account of health. Later was in charge of Department of Commerce office at Vienna, and spent nearly two years in Austria, Switzerland and Germany. Made trip to Africa in 1924; married Zoe Florence Gertrude Mostert, 1924.

Reentered service of Department of Commerce, 1925. Now Commercial Attache, Mexico City.

Languages: Thorough knowledge of French, and can read and speak German and Spanish without difficulty. Wife has thorough knowledge of French, German and Spanish and good knowledge of Dutch; some Italian.

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