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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

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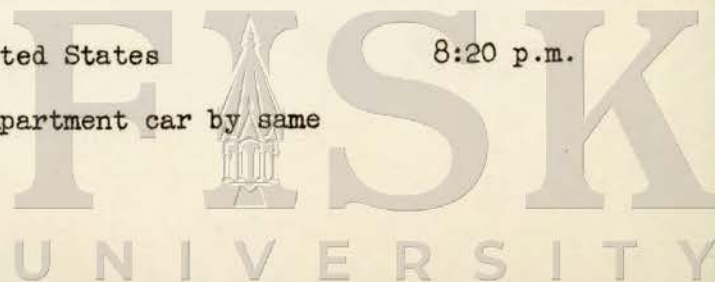
## JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

### SCHEDULE FOR MEXICAN TRIP OF RURAL COUNCIL

February 14-25, 1941

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	Customs inspection.	
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C. Guest expenses which Fund will pay and bill individual.

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3. One-way Pullman ticket from St. Louis or Memphis if the guest is not returning on the chartered car.
4. Miscellaneous items paid in total by the Fund, such as bus fares, hotel expenses, and occasional group lunches.

#### MONEY EXCHANGE

The peso stands at approximately five to the dollar. The best rate of exchange can be had in Mexico City. To care for expenses of the party from the border to Mexico City, the Fund will have on hand a certain amount of pesos and will be prepared to make small exchanges.

Members will probably find it difficult to cash personal checks in Mexico, and it is suggested that in addition to a certain amount of cash, members convert their personal funds into American Express travelers checks which may be freely exchanged for pesos. Such checks may be purchased at most banks or at any American Express office.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

1. Passports or visas are not required for travel to Mexico. The Missouri Pacific Railroad furnishes the necessary papers for all its passengers. These will be procured for you by the Fund at the time of ticket purchase.
2. A certificate proving successful vaccination against smallpox within the past five years is required by law. Individuals take grave risks in traveling in rural Mexico unless they have also had typhoid and paratyphoid inoculations within the past three years. These can be given together and should be started at once since they consist of three shots given over a period of ten to fifteen days. Paratyphoid vaccine will insure against several types of dysentery.



3. Customs inspections are relatively simple and will probably be made in the private lounge car upon arrival at Laredo on Saturday evening. There is no restriction on articles taken into Mexico. Each individual is permitted to bring out duty-free \$100 worth of goods purchased in Mexico.

#### TIPPING IN MEXICO

Quoted below is an excerpt from an article recently appearing in a Chicago newspaper which will answer the question of "how much" to tip in Mexico. Different customs and the strange currency contribute to a good deal of confusion about this matter of tipping.

"For railway travelers the porters at the train stations usually are the first persons to be tipped. They have a set rate of 50 centavos for each sizable piece of luggage, but generally a tip of one peso to each porter will be satisfactory when there are several pieces to be carried. In deciding whether an article should fall into the classification of a 'sizable piece', the traveler should ask himself whether he would be embarrassed if he carried it himself.

"Do not worry about the number of porters that you will need for your luggage, for the porter you call will get the services of as many others as he needs. Generally each man will carry three pieces.

"Taxi drivers do not expect tips. This is probably due to the fact that there are no meters and that the cost of the trip is usually agreed upon before it is begun.

"Bellboys should be tipped in amounts similar to those given train station porters - that is, 50 centavos if there is but one bag and a peso to each boy if there are several bags. When, in the case of the automobile tourist, the boy also packs the baggage into the automobile, an additional peso will usually be sufficient recompense.

"General services in hotels, such as delivering ice water, telegrams, and laundry, fall into the 50 centavo classification. The chambermaid usually receives two or three pesos from a person who has made a visit of a week or ten days, while a couple will give about five pesos.

"Tips to guides depend both upon the size of the bill and the length of the service. Five pesos is about right when a guide has been engaged for one day. In cases where a week has been covered and the bill is around 350 pesos for the complete service including an automobile, chauffeur and guide, 50 pesos is sufficient for the guide, and the chauffeur should receive about half this amount. When the guide also acts as chauffeur slightly more than he would expect if acting as guide alone should be given.



"One place that the 10 per cent rule can be applied is in the case of waiters in night clubs. And when the services of the headwaiter have been requested in the selection of a table and in an effort to obtain satisfactory service, a tip ranging from five pesos, in the case of a party of four, to 10 pesos, when the party is made up of as many as eight persons, is proper.

"In restaurants the 10 per cent rule may be applied when the dinner party consists of several persons and the bill is sufficient to justify a sizable tip. When you are dining alone a tip of 50 centavos or a peso will do.

"In general, any service for which you normally would give from 10 to 25 cents in American money will fall into the 50 centavo classification. However, do not give less than 50 centavos - it is better to give nothing."

#### GENERAL ITEMS

1. Mexico City has an altitude of 7400 feet, a fact which should be taken into account during the first 24 hours. The climate is temperate and spring-like, the nights cool. Spring clothes and a light topcoat for evening should be brought along. It will be necessary to have evening clothes.

Members who plan to remain in Mexico after the Council meetings and contemplate visits to coastal towns should bring summer clothing.

2. Suggested readings: The following publications are suggested to give a general background of the country and the economic and cultural forces which have affected the educational system:

Terry T. P. Terry's guide to Mexico. 1938, the author, Hingham, Massachusetts. \$3.50

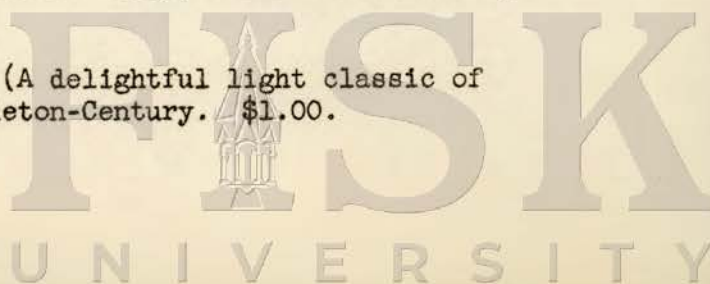
Sanchez, George I. Mexico: a revolution by education. 1936, Viking. \$2.75

Simpson, Eyler N. The Ejido, Mexico's way out. 1937, University of North Carolina Press. \$5.00.

Watson, Goodwin. Education and social welfare in Mexico (1939). A pamphlet prepared for the Council for Pan American Democracy, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Tannenbaum, Frank. Peace by revolution. 1933, Columbia University Press. \$3.50.

Flandreau, Charles. Viva Mexico! (A delightful light classic of Mexican life.) New ed. 1937, Appleton-Century. \$1.00.





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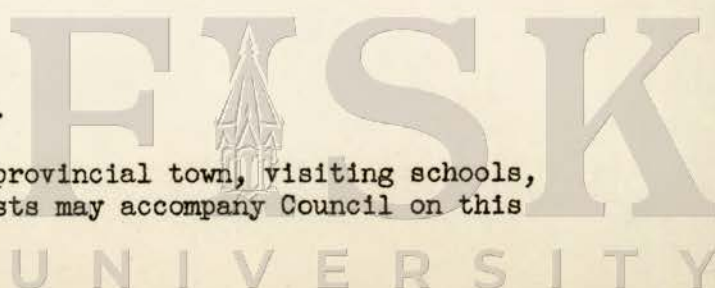
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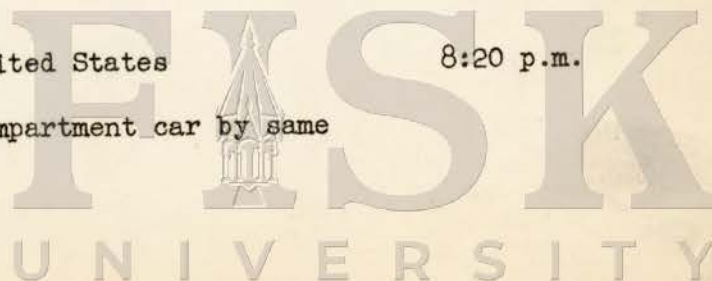
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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
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February 14-25, 1941

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Feb. 14	Leave Chicago on Chicago and Eastern Illinois	12 noon
14	Arrive St. Louis	5 p.m.
	(Members coming from New York, Washington, and other eastern and midwestern points will change at St. Louis to a private buffet-lounge and sleeping car attached to the Missouri Pacific Sunshine Special. Berth assignments to be made later.)	
14	Leave St. Louis	5:30 p.m.
	(Members coming from points in the South will take a private compartment car or regular Pullman at Memphis, leaving at 10:30 p.m. Berth and compartment assignments will be made later. The car will be ready for occupancy at 9:30 p.m.)	
Feb. 15	Leave Little Rock	1:50 a.m.
15	Arrive Laredo, Texas	8:50 p.m.
	Customs inspection.	
Feb. 16	Leave Nuevo Laredo, Mexico	1:30 a.m.
16	Arrive Monterrey	7:35 a.m.
Feb. 17	Arrive Mexico City	7:35 a.m.
	Party will go at once to hotels to be designated later.	
Feb. 17-22	School visits, trips, and conferences in and around Mexico City.	
Feb. 22	Leave Mexico City for United States	8:20 p.m.
	(Returning in Private compartment car by same route.)	





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Feb. 23	Leave Monterrey	7:45 p.m.
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	U. S. Customs inspection.	
24	Leave Laredo	4:00 a.m.
24	Arrive Little Rock	11:40 p.m.
	(The compartment car will be detached at this point and will be carried to Memphis, arriving at 7:00 a.m., Feb. 25. Members going north from Little Rock will transfer to regular Pullman at this point.)	
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25	Arrive St. Louis	8:30 a.m.
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25	Arrive Chicago	1:45 p.m.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF RURAL COUNCIL IN MEXICO

Monday, Feb. 17.

Morning: Arrival, 7:35.  
8:00 to 11:00 - Early morning spent getting settled in Hotels.  
11:00 to 1:00 - First session of the conference.

Afternoon: Sight-seeing tour of capital and Floating Gardens.

Evening: Free.

Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Morning and Afternoon: All-day trip to rural schools in vicinity of Federal District.

Evening: Conference session.

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 19 and 20.

Two-day trip to rural areas and a provincial town, visiting schools, talking with local educators. Guests may accompany Council on this



tour at their own expense if so desired. Return to Mexico City Thursday evening. Conference sessions will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Friday, Feb. 21.

Morning and  
Afternoon: All-day trip to village schools near Mexico City.

Evening: Formal banquet for Council members, guests, and Mexican officials. (Evening dress requested.)

Saturday, Feb. 22.

Morning: 9:00 to 1:00 - Conference.

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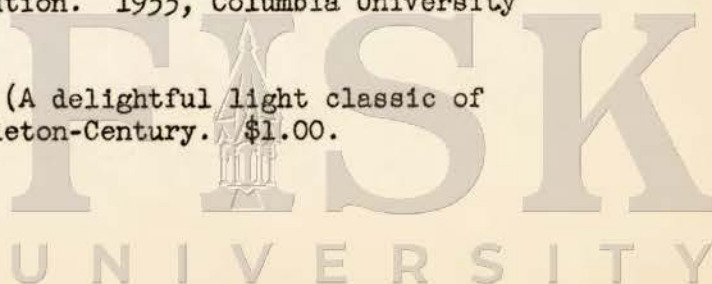
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The following is a complete schedule of the trip. Some members of the Rural Council will be leaving from Chicago; others will join the party at St. Louis or Little Rock, depending on their original point of departure.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hour</u>
Feb. 14	Leave Chicago on Chicago & Eastern Illinois	12 noon
14	Arrive St. Louis	5 p.m.
	(There are 3 other lines operating between Chicago and St. Louis, with schedules similar to that given. They are the Wabash, Illinois Central, and the Alton.)	
14	Leave St. Louis on Missouri Pacific Sunshine Special. A private car will be chartered by the Fund from this point.	5:30 p.m.
15	Leave Little Rock A second private car with buffet-lounge will be added here (which may be occupied any time after 9 p.m.).	1:50 a.m.
15	Arrive Laredo, Texas Customs inspection.	8:50 p.m.
15	Leave Nuevo Laredo, Mexico	1:30 a.m.
16	Arrive Monterrey, Mexico A side trip to Torreon has been arranged. For details see below.	7:35 a.m.
16	Leave Monterrey for Torreon. (Transportation will be by bus or train.)	8:00 a.m.
16	Arrive Torreon	4:30 p.m.
17	In and around Torreon	
18	Leave Torreon for Monterrey	12:00 noon





<u>Day</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hour</u>
Feb. 19	Leave Monterrey for Mexico City.	7:35 a.m.
20	Arrive Mexico City. Party will go at once to hotels to be designated later.	7:35 a.m.
20-22	School visits and trips in and around Mexico City.	
22	Leave Mexico City for United States. (Returning in chartered Pullman by same route)	8:20 p.m.
23	Leave Monterrey.	7:45 p.m.
24	Leave Laredo, Texas.	4:00 a.m.
24	Arrive Little Rock.	11:40 p.m.
25	Leave Little Rock.	12:10 a.m.
25	Arrive St. Louis.	8:30 a.m.
25	Leave St. Louis for Chicago on Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad.	8:50 a.m.
25	Arrive Chicago.	1:45 p.m.

#### TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

##### 1. Chicago to St. Louis Passengers.

Passengers leaving Chicago will arrange for their own Pullman ticket and reservation and railroad ticket to St. Louis. All other travel arrangements, including tickets, from St. Louis to Mexico City will be made by the Fund. Chicago passengers, who will make the change at St. Louis, will transfer to a special chartered Pullman car attached to the Missouri Pacific Sunshine Special. Reservation numbers will be sent shortly to each member of the Council.

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All Council members living in the southeastern states will join the party at Little Rock, making arrangements for their own travel to this point. There they will take a chartered Pullman which will be added to the Missouri Pacific Sunshine Special at Little Rock. This will be a ten-compartment private car. The car will be ready for occupancy at 9 p.m. Friday, February 14, and will leave Little Rock at 1:50 a.m. Saturday, February 15. Members will receive shortly the number of their compartment.

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4. Arrival in Mexico.

Upon arrival at Monterrey, 7:35 a.m. Sunday, February 16, the party will proceed at once to Torreon, either by automobile or in the private cars attached to the regular Mexican railway. We will arrive in Torreon late Sunday afternoon and will spend all of Monday and part of Tuesday morning visiting the rural schools of the La Laguna area.

The party will leave Torreon at noon Tuesday, February 18, and will return to Monterrey where the private cars will rejoin the Sunshine Special, leaving Monterrey at 7:35 a.m. Wednesday, February 19, and arriving at Mexico City 7:35 a.m. Thursday, February 20.

In Mexico City the party will go immediately to a hotel to be designated later. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be spent visiting rural schools in the vicinity of Mexico City. A detailed schedule of these plans will be given to Council members on the train en route to Mexico.

5. Return trip.

It is thought that some members of the Council may wish to remain in Mexico at their own expense after the closing conference Saturday afternoon, February 22. It is important that the Fund be notified at once if you wish space reserved in the chartered Pullman car leaving Mexico City Saturday night, February 22, at 8:20 p.m. Travelers spending additional time in Mexico will be handed their return railway ticket but will have to arrange for their own Pullman fare and reservation.





6. Possible Guests.

It has been suggested that some persons may wish to bring wives or other guests at their own expense. We shall try, in so far as possible, to make arrangements in the special tour accommodations for such guests. But this can be done only if we know at once. And of course these guests are not expected to join the conferences or otherwise interfere with the main purpose of the tour.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel and living expenses of Council members will be met by the Rosenwald Fund. Other personal expenses will be met by the individual.

Certain items of cost will be paid for in advance by the Fund. Other items will be paid for by the Council member who will bill the Fund upon his return home.

A. Items to be paid for in advance directly by the Fund:

1. All round trip railroad tickets from St. Louis and Little Rock to Mexico City.
2. All round trip Pullman tickets from St. Louis and Little Rock to Mexico City if the member plans to return on the chartered car Saturday evening, February 22.
3. Pullman tickets from St. Louis and Little Rock to Mexico City for those members who intend staying over in Mexico City.
4. All buses used in visiting the rural area.
5. Hotel rooms at Torreon and Mexico City.

B. Items to be paid by the member, for which he will bill the Fund.

1. Round trip travel from his home to either St. Louis or Little Rock.
2. Pullman ticket from Mexico City to whatever point he leaves the Sunshine Special on his return home.
3. All meal costs.
4. Tips and any taxi service connected with Council affairs.



### MONEY EXCHANGE

The peso stands at approximately five to the dollar. The best rate of exchange can be had in Mexico City. To care for expenses of the party from the border to Mexico City, the Fund will have on hand a certain amount of pesos and will be prepared to make small exchanges.

Members will probably find it difficult to cash personal checks in Mexico, and it is suggested that in addition to a certain amount of cash members convert their personal funds into American Express Company checks which can be freely exchanged for pesos. Such checks can be purchased at most banks or at any American Express office.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

1. Passports or visas are not required for travel to Mexico. The Missouri Pacific Railroad furnishes the necessary papers for all its passengers. These will be procured for you by the Fund at the time of ticket purchase.
2. A certificate proving successful vaccination against smallpox within the past five years is required by law. Individuals take grave risks in traveling in rural Mexico unless they have also had typhoid and paratyphoid inoculations within the past three years. These can be given together and should be started at once since they consist of three shots given over a period of ten to fifteen days. Paratyphoid vaccine will insure against several types of dysentery.
3. Customs inspections are relatively simple and will probably be made in the private lounge car upon arrival at Laredo on Saturday evening. There is no restriction on articles taken into Mexico. Each individual is permitted to bring out duty-free \$100 worth of goods purchased in Mexico.

### GENERAL ITEMS

1. Climate: Torreon is a city of 60,000 and has an altitude of 3700 feet. The climate is hot and dry, and it will be advisable to bring some light clothing for the two days to be spent there.

Mexico City has an altitude of 7400 feet, a fact which should be taken into account during the first 24 hours. The climate is temperate and spring-like, the nights cool. Spring clothes and a light topcoat for evening should be brought along. It will be advisable to have evening clothes.





Members who plan to remain in Mexico after the Council meetings and contemplate visits to coastal towns should bring summer clothing.

2. Suggested readings: The following publications are suggested to give a general background of the country and the economic and cultural forces which have affected the educational system:

Terry, T. P. Terry's guide to Mexico. 1938, the author, Hingham, Massachusetts. \$3.50.

Sanchez, George I. Mexico: a revolution by education. 1936, Viking. \$2.75.

Simpson, Eyler N. The Ejido, Mexico's way out. 1937, University of North Carolina Press. \$5.00

Watson, Goodwin. Education and social welfare in Mexico (1939). A pamphlet prepared for the Council for Pan American Democracy, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Tannenbaum, Frank. Peace by revolution. 1933, Columbia University Press. \$3.50.

Flandreau, Charles. Viva Mexico! (A delightful light classic of Mexican life.) New ed. 1937, Appleton-Century. \$1.

# The University of Wisconsin

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY  
STERLING HALL



Madison

Coun my  
(Mexico)

February 17, 1941

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Embree:

I have been surprised and amazed at your letter of February 11 in regard to cancelation of the Mexico City trip. This is unbelievable in connection with our high sounding phrases about democracy at this present moment.

I was very sorry indeed to hear of it. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Mekeel*

H. Scudder Mekeel

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

Education

RURAL SCHOOL  
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*Community  
(Mexico)*

Miss Ruth Warren,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

FEB 19 1941

Dear Ruth:

Thanks for seeing that I got the bad news that the Mexican trip is off. I was out in Oklahoma when the telegram first came and did not know about it until I got home last week-end. Imagine my additional disappointment when I received word here in my own office that our Congressional hearings have been postponed into March so that I could have gone on the trip with a clear conscience. I presume though that my own disappointment is no greater than that of everyone else.

Sincerely yours,

*Willard W. Beatty*  
Willard W. Beatty,  
Director of Education.

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The Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun Mty  
(Mexico)

February 22, 1941.

Dr. Edwin R. Embree, Pres.  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Dr. Embree,

It was with mixed emotions that I learned of the calling off of the conference in Mexico and the cause for so doing. I felt relief; disappointment; gratitude; embarrassment; and, as a resultant of the confusion, an urge to add one more cause for bitterness toward a fate which dooms one to live life in "a brown house" in a "white world".

I was relieved that white friends would not be strained by the great efforts which would have had to have been made to have avoided having us, the colored members of the group, embarrassed. I was disappointed that the opportunity for comradeship, for knowing the members on such a trip, and for seeing, studying, and enjoying Mexico had to be foregone. I was grateful that those planning the conference were courageous, straight-forward, and broad enough to call such an obviously highly anticipated conference rather than ignore discriminations which would have proved embarrassing to some of the members. I was embarrassed that inclusion of our racial group caused inconvenience to well-meaning friends. Such a situation could easily lead to bitterness were it not that there is much that makes it good to just be alive; and that even if life does have its "downs", it also has its "ups"; and also that some of the seemingly most depressing situations have hopeful and humorous phases.

I close by saying that though I am gratefully disappointed that we did not meet in Mexico, I am hopefully anticipating a pleasant conference wherever we do meet.

Sincerely yours,

*Catherine J. Duncan*

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK

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*Conner mty  
(Mexico)*

February 28, 1941

Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

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Gentlemen:

I am enclosing an expense account for the recent visit in Mexico. I want to express to the Foundation my sincere appreciation for the opportunity that this study offered. I am very sorry that the original project could not be carried through, but I feel that personally I profited even more than I could have in company with a larger group.

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I have written the first draft of a report of my observations and conclusions, and if it improves enough on revision, I shall be glad to send it to you. If in any way I can be of service to the Julius Rosenwald Fund or its projects, I consider myself obligated to try to repay in service the very generous consideration which you have given to me.

Yours sincerely,

*Goodwin Watson*

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

To

Mr. Goodwin Watson  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York City

Payment Voucher No. 9228


Date March 8, 1941

*Coun mty  
(Mexico)*

Reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in connection with

recent trip to Mexico - - - - - \$247.92

Ck.#9223 W.F.

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Rural School Administration - Travel	40-10	\$247.92	
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			Comptroller



Expense Account - Trip to Mexico

Tourist card	\$ .91
Railroad - round trip	129.55
Pullman - round trip	47.98
Meals on train - down trip	10.45
Tips and taxis - down trip	3.75
Room in Mexico - 12 days	20.16
Meals in Mexico - 13 days	21.23
Taxis on business visits	1.26
Tips and taxis - return trip	3.03
Meals on train - return trip	<u>9.60</u>

\$247.92<sup>56</sup>

*Goodwin Watson*

*February 28, 1941.*

JOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

*[Handwritten signature]*

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PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

March 3, 1941

Dear Mr. Watson: Your letter has come before  
either Miss Elvidge or  
Mr. Embree has returned from Mexico. I shall see  
that it is referred to them. I know they will be  
pleased to hear that you feel your Mexican trip  
was a profitable one.

Enclosed you will find our  
check for \$247.92 reimbursing you for expenses  
incurred in connection with the recent visit to  
Mexico. I am also enclosing your expense account.  
Will you please sign it and return it to me. I am  
sorry to trouble you with this detail, but our  
auditors require it.

Very truly yours,

*AW*

Assistant Comptroller

Mr. Goodwin Watson  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York City

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Profr. C. E. Sansalvador.  
DELEGADO de la Sría de Educ.  
Ixmiquilpan, Hgo.

Comm mty  
(Mexico)

México, D.F. a 19 de marzo de 1941.

Sr. Profr.  
Willian C. Haygood.  
Chicago. E. U. A.  
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Muy estimado y fino amigo;-

Hasta hoy tuve la fortuna de localizar entre un legajo de documentos, la lista que quedó olvidada en la Sría de Educación Pública.

Me permito la satisfacción de remitírsela, esperando que llegue a su poder, pues me temo que no esté correcta la dirección que usted me dejó.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para saludarlo muy cordialmente y para rogarle que alguna vez, me ilustre y ayude con sus orientaciones y consejos.

Como siempre de Ud. su afmo. atto. amigo y S.S.

*C. E. Sansalvador*  
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C. E. Sansalvador.

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 Pepe Parqu  
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 Arr. 13:00 Cuautla.  
 Escuela Rural (10 mi)  
 Secundaria (20)  
 Agua Hedionda  
 14:00 Lunch.  
 15:00  
 Arr. 15:30 Oaxtepec.  
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 Lv. 16:00  
 Arr. 16:30 Cuernavaca  
 Arr. 17:00 Zaca Tepec  
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 Inspector Escuelas  
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Prof. Angel M.  
 Corzo

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtp  
(Mexico)

March 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Galarza: Thank you for your letter and your expressions on our difficulties with respect to holding the rural council meetings in Mexico. I think they are well put and indicate an understanding of the roots of the problem.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be in Mexico last month made many interesting and profitable contacts with educational people. As we traveled out of Mexico City in the four directions of the compass we realized how hard it would have been for a group of the size we had planned to get about and see the things we were seeing. This visit has given us a background upon which to plan better for another year. Perhaps when world struggles have abated there may come an opportunity for a smaller group, say not less than twenty, to do what we had hoped for this year.

When I am next in Washington I shall plan to look for you for some good talks.

Sincerely,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Mr. Ernesto Galarza  
Chief, Division of Labor and  
Social Information  
Pan American Union  
Washington, D. C.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coum Mty  
(Mexico)

March 7, 1941

Dear Mrs. Duncan: Thank you for your letter of February 22 which I find on my return from Mexico where I went on my own even though we were not able to hold the conference there. Your letter is in the best temper and has the most good sense of any of the many that I have received in connection with the upset in our plans. As a matter of fact, everyone, though there must have been keen disappointment, accepted our decision with the best of grace and with congratulations for our very definite stand against discrimination.

I found most confused and conflicting situations and atmosphere in Mexico. While the evidences of discrimination were less overt than we had been led to fear, I am sure we would not have been able to accomplish our purpose of easy and leisurely conferences if we had persisted in holding the meetings in and about Mexico City. We are beginning to make plans for a more normal session of the Council, probably toward the latter part of April.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. C. J. Duncan  
The Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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County  
(Mexico)

March 20, 1941

Dear Professor Ramirez: We should have written you sooner to thank you officially for the many courtesies and kindnesses which you and your associates in the Department showed our party while we were in Mexico. However, I do not have a complete list of the names of the gentlemen who were so nice to us. I left this list, unfortunately, in Mr. Esquivel's office. Mr. San Salvador promised to get it and send it to me, but since it has not come, I assume that he was unable to locate it. I am therefore asking you for one final favor. Mr. Embree would like to write letters of thanks to all of the people in the Secretariat and the Departamento de Asuntos Indigenas. Will you be kind enough to send us the names and titles and addresses of the people who accompanied us? Specifically, we would like to have this information about the following people: Sr. San Salvador, Sr. Esquivel, the head of the school at Cuatla, Sr. Santibanez, Sr. Corso, Sr. Candia, Sr. Vasquez, and any of the other people who gave so generously of their time and hospitality.

Mr. Embree and Mr. Wale and I have lamented continually the fact that we are no longer in Mexico. It

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has been snowing here for a week, and has been terribly cold. It is difficult for us to realize that only three weeks ago we were in the land of eternal spring.

We all send you our joint greetings and gratitude, and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Professor Rafael Ramirez  
Avenida Ayuntamiento  
Coyoacan, D. F.  
Mexico

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

*Comm mty  
(Mexico)*

March 24, 1941

My dear Senor Sansalvador:      Thank you very  
much for your  
letter of March 19, with which you enclosed  
the list which Mr. Haygood had left in the  
office of the Secretary of Education. It has  
come while Mr. Haygood is away from Chicago, but  
I will be sure that he sees it when he returns.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Haygood

Sr. C. E. Sansalvador  
Delegado de la Sria de Educacion  
Ixmiquilpan, Hgo.  
Mexico



Prof. RAFAEL RAMIREZ.  
Ave. Ayuntamiento # 78.  
COYOACAN . - D. F.-

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Coun mte  
(Mexico)

marzo 27 de  
1941.

Señor,  
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD.  
Julius Rosenwald Fund.  
4901 Ellis Ave.  
CHICAGO . - Ills.

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Muy estimado señor HAYGOOD:

C O N T E S T O su carta del día 20 del mes actual, manifestándole que entiendo que a estas horas ya tendrá - en sus manos los papeles que dejó olvidados en el escritorio del señor ESQUIVEL, porque el Prof. SANSALVADOR me dijo que iba a enviárselos.

De todos modos le envío las direcciones que me piden todas por supuesto, sino de aquellas que tengo a la mano y que usted específicamente me pide:

Ing. MANUEL GARCIA SANTIBAÑEZ.- Agente del Banco de Crédito Ejidal.- TOLUCA .- MEX.-

Prof. CONCEPCION SANSALVADOR.- Inspector Escuelas. - (Encargado del Servicio de desayunos escolares de la región).- IXMILQUILPAN .- HGO.

Prof. AURELIANO ESQUIVEL.- Director de Educación Primaria en los Estados y Territorios.- Secretaría de Educación Pública.- México, D, F.

Prof. ALFREDO BASURTO.- Director de la Escuela Secundaria.- Cuautla. - M O R. -

Prof. ANGEL M. CORZO.- Oficial Mayor del Departamento de Asuntos Indígenas.- Calle de Sarapio Rendón # 114.- MEXICO. - D. F.

Señor ISIDRO CANDIA.- Jefe del Departamento de Asuntos Indígenas.- Calle de Sarapio Rendón # 114.- MEXICO.D.F.

Prof. FIDEL VAZQUEZ.- Jefe de Oficina.- Dirección de Educación Primaria en los Estados y Territorios.- Sría. de Educación Pública.- MEXICO. - D.F.

Prof. FRANCISCO B. GONZALEZ.- Director de la Escuela Colonia "Emiliano Zapata".- CUAUTLA.- M O R.-

Ing. JULIAN RODRIGUEZ ADAME.- Sub-gerente del Banco  
de Crédito Ejidal.- Venustiano Carranza, # 51.- MEXICO.-  
D, F.

Con mis saludos para todos sus compañeros y deseán-  
dole éxito en su labor, le envío un fuerte apretón de ma-  
nos.

*R. Ramirez*



RURAL SCHOOL  
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*Coun Inty  
Mexico*

April 15, 1941

Dear Mr. Santibanez:      In my capacity as President  
   of the Julius Rosenwald  
Fund, I am writing to thank you personally for the  
courtesies and aid which you extended to me and my  
associates during our recent stay in Mexico. We  
feel that our visits to rural schools, cooperatives,  
and other social and educational institutions of  
your country, as well as our stimulating association  
with the officials who have these projects under  
their direction, were extremely enlightening and  
productive of ideas which will be of use to us in  
our efforts to improve the educational and social  
conditions of our own country. On my own behalf  
and that of my associates, Mr. Wale and Mr. Haygood,  
I extend this expression of our gratitude and  
appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

*ERE*

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Ing. Manuel Garcia Santibanez  
Agente del Banco de Credito Ejidal  
Toluca  
Mexico

Same letter to all persons listed in Ramirez' letter  
of March 27.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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*come with  
(Mexico)*

April 15, 1941

My dear Professor Basurto:      By separate cover  
I am sending you  
a small collection of books which are a gift for  
the library of the Escuela Secundaria. You will  
remember that when we were guests at your school  
I promised to send a few books in English for  
those of your students who read or who are study-  
ing the language. I hope they will be interesting  
and useful.

Mr. Embree, the  
President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, is writing  
you a letter to express officially our gratitude  
for your courtesy and kindness to us when we were  
in Cuautla. However, I would like to add my own  
personal thanks and greetings to you and your  
students.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:McK

Prof. Alfredo Basurto  
Director, Escuela Secundaria  
Cuautla, Mor.  
Mexico

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council mtg  
(Mexico)

April 18, 1941

Dear Mr. Daniels: I am writing you first to express officially my thanks for the counsel and aid which you gave to me and the members of my staff on our recent trip to Mexico, and second to express my deep appreciation of the personal courtesy which you and Mrs. Daniels so graciously showed us and our wives. Mrs. Embree and I and the other members of our party look back upon the hospitality of the Embassy as a high point in a delightful visit.

While we, with you, deplored the conditions which made it inadvisable for us to carry out our original plan at that time, all of us feel that our contact with the educational experiments being carried out by the Mexican government gave us a fresh point of view about many of the social problems which all agricultural communities have in common.

My warm and appreciative greetings to you and Mrs. Daniels.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable Josephus Daniels  
The American Ambassador  
Mexico, D. F.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mty  
(Mexico)

April 22, 1941

Dear Mr. Sansalvador: Your kind letter enclosing the list of names which I inadvertently left in Mr. Esquivel's office came while I was away from Chicago. Your letter was acknowledged by my secretary, and I am writing now to thank you personally for your kindness. I have not forgotten your request for a coat for your wife, and whenever I hear of some friend going to Mexico I will write you immediately.

I send you my thanks for your many courtesies to me and my friends while we were in Mexico, and hope that some day you will come to see us in Chicago and we can return the favor.

Always your friend,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:McK

Mr. C. E. Sansalvador  
Delegado de la Sria. de Educacion  
Lxmiquilpan, Hgo.  
Mexico

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*Secretaría de Educación Pública*  
*Director Gral. de Educación Primaria*  
*en los Estados y Territorios.*

**RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM**

*County*

México, D.F. 19 de mayo de 1941.

*(Mexico)*

Julius Rosenwald Fund.  
4901 Ellis Avenue.  
CHICAGO, U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Embree:

We thank you for your kind letter of april 15. It was a pleasure for us to give you all the information on our schools and every facility for your visits to schools, cooperatives, etc. We assure you we are anxious to have you call --- again and give us the oportunity of giving you all details in the above regards at a longer visit of yours.

Would the call be possible on your part, it would be an occasion to exchange ideas, - for it you are desiring to know our educational systems, we are also in the same position.

Sincerely.

Prof. Aureliano Esquivel Casas.

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TO ERE - 323  
FROM FGW  
DATE September 5, 1940  
SUBJECT: Place of Rural Council meeting

When I was last at Tuskegee, Dr. Max Bond made some inquiries as to the location of our rural council meeting this coming winter. I replied I thought no definite place had been settled on. Forthwith he urged that we come to Tuskegee, and sent through me to you a strong invitation. It might be a good idea, for he has taken under his wing this fall two communities where much of Booker T. Washington's interest centered during his lifetime. At both communities Mr. Washington established attractive community buildings, which have been pretty well kept up, even though the Institute, after its founder's death, drifted away from local participation.

Doctor Bond suggested that one morning session be held in the school at the better of these two communities, New Rising Sun.

FGW

RW

True. I'm all for it  
We usually have this meeting just after  
New Year's Day. Will you write Bond saying we  
are very favorably inclined and asking if at  
that season Tuskegee can accommodate a group  
that usually (in spite of all efforts to keep it down)  
runs to about 20 whites and 15 Negroes? 323



RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mtg  
Mexico

January 24, 1941

Dear Miss McAllister: I am enclosing a revised schedule of the Mexican trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to Memphis. Your complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from Memphis will be sent to you shortly. In your case we will purchase your rail ticket, and Pullman reservation from Memphis, and bill the College for their cost.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:RW

Miss Jane McAllister  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Miss McAllister

RURAL SCHOOL  
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(Council Mtg)  
(Mexico)

September 11, 1940

Dear Doctor Bond: I have presented Mr. Embree  
with your suggestion that the  
rural council meet at Tuskegee this coming January.  
He is very favorably inclined to the idea. As you  
know, this meeting is usually held just after New  
Year's Day. Mr. Embree has suggested that I ask you  
if at that season the Institute can accommodate a  
group of approximately fifteen Negroes and twenty  
white people.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALKER  
*FW*

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Dr. J. Max Bond  
Tuskegee Institute  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

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PROGRAM

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(Mexico)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

J. MAX BOND, DIRECTOR

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October 7, 1940

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Wale:

Thank you for your letter of September 30.  
I have talked to Dr. Patterson and he will be  
writing you shortly about plans that he has in  
mind for entertaining the Rural Council Meeting  
at Tuskegee.

While I do not have full information about  
the plans that Dr. Patterson will work out for  
the entertainment of this group, I can assure you  
that we are very enthusiastic about the prospect.  
We hope the Council will hold its meeting in what  
I believe to be the natural center.

Very truly yours,

*J. Max Bond*  
J. Max Bond

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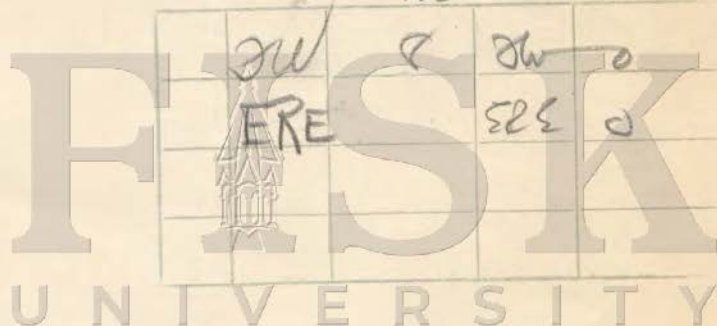
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Mr. Joaquin Diaz Mercado  
Bibliotecano  
Biblioteca Ibero-Americana  
Palacio de Bellas Artes  
Mexico, D. F.

November 6, 1940

PLANNING TO BRING GROUP OF EDUCATORS TO SEE MEXICAN RURAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IN JANUARY. WILL RURAL SCHOOLS IN VICINITY OF MEXICO CITY BE OPEN WEEK OF DECEMBER 30 TO JANUARY 4? IF NOT OPEN THEN, CAN YOU SUGGEST A SUITABLE LATER DATE. PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT CARE OF JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND, 4901 ELLIS AVENUE, CHICAGO.

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TRANSLATION:

RURAL SCHOOLS IN VICINITY OF MEXICO CITY  
CLOSED. WILL BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY ON  
15 OF NEXT FEBRUARY. IT SEEMS ADVISABLE  
TO ME TO VISIT THEM ABOUT THE BEGINNING  
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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

(Council mty)  
(Mexico)

November 19, 1940

see 11/29/40 enclosing  
English letter &  
Spanish translation

Dear Josefina: Herewith is the letter for translation.

I got your wire, and was interested to note that you are still living next to the Fishes. Does that mean that Muriel and you still maintain the sink of iniquity?

I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped, special delivery air mail envelope, in which you can pop the translation and send it back to me.

Thanks a million, and Vandi and I will be looking forward to a letter.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Miss Josefina De Roman  
2321 Ashmead Place  
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(Mexico)

Dear Billy:

This is not in lieu of the letter I am going to write you and Vandí, but just a note appended to the translations which I am enclosing. I have not made a clean copy of the translation because I assumed it would have to be copied anyway on your stationery and I supposed you would rather have this copy right away than a clean one several days from now. I wanted very much to send it to you sooner than I have because after reading the letter I realized the time element was important, but it has been impossible.

I think it's swell you're going to Mexico. Is Vandí going too?

Sunday I will write that long promised letter, which, by the way, I have started several times since you two left and have never finished.

Best wishes,

*Josephine*

RURAL SCHOOL  
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Council Mtg

Sr. Luis Vasquez Vela  
Secretary of Education  
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Sr. Vasquez Vela: As secretary of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, I am writing to you for information and advice concerning a visit to Mexico which is being contemplated by a group of some thirty or forty North American educators under the sponsorship of this Fund. This visit will be made in February, 1941, and its purpose will be to study certain phases of Mexican education.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund is a small philanthropic organization with objectives somewhat comparable to the Rockefeller Foundation. Its purpose is to promote health, education, and other phases of social welfare in the southern states of this country. It is endeavoring to better the quality of the rural schools in the agricultural states of the South, and in this connection has as one of its major concerns the education of the rural elementary teacher. At present the Fund is working with four southern colleges, two in the State of Georgia, one in Alabama, and one in Mississippi. At each of these schools a well-trained faculty is experimenting with new approaches to realistic education for rural areas.

Because Mexico has so successfully met many of the problems which remain unsolved in our own system of rural education, we think it would be of the greatest advantage to the faculties of these four colleges if a selected group could be given the opportunity to visit and observe the methods by which your Department is seeking to educate





the rural masses of the Mexican people. In addition to staff members from these colleges, the group would include some of the recognized leaders in American education who would come to Mexico City with strong interest and sympathy in the work of your Department.

We propose, therefore, to bring this group of educators to Mexico during the week of February 17-22, 1941, and I write to enlist your valued advice and cooperation. We plan to spend the entire week in and about Mexico City visiting as many schools or institutions in the adjoining rural area as you would think useful to our purpose.

Among these visits we would be very much interested in seeing the following:

1. Rural elementary day schools in the vicinity of the Federal District. Points of interest in these schools would include, in addition to the teaching of fundamentals, such matters as health, gardens, lunch program, cooperatives, crafts, music, and ways in which the schools serve the adult, as well as the child, population.
2. A Cultural Mission, if one is in operation in the vicinity of the capital.
3. A college in which young men and women are educated to teach in the rural elementary schools, and if possible, an Institute where teachers are brought together for short study courses.
4. A Regional School for Peasants, if possible one in which agricultural cooperatives, both producer and consumer, are in operation. We should like, also, to see at this school the training that is being given to Rural Agents and to Promoters of Improvement of Home Life.

We will be deeply grateful if you can advise us whether it will be possible to visit such schools by making daily automobile visits from Mexico City. If you will be so good as to give us some specific information as to the location and the best time to see each type of school, it will greatly facilitate the many details which must be settled. If your Department issues any descriptive literature which you think would help us, we would be glad to receive it.

My friend, Joaquin Diaz Mercado, librarian of the Biblioteca Ibero-Americana, writes me that the rural schools will be functioning normally on February 15, and we are planning our trip accordingly.

We are certain that we can learn much from your experience in rural education. The opportunity to exchange ideas with your teachers and educators should prove stimulating and valuable. Your gracious help in arranging our trip will be, I assure you, deeply appreciated. Since the details are many and the time relatively brief, we shall be anxiously awaiting your reply.





Luis  
Sr. Sanchez Pontow

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? de noviembre de 1940

~~Sr. Luis Vasquez-Vela~~  
Secretario de Educación  
Mexico, D.F.

Muy señor mio:

Me dirijo a usted en mi calidad de secretario de la Julius Rosenwald Fund para solicitar su ayuda en relación a un viaje que un grupo de unos treinta o cuarenta pedagogos norteamericanos piensan hacer a Mexico, patrocinados por esta Fundación. Piensan ir a Mexico en febrero de 1941 con el propósito de estudiar algunos aspectos de la instrucción pública mexicana.

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Sabiendo que Mexico ha resuelto con éxito muchos de los problemas que aun no han hallado solución en nuestro sistema de educación rural, consideramos que sería de verdadero provecho que un grupo

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seleccionado de los cuerpos facultativos de ~~estas~~ estas universidades pudiera visitar las escuelas mexicanas y observar los métodos que el departamento de Educación está usando para educar ~~la~~ la población rural mexicana. Además de los profesores de estas universidades, el grupo incluiría algunos de los ~~educadores~~ educadores ~~norteamericanos~~ norteamericanos más sobresalientes, los cuales irían a Mexico, D.F. con gran interés en los planes de su Departamento.

Así pues, pensamos llevar ese grupo de pedagogos a Mexico durante la semana del 17 al 22 de febrero, y con este motivo me he tomado la libertad de escribirle a Vd. para pedirle su valiosa ayuda y cooperación. Nos proponemos pasar la semana entera en el Distrito Federal y sus alrededores para visitar tantas escuelas e instituciones en las areas rurales cercanas a la capital como Vd. crea conveniente para nuestros fines.

Entre otras cosas, nos parece que nos sería de interés visitar las siguientes:

1. Escuelas elementales cerca del Distrito Federal. Detalles interesantes para nuestro estudio en estas escuelas, y aparte de la enseñanza básica, serían las cuestiones de higiene, jardines, comedores, cooperativas, artes manuales, música, y la ayuda que la escuela preste, además de a los niños, a la población adulta.
2. Una Misión Cultural, suponiendo que haya alguna en la vecindad del Distrito Federal.
3. Un Colegio o Universidad en que se prepare ~~ex~~ a hombres y ~~mujeres~~ mujeres jóvenes para la enseñanza en las escuelas rurales; y, si fuera posible, un Instituto que reuniera a todos los maestros para ~~en~~ cursillos de enseñanza.
4. Una escuela regional para campesinos, preferiblemente una en la cual funcionen cooperativas agrarias, tanto de productores como de consumidores. También nos interesaría ver,



en este tipo de escuela, los cursos de enseñanza que se den a los agentes rurales y a los que se dedican a fomentar las mejoras en ~~el ambiente familiar~~ la vida del hogar.

Le agradeceríamos sobremanera que se sirviera indicarnos si será posible visitar estas escuelas saliendo diariamente del Distrito Federal en automóvil. ~~Podría~~ También nos ayudaría muchísimo si pudiera Vd. darnos algunos datos sobre los pueblos en donde se hallan estas escuelas, y también las mejores horas y días para verlas. Si su Departamento publica algún folleto o revista sobre estas escuelas, nos interesaría recibirlos, si usted considera que pueden ser de interés para nosotros.

Mi buen amigo, Joaquín Díaz ~~Mora~~ Mercado, bibliotecario de la Biblioteca Ibero-Americana, me escribió diciendo que las escuelas rurales funcionarán normalmente del 15 de febrero en adelante, y estamos haciendo nuestros planes de acuerdo con esa información.

Estamos seguros de que tenemos ~~mucho~~ mucho que aprender de su experiencia en ~~educación rural~~ la educación rural. La oportunidad que se nos ofrecerá de cambiar impresiones con sus maestros seguramente nos será de gran valor y estímulo. Puede tener la seguridad de que toda la ayuda que usted tuviera la bondad de prestarnos en ~~planear~~ planear nuestro viaje sería recibida con gran consideración y agradecimiento. En vista de la brevedad del tiempo que nos queda para ultimar todos los detalles del viaje, excusa decir que estaremos esperando su respuesta con el mayor interés.

Quedo de usted muy atentamente,

William C. Haygood  
Secretario



# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Council Mtg  
(Mexico)*

December 3, 1940

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Dear Lessing: The Council on Rural Education is considering holding its next set of visits and conferences in Mexico. This, you will remember, is the group of southern officials and educators who have been so helpful in planning and putting into effect our rural school program. The Council has usually met annually at some point in the South where they might visit schools and at least one of the teachers' colleges, and hold conferences to plan details of courses of study and school procedures. In addition to helping in the development of our institutions, members of this Council have been influential in such sweeping reforms as equalization of teachers' salaries throughout Georgia, increased subsidies for Negro schools in several states, and raising the standards of teachers' colleges generally in the South.

The interesting work which Mexico has been doing in its rural schools, with even less resources than the southern states, indicates that visits there by this southern group might be informing and inspiring. On such a trip we could hold the group together for visits and daily conferences for a full week, while normally two days is about as much as we can get from them. These annual conferences of the Rural Council are paid for out of the general appropriation for promoting and administering the rural school program. While the trip to Mexico for the twenty members of this Council would cost somewhat more than twice as much as the previous meetings (about \$4,000 as contrasted to the usual \$1,600), I believe the resultant interest and commitment of this group of southern officials, who pretty much control our progress in southern education, would more than justify the extra cost. Because of savings in salaries since last year, we have enough money in the current budget to cover the trip.

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I wanted you to know of the proposal and to have your opinion on it. Also, if we make this trip, we shall be making very careful arrangements for visits to rural schools and villages in a remote section of northern Mexico, as well as to villages about Mexico City. Since the trip will have the co-operation of the Mexican Department of Education (as well as the enthusiastic endorsement of our own State Department - in the interest of Pan-American relations), we will see villages and institutions not available to the average tourist. I have thought, therefore, that we should invite such of our trustees as cared to make the tour with the Council, and also open this unusual opportunity (of course at their own expense) to trustees' wives and to a few other people especially interested in the work of the Fund.

Is there any likelihood that you and Mrs. Rosenwald or certain of your children might care to make the trip? The official visits are tentatively scheduled for February 17 to 22, ending in Mexico City, where individuals would of course be able to stay on, under their own arrangements, for as much more visiting in Mexico as they cared to make.

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald  
Alverthorpe Gallery  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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Council Mtg  
(Mexico)

December 3, 1940

Dear Adele: It was a pleasure to talk with you and to begin thinking together again about the affairs of the Fund. It is a comfort to have so thoughtful a person on any board. I hope we can retain your interest. I am sure you will be of great service to us.

By the way, the Council on Rural Education, which is the group of southern educators chiefly responsible for organizing and carrying into effect our rural school program, is thinking of holding its next set of visits and conferences in Mexico. We will probably spend two days in the very rural regions of northern Mexico outside Monterey and then about three days in Mexico City and the adjoining villages. The interesting work which Mexico has been doing in rural education, with even less resources than the southern states, indicates that this might be a most fruitful set of visits and an excellent environment for the annual conferences of this group. Since we will be making quite careful plans for visiting some of the rural villages not often seen by tourists, it has occurred to us that certain of the trustees might care to make the trip with us. If by chance you and David would find this an interesting expedition into rural Mexico, we should, of course, be delighted to have you with us. (You will remember that the somewhat stern rule of the Fund is that the expenses of trustees are paid on such official trips but that spouses, while cordially welcomed, are carried at their own expense. In spite of a Scotch flavor, I am sure this is in general a sound policy.) The Mexican trip will probably be during the week of February 17 to 22. Most people who go, I imagine, will want to stay a week or two longer, making their own visits either about Mexico City or to some of the antiquarian or resort centers. If something of a party is formed, we shall probably take a special car from St. Louis straight down, having it stop in Monterey as we make the side trips out to the northern rurals.

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I had another delightful talk just after I left you with another oncoming trustee - Mrs. Roosevelt. I found her interested in our work and as delightfully informal and enthusiastic as one could imagine. Among other things I mentioned to her the possibility of going to Mexico. She was thrilled and said, "Oh, I would love to go on just such a trip, but Franklin won't let me go to Mexico". She has agreed, however, to come to the two-day meeting of the Board in Tuskegee if we can arrange to have it on March 28 and 29. I am consulting the other members and as soon as I get a fair agreement I will send out the official call for the spring meeting.

I have not forgotten your request that I try to get President Hutchins to interpose in the matter we discussed. I am afraid he will not be willing to do anything very formal in the matter. At any rate, I have put the case before him and, if the right opportunity comes up, I know he will drop a word that may have much weight.

*see Hutchins  
12/2/40*

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mrs. David M. Levy  
300 Park Avenue  
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LESSING J. ROSENWALD  
JENKINTOWN, PA.

RURAL SCHOOL  
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December 5, 1940

(Coun Mtg)  
(Mexico)

My dear Edwin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 3rd, regarding the Council on Rural Education.

I wish I could give you information which would be of value. I am sure you know that I have never been enthusiastic about the Council on Rural Education, particularly since the report which the Council had printed (or typewritten).

This being the case, I should say that it makes little difference whether the Council meets in the South or whether it meets in Mexico. From my point of view, as far as benefits are concerned, the only thing I am sorry about is that the expense is higher in Mexico.

Neither Mrs. Rosenwald nor I will be with you, and I am sure none of the children will be able to go.

I hope you have a good trip.

Sincerely yours,

Lessing

LJR:EW

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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NIGHT LETTER

December 14, 1940

Miss Josefina De Roman  
2321 Ashmead Place  
Washington, D. C.

WOULD YOU PLEASE TRANSLATE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AND WIRE TRANSLATION TO ME. "WE ARE ALSO PLANNING TO VISIT THE LA LAGUNA AREA AND TORREON AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RURAL SCHOOLS, THE REGIONALES CAMPESESINOS AND AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AROUND TORREON, SALTILLO, AND ADJACENT TOWNS." URGENTLY NEED TRANSLATION MONDAY. GRATEFUL. LOVE.

Billy

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TORREON Y LE AGRADECERÍAMOS NOS INFORMARA SOBRE LAS ESCUELAS  
RURALES, LAS REGIONALES CAMPESINAS Y LAS COOPERATIVAS  
AGRICOLAS EN LOS ALREDEDORES DE TORREON, SALTILLO, Y OTROS  
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JOSEFINA.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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Council Htg  
(Mexico)

17 de diciembre de 1940

Sr. Luis Sanchez Ponton  
Secretario de Educacion  
Mexico, D. F.

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Me dirijo a usted en mi calidad de secretario de la Julius Rosenwald Fund para solicitar su ayuda en relacion a un viaje que un grupo de unos treinta o cuarenta pedagogos norteamericanos piensan hacer a Mexico, patrocinados por esta Fundacion. Piensan ir a Mexico en febrero de 1941 con el proposito de estudiar algunos aspectos de la instruccion publica mexicana.

La Fundacion Julius Rosenwald es una organizacion filantropica, pequena, pero con fines algo parecidos a los de la Fundacion Rockefeller. Su objetivo es fomentar la higiene, la instruccion y otras mejoras sociales en el sur de los Estados Unidos. Esta tratando de mejorar la calidad de las escuelas rurales en los estados agrarios del sur, y como consecuencia, uno de sus mayores problemas es la educacion de los maestros de las escuelas primarias rurales. Actualmente la Fundacion esta trabajando en colaboracion con cuatro universidades del sur: dos en Georgia, una en Alabama, y otra en Mississippi. En cada una de estas instituciones un cuerpo facultativo compuesto de expertos esta buscando nuevos metodos para conseguir una educacion realista en areas rurales.

Sabiendo que Mexico ha resuelto con exito muchos de los problemas que aun no han hallado solucion en nuestro sistema de educacion rural, consideramos que seria de verdadero provecho que un grupo seleccionado de los cuerpos facultativos de estas universidades pudiera visitar las escuelas mexicanas y observar los metodos que el departamento de Educacion esta usando para educar la poblacion rural mexicana. Ademas de los profesores de estas universidades, el grupo incluiria algunos de los educadores norteamericanos mas sobresalientes, los cuales irian a Mexico, D. F. con gran interes en los planes de su Departamento.

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Así pues, pensamos llevar ese grupo de pedagogos a Mexico durante la semana del 17 al 22 de febrero, y con este motivo me he tomado la libertad de escribirle a Vd. para pedirle su valiosa ayuda y cooperacion. Nos proponemos pasar la semana entera en el Distrito Federal y sus alrededores para visitar tantas escuelas e instituciones en las areas rurales cercanas a la capital como Vd. crea conveniente para nuestros fines.

Entre otras cosas, nos parece que nos seria de interes visitar las siguientes:

1. Escuelas elementales cerca del Distrito Federal. Detalles interesantes para nuestro estudio en estas escuelas, y aparte de la ensenanza basica, serian las cuestiones de higiene, jardines, comedores, cooperativas, artes manuales, musica, y la ayuda que la escuela preste, ademas de a los ninos, a la poblacion adulta.
2. Una Mision Cultural, suponiendo que haya alguna en la vecindad del Distrito Federal.
3. Un Colegio o Universidad en que se prepare a hombres y mujeres jovenes para la ensenanza en las escuelas rurales; y, si fuera posible, un Instituto que reuniera a todos los maestros para cursillos de ensenanza.
4. Una escuela regional para campesinos, preferiblemente una en la cual funcionen cooperativas agrarias, tanto de productores como de consumidores. Tambien nos interesaria ver, en este tipo de escuela, los cursos de ensenanza que se den a los agentes rurales y a los que se dedican a fomentar las mejoras en la vida del hogar.

Le agradeceriamos sobremanera que se sirviera indicarnos si sera posible visitar estas escuelas saliendo diariamente del Distrito Federal en automovil. Tambien nos ayudaria muchisimo si pudiera Vd. darnos algunos datos sobre los pueblos en donde se hallan estas escuelas, y tambien las mejores horas y dias para verlas. Si su Departamento publica algun folleto o revista sobre estas escuelas, nos interesaria recibirlos, si usted considera que pueden ser de interes para nosotros.





Sr. Luis Sanchez Ponton

17 de diciembre de 1940

Tambien pensamos visitar la region de La Laguna y Torreon y le agradeceriamos nos informara sobre las escuelas rurales, las regionales campesinas y las cooperativas agricolas en los alrededores de Torreon, Saltillo, y otros pueblos cercanos.

Mi buen amigo, Joaquin Diaz Mercado, bibliotecario de la Biblioteca Ibero-Americana, me escribio diciendo que las escuelas rurales funcionaran normalmente del 15 de febrero en adelante, y estamos haciendo nuestros planes de acuerdo con esa informacion.

Estamos seguros de que tenemos mucho que aprender de su experiencia en la educacion rural. La oportunidad que se nos ofrecera de cambiar impresiones con sus maestros seguramente nos sera de gran valor y estimulo. Puede tener la seguridad de que toda la ayuda que usted tuviera la bondad de prestarnos en planear nuestro viaje seria recibida con gran consideracion y agradecimiento. En vista de la brevedad del tiempo que nos queda para ultimar todos los detalles del viaje, excusa decir que estaremos esperando su respuesta con el mayor interes.

Quedo de usted muy atentamente,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

William C. Haygood  
Secretario

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Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

December 30, 1940

Dear Mr. Johnson: In accordance with recent conversations with officers of the Fund, we are extending you the opportunity to select two of your graduate students, perhaps Mr. Grayson and one other, to be members of the Council on Rural Education during its forthcoming Mexican trip.

If you will let us have the names of your selections as soon as possible, we shall send to these students directly all subsequent correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

FGW:RW

FRED G. WALE

Mr. Charles S. Johnson  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee

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Same letter to Howard W. Odum  
Donald Comer  
Edgar B. Stern

Council Mtg  
(Mexico)

December 30, 1940

Dear Mr. Ethridge: As I think you know, the Fund's work in rural education has been carried on with the advice and support of a group of southern and national officials and leaders in education known as the Council on Rural Education. We are planning this year for the meetings of the Council to be held in the form of a series of visits and conferences in Mexico throughout the week of February 17 to 22.

We are making arrangements in the course of this trip to see schools and other aspects of rural life both in northern Mexico and in the villages around Mexico City. In view of the fact that this will give the members of the tour an opportunity to see aspects of Mexican life a good deal more intimately than is possible to the average tourist and in view of the fact that we will be having conferences closely related to the Fund's work in rural education, it has occurred to us that certain of our trustees might find it desirable and profitable to join in this trip. If you find it possible to do so, we should be delighted to have you with us. We know the general pressures on your time, but we believe that you would find this a rewarding experience if you can fit it into your schedule. If there is a possibility of your attending, will you let me know and I will give you details of the plans and arrangements.

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Mark Ethridge  
Louisville Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Kentucky

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*Council Mtg  
(Mexico)*

December 30, 1940

Dear Edgar: We have discussed very carefully and at great length this proposal to take the Rural Council to Mexico this year. For your information, I am enclosing the Executive Committee minute on the subject, which outlines the reasons influencing us in the decision. You will of course see these minutes in regular course, but I thought you might like to have them before you now.

As you know, the Council is made up chiefly of Southerners and includes about twenty white and ten Negro educators and officials. The compelling reason in all of our minds is the opportunity that such a trip gives for easy association in visiting and planning among members of the two races - an opportunity that is unfortunately not possible at any center in this country.

I imagine the chance of your getting away is very slight, but if you could join us we would be delighted, and I think you would find the trip full of interest.

Very truly yours,

ERE:JW

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. Edgar B. Stern  
840 Union Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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## COUNCIL ON RURAL EDUCATION

A proposal to hold the meeting of the Council on Rural Education this year in Mexico was presented as follows:

1. This Council, composed of southern and national officials and leaders in education, is the body which the Fund has used in planning its programs and in building up public and official support for these programs. The Council has met once or twice each year, usually for a two-day session in Washington, Chicago, or some southern center. It is proposed this year to have one series of meetings in a tour of Mexico covering a period of six days and involving visits (a) to schools in a rural area around Torreon in northern Mexico and (b) to schools and special institutions in Mexico City and adjoining villages. While the cost of the proposed trip to Mexico will be greater than that of a single meeting held in this country, it is believed that the results will justify the cost.
2. These considerations have influenced the officers in proposing the Mexican trip:
  - (a) The Republic of Mexico for more than a decade has been making a vigorous attempt to improve the condition of the rural people and has been using the school as a special instrument to this end. This rural school movement has attracted much interest among educators and statesmen. While the Mexican schools are far from ideal, it is believed that Americans, working on somewhat comparable problems in the rural South, may learn much from the failures as well as from the successes of these schools.
  - (b) Such a trip as this, covering a week's experience in a foreign country, will do much to solidify the Rural Council. It will give us opportunities not only to see schools and other rural services but also to have conferences each day for six successive days and in general to develop the enthusiasm and morale of the Council as a whole.
  - (c) The trip will give an opportunity for white and Negro officials to work together without restraint and embarrassment. Unfortunately, in any American center it is impossible for the bi-racial group either to live together in a single hotel or to visit together in easy association the schools of either race. The white southern members of the Council have almost no opportunity in regular course to

associate with their Negro colleagues. Since the development of a proper school system in the South will depend on active cooperation between white and colored leaders, this seems an excellent opportunity to throw these men into direct contact and into common thinking and planning of educational programs.

It was reported that provision for one or two meetings of the Council is made in the regular appropriations for the administration of rural education, that arrangements for the meeting are not normally presented to the Executive Committee, but that in view of the unusual plans for the meeting of this year, it had seemed appropriate to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for its information and discussion.

Questions were raised by Mr. Rieser as to the actual value of visits to Mexican schools in view of the very different conditions in that country and the different emphasis in the schools there. He agreed, however, that the value of extended visits and conferences by the members of the Council, which apparently could not be had in meetings here, and especially the solidarity of thinking and planning that might come from such a tour, freed from the racial restrictions that hamper any similar visits in the United States, justify the proposal.

After discussion, in which members of the Committee emphasized principally the value of the consideration outlined under heading (c) above, it was on motion -

RESOLVED That the Executive Committee approves the proposal to hold the meeting of the Council on Rural Education this year in the form of a series of school visits and conferences in Mexico.





# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

(Coun Mtg)  
(Mexico)

December 30, 1940

Dear Mr. Thomson: The Julius Rosenwald Fund has conducted each year a Rural School Council, which brings together people from the various schools in the South with which we are cooperating and educators at large who are interested in the rural field. Heretofore this Council has met at various places, usually in the South, in the first weeks of January. This year we propose to take the group, numbering about forty, to Mexico, in the belief that inspection of the Mexican rural school system and conversations with Mexican educators will yield mutual benefits and reveal patterns and techniques which may be applicable to southern rural problems.

We plan to visit Mexico during the week of February 17-22. It is our intention to go first to the La Laguna area for a couple of days and then to go down to Mexico City. We will probably engage two private railroad cars for the use of the party. We are planning to go first to Torreon, and from there to visit rural schools, regionales campesinas, agricultural cooperatives, and teacher training agencies in the area. In the vicinity of Mexico City, we hope to be able to see as many similar activities as are available.

I am writing you at this time to inform you of our plans and to enlist your personal advice and the cooperation of the State Department. Because of the briefness of the time that we can be in Mexico, and the multiplicity of arrangements that must be made in advance, we will be grateful for any leads you can give us in establishing correspondence with the proper local authorities. I have written to Sr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, the new Secretary of Education, and the local Mexican Consul is cooperating with us.


My best personal wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:McK

Mr. Charles A. Thomson  
Division of Cultural Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

  
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Additional paragraph on Folger's letter:

In addition to you and Mr. Ingram, the Fund is extending this invitation to three other members of the West Georgia staff, suggesting that you will probably like to make the selection yourself.

*Coun. Mtg. (Mexico)*  
December 30, 1940

Dear Doctor Bond: We invite you and Mrs. Duncan to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education which will be held in Mexico during the third week of February, 17th to 22nd inclusive. We are going to Mexico this year because we believe enough progress has been made in rural education in that country to justify our serious attention. Plans at this time include a two-day visit to the Laguna area around the city of Torreon and a four-day visit to rural communities east and west of Mexico City, using the capital as our headquarters.

We shall have with us a few individuals who have studied this problem first hand and can interpret much of what we see. Local leadership, of course, will be present during our several visits, and English-speaking Mexican educators will discuss the federal program with us at conferences planned for Mexico City.

In a few days you will receive information on various items you will wish to have in further detail. As has been the custom in the past, the Fund is prepared to meet travel and living expenses incurred during this trip. Because of the necessity of making Pullman reservations at the earliest possible date, we should like very much to hear by return mail whether you will be able to join us.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

X Dr. Horace Mann Bond  
Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

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Attached letter sent also to:

- + H. M. Bond
- + Mrs. Catherine Duncan, Fort Valley State College
- + Mr. J. Max Bond, Tuskegee Institute
- + Dr. F. D. Patterson, Tuskegee Institute
- + Mr. Jacob L. Reddix, Jackson College
- + Miss E. O. Alexander, Jackson College
- + Dr. Doak S. Campbell, George Peabody College + Brewster, J. E. X
- + Mr. W. D. Cocking, University of Georgia
- + Mr. Willard Beatty, Office of Indian Affairs
- + Mr. Karl W. Bigelow, American Council on Education
- + Mr. P. H. Eason, State Department of Education, Jackson { Travis, J. A. X
- + Mr. Floyd W. Reeves, American Youth Commission
- + Mr. Burton Fowler, Tower Hill School, Wilmington, Delaware
- + Mr. Charles Thompson, Journal of Negro Education, Howard University
- + Mr. Louis Rath, Ohio State University, Columbus
- + Mr. M. E. Thompson, State Department of Education, Atlanta
- + Mr. D. F. Folger, West Georgia College { Isaac Telle X
- + Mr. I. S. Ingram, West Georgia College { Ed Yeoman X Porter Clayton X
- + Mr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University { Mary Eliason X Roberts X
- + Dr. Franklin C. McLean { Grayson - Wm H. X
- + Dr. W. W. Alexander. { Jones - Clifford X

- + Curtis Dixon
- + Josie Sellers
- + Mann, Albert + 2. Austin X

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- + Watson, Gordon
- + ~~Salanga, Simon~~
- + ~~Sanchez, George~~

- + McElbree, Hamp
- + Downes, Ed
- + Warner, Lloyd
- + Malcolm MacLean

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Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

December 31, 1940

Dear Mr. Dixon: We invite you to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education which will be held in Mexico during the third week of February, 17th to 22nd inclusive. You are familiar with the purposes and procedures of this Council. We are going to Mexico this year because we believe enough progress has been made in rural education in that country to justify our serious attention. Plans at this time include a two-day visit to the Laguna area around the city of Torreon and a four-day visit to rural communities east and west of Mexico City, using the capital as our headquarters.

We shall have with us a few individuals who have studied this problem first hand and can interpret much of what we see. Local leadership, of course, will be present during our several visits, and English-speaking Mexican educators will discuss the federal program with us at conferences planned for Mexico City.

In a few days you will receive information on various items you will wish to have in further detail. As has been the custom in the past, the Fund is prepared to meet travel and living expenses incurred during this trip. Because of the necessity of making Pullman reservations at the earliest possible date, we should like very much to hear by return mail whether you will be able to join us.

I hope very much that you can make this trip with us.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBRES

ERE:JW

Mr. J. C. Dixon  
39 Alden Avenue, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

December 31, 1940

Dear Mekeel: We invite you to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education which will be held in Mexico during the third week of February, 17th to 22nd inclusive. We are going to Mexico this year because we believe enough progress has been made in rural education in that country to justify our serious attention. Plans at this time include a two-day visit to the Laguna area around the city of Torreon and a four-day visit to rural communities east and west of Mexico City, using the capital as our headquarters.

We shall have with us a few individuals who have studied this problem first hand and can interpret much of what we see. Local leadership, of course, will be present during our several visits, and English-speaking Mexican educators will discuss the federal program with us at conferences planned for Mexico City.

This Council is a group made up largely of Southerners, both colored and white, who are interested in education and in the use of the school as an instrument of socialization. Because of your experience and wisdom in problems of acculturation as well as education, we would value your counsel, and we think you would find the conferences as well as the visits of much interest.

In a few days you will receive information on various items you will wish to have in further detail. As has been the custom in the past, the Fund is prepared to meet travel and living expenses incurred during this trip. Because of the necessity of making Pullman reservations at the earliest possible date, we should like very much to hear by return mail whether you will be able to join us.

KRE:JW

Dr. H. Scudder Mekeel  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

December 31, 1940

Dear Doctor Mann: We invite you to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education which will be held in Mexico during the third week of February, 17th to 22nd inclusive. You know the general purposes of this Council: discussion of rural education with special bearing on the improvement of rural schools in the South. We are going to Mexico this year because we believe enough progress has been made in rural education in that country to justify our serious attention. Plans at this time include a two-day visit to the Laguna area around the city of Torreon and a four-day visit to rural communities east and west of Mexico City, using the capital as our headquarters.

We shall have with us a few individuals who have studied this problem first hand and can interpret much of what we see. Local leadership, of course, will be present during our several visits, and English-speaking Mexican educators will discuss the federal program with us at conferences planned for Mexico City.

In a few days you will receive information on various items you will wish to have in further detail. As has been the custom in the past, the Fund is prepared to meet travel and living expenses incurred during this trip. Because of the necessity of making Pullman reservations at the earliest possible date, we should like very much to hear by return mail whether you will be able to join us.

If by any unhappy chance it is impossible for you to attend, it has occurred to us that you might wish to have Mr. McGuistion come in your place, in view of the intimate contacts that he is having with various aspects of school and college development. We should like very much to have a representative of the General Education Board make this trip with us and take part in our conferences.

Dr. Albert R. Mann  
General Education Board  
New York City

Very truly yours,  
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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BARRY BINGHAM, *President & Publisher*

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MARK F. ETHRIDGE, *Vice President & General Manager*

LISLE BAKER, JR., *Treasurer*

# The Courier-Journal THE LOUISVILLE TIMES

(Conn Mtg)  
(Mexico)

LOUISVILLE, KY.

December 31, 1940

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4801 Ellis Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

I am as sorry as I can be, but it won't  
be possible for me to go to Mexico.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Mark Ethridge*  
Mark Ethridge

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*Council mtg*

Fort Valley State College  
January 2, 1941

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Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Wale:

I need not tell you how much I appreciate your invitation to go to Mexico. Let me also take this opportunity to tell you how remarkable the proposal is, and how much I think it will contribute to the solution of our problems. I think it is indeed a master-stroke.

There are two problems which I personally face regarding making arrangements for the trip. Some time last year I agreed, after some correspondence with Dr. Gilkey, of the University of Chicago Chapel, to speak there on February 16th, at morning services. I have checked

Eastern Airlines schedules and found that I could get to Mexico City by noon of the Monday, February 16th, by flying. Probably a better schedule could be worked out for the Chicago and Southern, or through Braniff from Chicago to Brownsville. About getting to Torreon would be a problem. The Chapel service would be over at approximately 12:00, noon, on the 16th.

I realize that this would be extra expense, which I would be happy to bear personally. Please advise me if in any way this would conflict with your plans, or if anything of this sort could be arranged.

In the same mail with your letter came an invitation of a different sort. It was to be present at a banquet session of the American Educational Research Association, to be held in Atlantic City on February 24th, at 6:45, in order to receive an award from this Association. They have kindly voted me an award for my book, "Negro Education in Alabama," as an "outstanding contribution to educational research," and have expressed the wish that I might be present to be presented when the citation is made.

Of course the latter tentative engagement is not at all mandatory, but it, too, would necessitate a bit of flying from Mexico City to Atlantic City, I imagine. Perhaps it wouldn't, as I notice the Council session is scheduled from the 17th to the 22nd, and that would give me two days in which to get, by train, from Mexico City to Atlantic City.

Thank you for whatever kindness you can render in this matter. I will be happy to abide by any suggestions that seem most feasible.

Let me say also that we will be happy to have you come to see us again in the near future. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,  
*H. M. Bond*  
H. M. Bond,  
President.



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CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
DIRECTOR

# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

January 2, 1941

*Council my*

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wale:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Council on Rural Education which is to meet in Mexico, and the invitation extended to recommend two graduate students who might be members of this party. First let me say that I am pleased to indicate that it will be possible for me to attend, and, in accordance with an earlier suggestion, I shall plan on Mrs. Johnson's accompanying me.

Regarding the Fellows to be recommended, I can state definitely the selection of one: William Henry Grayson, Jr. Both he and his wife, Vashti Maxwell Grayson, are Fellows this year in the department. I have talked over the matter with Mr. Grayson, and it will be possible for both of them to go as one member. That is to say, if his expenses are covered it can be so arranged that Mrs. Grayson can accompany him and be also a member of the party.

I am suggesting as the second Fellow, Clifton R. Jones.

This letter is probably the proper place to drop an extra suggestion which, of course, has no urgency back of it that would strain the policy or convenience of the party. It occurs to me that it will be quite possible for the American Missionary Association to support the expenses of one of its prize principals, Miss Josie Sellers, who is known to the Fund and to the Council; or she could do it herself, for the values that would come from such an opportunity.

These suggestions, although not involving in the way of finance more than three persons, actually account for six; and I am quite aware that this might be a heavier quota than would be feasible. But in order to allow a wide enough range for selection I am giving the full list of possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Charles S. Johnson

csj-p Mrs. Grayson speaks Spanish very well.

# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

MRS. DAVID M. LEVY  
300 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

*Coun Mtg.  
(Mexico)*

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My dear Edwin:

I find on my desk a letter almost four weeks old, discussing the possibility of my joining up with the group for the conferences to be held in Mexico. It sounded so alluring that I hated to say "no", but at this time it looks as though we will be away during the month of February.

I will certainly come to Tuskegee for the Fund meeting in March. I am looking forward to it with much eagerness.

It seems hard to say "Happy New Year" at this time, but if it can be happy, I hope it will be for you. At any rate, I am sure it is going to be an eventful year for the whole world.

With cordial personal greetings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*David M. Levy*

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

*QW (Tuskegee Mtg)*



RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun Mts  
(Mexico)

January 3, 1941

My dear Mr. Daniels: You may remember that summer before last, when I was connected with the American Library Association, I had several talks with you in the Embassy - one about a library project for Mexico, one about a letter of introduction for the lady who had written a children's book with Mrs. Daniels, and one about my uncle, Bishop Atticus Haygood. I am now connected with the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and I am writing you about an educational tour which we are bringing to Mexico next month.

You are familiar with the Julius Rosenwald Fund and with our work in the general field of rural education in the South. We have a Council on Rural Education, which meets annually and is a policy-forming and directing group composed of educators from the various schools and colleges with which we are cooperating in the South, and of educators drawn from the country at large. This Council generally meets in Washington or some point in the South, and this year, because of our interest in developments in rural education in Mexico and our feeling that the Mexican government's experience and experiments in this field may be instructive, we are bringing the group to Mexico during the week of February 17 to 22.

We plan to spend a couple of days in the cotton area around Torreon, and will then come on to Mexico City. There will be about forty in our group, of whom several will be Negroes.

We have written to Mr. Charles Thomson of the State Department and to Mr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, the new Secretary of Education, asking for advice and counsel in scheduling this relatively brief time to best advantage. Mr. Thomson will probably communicate with you about the questions we have asked to be advised on, and this note is primarily one of warning. However, if you or your staff can advise us further, we will be most grateful. We are chiefly interested in seeing rural schools, cooperatives, regionales campesinas, and in meeting and talking with the proper officials and educators in the government.

WCH:MCK

The Honorable Josephus Daniels  
The American Ambassador  
Mexico, D. F.

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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OFFICE OF VICE-CHANCELLOR

REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
STATE CAPITOL, ATLANTA

RURAL SCHOOL  
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(Coun mty)  
(Mexico)

January 3, 1940

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Thanks for your invitation to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education to be held in Mexico during the week of February 17 to 22 inclusive. I accept the invitation and will be there.

I believe you are wise in having this next meeting in Mexico. Though the pattern of life there is quite different to that in which we in The States live, the program of rural education in Mexico has in it some suggestions of value to us here. And I believe a study of this program by the Council will be of material help to the Fund.

While I am writing this let me reiterate what I have said to you before, namely, that, though you and I have disagreed rather violently in the past, I am still interested in helping promote the Fund's program of rural education in the South and want to render such aid as I can.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Dixon,  
Vice-Chancellor

JCD/BM

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

January 3, 1941

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FGW:RW

Mr. H. McGibboney  
Greensboro  
Georgia

Sincerely yours,

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be in Greene County around the 15th of January, and I have not forgotten that we agreed to visit a little together in Atlanta on my next trip. I shall send you a wire from Washington just when I shall be arriving in Atlanta, suggesting that we spend the evening together. I hope it will be convenient for you. It will probably be Tuesday or Wednesday, the 14th or 15th.

Perhaps we will be able to talk in detail about the Mexican trip when I see you. I hope you will be able to come with us.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Mr. E. H. Downs  
Farm Security Administration  
Greensboro, Georgia

P. S. If I can do you any good in Washington or any point east send me a letter at the Hay Adams House, to be delivered Monday, the 13th.



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(Coun mty)  
(Mexico)

January 3, 1941

Dear Mr. Galarza: It has just been made certain that the Council on Rural Education of the Rosenwald Fund will go to Mexico on the 14th of February to spend the following week visiting rural communities in that country. We are very eager that you may accompany us. I hope our silence during the past weeks has not prejudiced this possibility.

Since I shall be in Washington on the 13th of January, I think it wiser not to attempt to present this matter to your chief through correspondence but to wait and upon your advice talk with him. I shall probably telephone you, therefore, some time Monday morning, the 13th.

Sincerely yours,

FGW:RW

Mr. Ernesto Galarza  
Chief, Division of Labor and Social Information  
Pan American Union  
Washington, D. C.



# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

COMMISSION ON TEACHER EDUCATION  
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION  
744 JACKSON PLACE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Council Mtg  
(Mexico)*

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 3, 1941

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Wale:

I greatly appreciate the invitation that you have sent me again to attend the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education. The fact that it is this year to be held in Mexico, and for a longer period of time than usual, makes me particularly eager to accept. Unhappily there are difficulties.

As you must be aware, the third week of February includes the days on which the Progressive Education Association is having its annual meetings in Philadelphia. Towards the end of that week, moreover, a number of the educational organizations that meet at or about the time of the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators will be holding their conferences at Atlantic City. Other such organizations, including the A.A.S.A. itself, will be meeting during the first days of the fourth week in February,-- days that will be required for travel should one return from Mexico by train. (As your letter implies, you expect will be the case.)

I myself have already agreed to appear on the program of the American Association of Teachers Colleges (one of the organizations with which, as you will understand, I seek to maintain the closest relations) on the afternoon of Friday, February 21st. On the afternoon of the following day, Saturday, February 22nd, there will be held the Fourth Annual Joint Conference on Teacher Education in the United States which is chiefly promoted by the Commission and which is regularly devoted to a consideration of Commission activities. You can see my dilemma.

A possible if by no means satisfactory way out of that dilemma occurred to me. If you were willing to let me catch the early afternoon plane out of Mexico City on Friday, the 21st, I could make the Joint Conference in Atlantic City on the following afternoon. I don't believe that plane would be much more than train fare. (I have a card entitling me to fifteen per cent reduction

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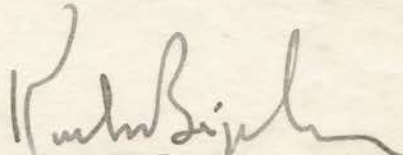
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within the United States at any rate.) And if it were I should be glad to make up the difference. I realize that this proposal will be hardly satisfactory from your point of view. The Commission sponsors a good many conferences and we are carrying on a running fight against those people who seem to think it will be enough if they just hop in and show their faces and thus prove their good will. I should myself very much regret missing not merely the last day and a half of visit, but also the opportunity to talk the whole experience over with other members of the Council on the three day trip home together. However, I do hate to miss out entirely, and so I am venturing to put the matter up to you.

Of course, there is a distinct possibility that you will find that a good many other persons to whom you have sent invitations are in the same fix in which I find myself. Should that prove to be the case, you might be interested to know that my calendar is absolutely clear for the second week in February or the first week in March (only I'd have to fly down in the latter case, since I'm tied up through Friday, the 28th of February)!

With best wishes, and the hope that somehow or other it may prove possible for me to join you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

  
Karl W. Bigelow  
Director

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## West Georgia College

DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Irvine S. Ingram, President

Genola, Georgia  
(SUBURB OF CARROLLTON)

January 3, 1941

RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun mtg  
(mexico)

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Mr. Fred Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Wale:

Thank you and the Rosenwald Fund for the invitation extended me to attend the Conference in Mexico City.

These annual conferences have been my reservoirs of strength and inspiration. I have always come back with a new spirit, vitalized and energized. You have felt that experience in stimulating situations and, hence, know what I mean.

However, due to two reasons which I will give to Dr. Embree and you when I see you, I must forego this trip. This has been a hard decision to make and it accounts for my delay in answering your letter. Put me down for next year.

With grateful appreciation and wishing you and yours continued good health and prosperity, I am

Most cordially yours,

*I. S. Ingram*  
I. S. Ingram, President

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Sent also to:

Willard W. Beatty  
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Burton Fowler  
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Albert R. Mann

Hamp McGiboney  
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Scudder Mekeel  
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Floyd Reeves  
M. E. Thompson  
Lloyd Warner

Coun trip  
(Mexico)

January 3, 1941

Dear Doctor Will: Attached are some further details regarding the proposed Mexican trip of the Council on Rural Education.

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I think all other items of interest are covered in the following pages. If not, we will be glad to answer any questions you may have. I hope your schedule permits you to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALKER

FGW:RW

Dr. W. W. Alexander  
Cosmos Club  
Washington, D. C.



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Tower Hill School  
Wilmington Delaware  
January 3, 1941

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(Mexico)

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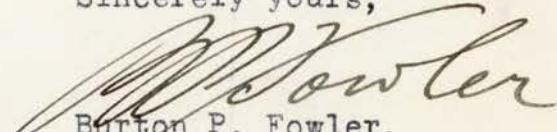
Dear Mr. Wale:

Naturally it was very exciting to hear that the next meeting of the Council on Rural Education will be held in Mexico. I can think of nothing that would be more delightful or profitable than to be able to share in the experience. Unfortunately, however, the invitation has come too late for me to adjust my plans so that I can accept, since I am already committed to an important meeting of the Problems and Plans Committee for that week, besides the annual conference of the Progressive Education Association which meets in Philadelphia in connection with which I have assumed responsibility.

The Council will enjoy a rare opportunity, I am sure, on the occasion of this visit to Mexico and I hope that all the details of the trip will work out successfully.

Please give my best regards to Dr. Embree and thank him for the opportunity that he has made possible for the Council. With best wishes for the year, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Burton P. Fowler,  
Headmaster

BPF/BS

\* American Council

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Sent also to

Horace Mann Bond  
J. Max Bond  
Catherine Duncan  
Charles S. Johnson  
F. D. Patterson  
Jacob L. Reddix

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun. Mtg.  
(Mexico)

January 5, 1941

Dear Miss Alexander: Attached are some further details regarding the proposed Mexican trip of the Council on Rural Education.

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You will note that a ten-compartment private car is being added to the Sunshine Special at Little Rock. We have been assured by the officials of the Pullman Company and the Missouri Pacific Railroad that Negro members of the Council on Rural Education will encounter no difficulties in boarding this car and being shown to their private compartments. Your reservation number will be mailed to you later.

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Sincerely yours,

FGW:RW

Miss S. O. Alexander  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

FRED G. WALKER

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FW H. SCUDDER MEKEEL  
101 ELY PLACE  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

Per D  
January 4, 1940

Dear Embree -

My apologies for the delay in answering your letter. I have been trying to arrange for some one to take over my lectures - and now I find it will be six days' travel added to the five in Mexico City. It doesn't seem such a hot idea to take that much time off the first year I am teaching. I have literally been working seven days a week until all hours of the night, and such a break might set lecture preparation too far back.

I certainly appreciate the honor of your thinking of me for the conference - and I'd give anything to go. I'm enclosing my first reaction so that you will know how I really feel about it!

With very best wishes to you and yours for the New Year -

Scudder

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H. SCUDDER MEKEEL  
101 ELY PLACE  
MADISON, WISCONSIN

January 2, 1940

Dear Embree -

I just received your swell "New Year's present". At the moment I am answering it informally, since the chairman of my department is out with a cold, and the dean is still away on vacation.

I imagine I shall have a good chance to get it if I can find some one to take over my courses in the interim. This problem I'll get right after - But unfortunately I cannot give you a definite answer, because I do not know the attitude of the administration toward such matters.

Needless to say, I am all for it personally! I shall let you know just as soon as I can. Meanwhile, very many thanks for thinking of me.

Best

Mekeel.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

(Coun mts)  
(Mexico)

January 6, 1941

Dear Mekeel: I am terribly sorry that you cannot make the Mexican trip. I had looked forward to the pleasure of having you along quite aside from the contributions you would have made to our thinking. In the latter connection you may be interested to know that certain of the members of the Council feel that you are doing the clearest thinking of any one in this country on the moot question of acculturation. I had scarcely realized that I had so distinguished a friend until other of my friends told me. I hope some other occasion will give us an opportunity of some more visits in the not too distant future.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Dr. H. Scudder Mekeel  
101 Ely Place  
Madison, Wisconsin

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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Council meeting  
Mexico*

January 6, 1941

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Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Mr. Charles Thompson  
Journal of Negro Education  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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FRED G. WALE

Mr. E. H. Downs  
Farm Security Administration  
Greensboro, Georgia

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(Mexico)

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FRED G. WADE

FGW:RW

Mr. H. McGibboney  
Greensboro  
Georgia

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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Greensboro, Georgia  
January 7th, 1941

IN REPLY REFER TO

*Coun MTS*  
*(Mexico)*

Mr. Fred G. Wale,  
Hay Adams House;  
Washington, D. C.

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	<i>for</i>			

Dear Fred:

Please accept my thanks for your surprise letter of January 3rd concerning the meeting of Rural Council in Mexico. You requested that I withhold my decision concerning this trip until you sent additional information, but I am afraid this can not be done. I must say at this time that I accept this invitation with pleasure, and assure you it that it was quite a shock to me when I read your letter yesterday. I have also talked with Mr. Hamp and he showed me his letter, and he is quite excited over the whole affair. We are just wondering what two country boys like us will do in Mexico, but since you have extended the invitation, I am afraid you will have us on your hands.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*E. H. Downs*  
E. H. Downs,  
Dist. RR Supervisor

RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun Mty  
(Mexico)

January 7, 1941

Dear Sirs: The Julius Rosenwald Fund, of which I am Secretary, is contemplating taking a group of about 35 to 40 educators of this country to Mexico during the week of February 17-22, to observe and study rural schools. We plan to travel in specially chartered Pullman cars, attached to the Missouri Pacific Sunshine Special. We are anxious to study the schools and cooperatives in the vicinity of Torreon, and we would like to go from Monterey to Torreon and back by bus or by automobile. On the advice of the Mexican consul in Chicago, I am writing to you to ask for information about such services between Monterey and Torreon. Is it possible to hire two buses to carry our party, and is it also possible to hire four or five private automobiles in case we would prefer to travel this way? We plan to arrive in Monterey at 7:30 A. M. on February 16, and would like to be driven immediately to Torreon, where we would stay until noon of February 18.

I will appreciate what information you can give me about services, schedules, and costs, and I will be very grateful for an immediate reply, since we need this information at once in order to complete our itinerary.

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Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Chamber of Commerce  
Monterey  
Mexico, N. L.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

January 7, 1941

Mr. Goodwin Watson  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York City

You will recall my visit with you in New York recently on Mexican education. After some debate decision has just been made to visit rural areas of Laguna and east, west of Mexico City. Rosenwald Fund extends you cordial invitation to join Council on Rural Education February 14 to 24. I shall be in New York Monday morning, January 13 and will call your office for appointment. May we talk it over then?

Fred G. Wale

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

*Coun mty  
(Mexico)*

January 7, 1941

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Fred:

All things being in balance here nothing would give me greater pleasure than to participate in the meetings of the Council on Rural Education which are to be held in Mexico during the third week of February, the 17th to the 22nd. I have discussed the matter with Mr. Collier and have his approval for my making the trip.

The only thing which may arise to interfere is a possible postponement of our budget hearings before the appropriation committee of the House. These are scheduled to start the first week in February and if everything runs on schedule should be over before your meeting is called. However, if by chance and the pressure of defense legislation these hearings are delayed it may be necessary for me to withdraw from the conference at the last minute. Subject to this reservation it will give me a great deal of pleasure to plan on being with you.

One personal item. Mrs. Beatty has long wanted to visit Mexico and has had to stay home during my three previous trips. If I met all of her expenses and she finds it possible to accompany me, could she be conveniently included in some parts of the proposed trip. If accommodations are limited in some areas I have friends in Mexico City with whom she might stay a portion of the time. However, if this appears to complicate your plans don't hesitate to say so quite frankly.

Sincerely yours,

*Willard W. Beatty*

Willard W. Beatty  
Director of Education

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
DIRECTOR

Comm MTg  
(Mexico)

January 8, 1941

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

In my reply to Mr. Wale about the Mexico trip I included possibilities which we had discussed, but for which there had been no preparation in discussions with Mr. Wale, so I hope he was not completely flabbergasted by the outside totals of the possibilities growing out of the suggestion. In view of the limited physical accommodations in transportation, it might well be that our part of the party be limited to the Johnsons and Graysons.

Our best next Fellow is Clifton R. Jones, A.B., Virginia Union; M.A., University of Iowa, with major course requirements satisfied for his doctorate; two years experience as a teacher in South Boston, Virginia; an able, energetic and systematic worker, and destined for a responsible post in some southern school. He is my class assistant, and has done a very good job of it.

Regarding Miss Sellers, my thought was that outside of the Bonds she is perhaps farthest along in the actual understanding and practice of the functional philosophy in southern rural education. She may be needed some day in an even more urgent administrative role, and she is in position to join the party without imposing any burden on the budget for the trip.

Sincerely yours,



Charles S. Johnson

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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

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*Coun Mtg*  
*Mexico*

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. January 8, 1941

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

I would be delighted if you would write me the plans regarding the Mexican trip and it is possible Mrs. Comer and I would both like to make this trip, that is, if it would be in order for me to take Mrs. Comer. Anyway, I would appreciate your writing me fully about it. I would like also to know as far as possible who you think would go on the trip and about what the cost is going to be, if you can make some estimate of it.

I note what you say about your Spring meeting at Tuskegee on March 28-29. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to meet with you all at Tuekegee.

Yours very truly

Donald Comer

*Donald Comer*  
*to Mrs.*

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# Tuskegee Institute

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J. MAX BOND, DIRECTOR

RURAL SCHOOL  
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(Mexico)

January 8, 1941

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Wale:

I note on Page 4 of the Schedule and Instructions an item called "possible guests." I would be very happy if I could take Mrs. Bond on the Mexico trip with me. Of course, I understand that I would assume all responsibility for all expenses for her going and, of course, I realize that she would not be expected to join the Conference.

Since this is about the only chance that she will have to get to Mexico, I would be very happy if you would let me know if this arrangement might be made. In any event, I shall board the train at Little Rock.

Very truly yours,

J. — B — D

J. Max Bond, Director  
School of Education

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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

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(Mexico)*

## State of Mississippi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF NEGRO EDUCATION  
JACKSON

J. S. VANDIVER  
SUPERINTENDENT  
P. H. EASOM  
STATE AGENT  
J. A. TRAVIS  
ASSISTANT STATE AGENT

January 8, 1941

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Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wale:

I have been out of the office for several days. Before leaving, however, I wrote you a letter expressing great interest in attending the Council on Rural Education in Mexico City. I also expressed an interest in having Mr. Travis go on this trip, if it is possible.

I am writing to answer the three questions raised in your letter of January 3:

1. I am planning to attend the Council Meeting in Mexico City.
- ✓ 2. I am planning to join the Sunshine Special at Little Rock.
- ✓ 3. I shall want reservations made for me on the chartered Pullman to and from Mexico City on your regular schedule.

In my last letter, I suggested that you or Mr. Embree write Supt. J. S. Vandiver a letter, indicating the desirability of my attending this meeting.

Cordially yours,

*P. H. Easom*  
P. H. Easom  
State Agent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Greensboro La  
Jan. 9, 1941

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(Mexico)

Dear Fred,

I have written you in Washington  
Concerning the proposed trip to Mexico -  
I have received your second letter giving  
further details - Have talked with Mr. Tinsant  
and he is checking with the Regional  
office the advisability of me taking this trip.  
You see I am going to New Orleans  
on Jan. 26 for a 2 weeks conference  
of Project Managers - That will give  
me a week in between the two trips to  
be on the job.

As far as I am personally concerned  
I'm going to accept and we will meet  
the Special in Little Rock and return  
with the party on the 22nd -  
Please allow me to advise you



Further when I receive official  
Approval from the State and  
Regional Office of F.S.A.

I see no reason why  
they should keep me from making  
this trip as I think it will mean  
lots to F.S.A. and I know that it  
will mean to me personally -

Mr. Hump is titled "Pork"  
Over the idea and so am I -

Sincerely  
Lee Downs  
Asst. R.R. Sup.



RURAL SCHOOL  
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Mississippi Negro Training School

(By Act of the Mississippi State Legislature 1940)

Formerly Jackson College

Jackson, Mississippi

January 9, 1940

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(Mexico)

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Mr. Embree -  
I called Mr. Wale Sat.  
to tell him of Dr.  
McAllister. He asked me to  
say to you that it was  
all right with him for her  
to go - if B & B will pay her  
expenses.

Rev.

Mr. Fred Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Wale:

In regard to railway accommodations to and from Mexico City, I wish to say that I shall expect to join the Sunshine Special at Little Rock as outlined in your letter. I will want pullman reservations to and from Mexico City, with the understanding that I will return with the party on Saturday night, February 22nd. I talked with Mr. Eason and Miss Alexander and they said that we no doubt would all come to Little Rock together.

Yesterday I wrote Mr. Fred McCuiston of the General Education Board to find out if it would be possible for us to use some money from the \$2,000 fund that they have granted us for consultant services in order to take care of Dr. McAllister's expenses as a guest Consultant to this meeting. In case he should say that we could use the funds in this manner, I would like to request that Dr. Jane E. McAllister be given an invitation to attend this meeting as a guest of our college and the General Education Board. I hope this is not asking too much of you, but I think Dr. McAllister could not only make a contribution to this conference but also I think it would help her a great deal in her general interest in rural education, and it would also help sustain her interest in our project here at Jackson College. In case we have a favorable reply to this suggestion, it is understood that we would finance her expenses from our consultants fund. I am taking the responsibility for making this suggestion, since Dr. McAllister does not know that I have written to Mr. McCuiston or to you.

Kindly write me what the estimated cost of railroad ticket and pullman ticket will be from Little Rock to Mexico City and return. I would like to have this figure so that I could let Mr. McCuiston know what the expense would be.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob L. Reddix  
Jacob L. Reddix  
President



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Mexico, January 9, 1941

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Mr. William C. Haygood,  
Secretary, Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of the Ambassador, I am acknowledging the receipt of your letter of January 3, 1941, regarding your proposed visit to Mexico the week of February 17-22. Your letter will be brought to the Ambassador's attention immediately upon his return and he will communicate with you. Mr. Daniels is expected on January 25th. I know the Ambassador will be happy to see you again and to meet the members of the Council on Rural Education.

Mr. Aguirre, Third Secretary of Embassy, has taken note of your visit and of the things your group will be especially interested in seeing, and will be glad to make the necessary arrangements.

It is our understanding that special permission is required for the entry of Negroes into Mexico, and therefore it is suggested that you make an inquiry on this point when you apply to the Mexican Consulate in Chicago for the tourist cards which it will be necessary for your party to have in order to come to this country.

Very truly yours,

*Kathleen Clifton Taylor*

Secretary to the  
Ambassador.

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Sent also to Mary Eliason  
Porter Claxton  
Edward Yeomans

# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

Coun Mty.  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Grace: Dag has written me that you have been included in the group to go from West Georgia to Mexico. This is swell. I am enclosing a rather ominous looking list of instructions, some of which I guess should be taken seriously. Dag brings up the question of travel from Memphis and return, rather than Little Rock. We will let you know definitely about this within a few days.

I shall be seeing you some time later this month. The Simons will be with me.

Sincerely,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Miss Grace Tietje  
West Georgia College  
Genola, Georgia

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Coun Mte  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

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Dear Willard: Under any terms at all we of course are eager to have you join us. The possibility that there may be delays in your budget hearings gives us considerable disappointment. Let us hope that in this case the action will be expeditious. In any event we will be optimistic and put you down as joining us at St. Louis, reserving space for you to return Saturday evening, the twenty-second.

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We are delighted to have you bring Mrs. Beatty along. There will be additional select fellow travelers who, when compelled to amuse themselves in ways other than those planned for the Rural Council, should find plenty to do. Perhaps if Mrs. Beatty accompanies you you may not wish to return on scheduled time. Will you write concerning this as soon as convenient.

By now I hope you have received the additional ominous pages of directions. We shall look forward to some good visits together.

Sincerely,

FGW:RW

Mr. Willard Beatty  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

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PROGRAM

Council mtg  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Miss Sellers: This is to invite you to attend the Council on Rural Education in Mexico during the ten days of February 14 through 24. We have had some correspondence with Doctor Johnson about your being able to accompany us and are delighted to hear that it is possible. Because of a rather limited budget and many demands upon it, we have accepted the proposal Doctor Johnson has made that the expenses for your trip may be found through some other source than the Fund.

I am enclosing several pages of suggestions and instructions, all of which I imagine should be taken more or less seriously.

We will be glad to hear from you as soon as possible that you will accompany us, joining the group probably at Little Rock. Will you also let us know whether you will wish a reservation on the chartered Pullman leaving Mexico City Saturday night, the 22nd.

We shall look forward with a great deal of anticipation to your joining us and hope for some good visits together.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Miss Josie B. Sellers  
Fessenden Academy  
Martin, Florida

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Council Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Doctor Johnson: We are delighted with the selections you have made. We are writing Mr. and Mrs. Grayson today, also Mr. Jones. Mr. Embree and I have talked together concerning Miss Sellers and agree that it is a grand idea to include her in the trip with the understanding that her expenses will be met by the American Missionary Association. I think you will understand to what a point our already over-burdened budget is being stressed, making this latter condition necessary. It does not in any way detract from the cordiality of our invitation. I am sending a letter which I have written to her to you with the thought that possibly I have not said exactly the correct things. Will you please forward it if I have, together with the sheets of instruction. If not, perhaps you can say the right things for me.

We are delighted to hear that Mrs. Johnson will accompany you. We shall look forward to some good visits with you during this trip.

Also, I shall hope to worm out of you those two other fine ideas, even if it takes a Mexican gendarme to help me.

Sincerely,

FGW:RW

FRED G. WALE

Dr. Charles S. Johnson  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee

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*Council mtg  
(Mexico)*

January 10, 1941

Dear Mr. Jones: We are inviting you to join the Council on Rural Education in our proposed trip to Mexico. Doctor Johnson writes us that he has already talked with you of this possibility and that you will be able to accept the invitation.

I am enclosing a number of pages of instructions for your information, which will give you further details on the trip.

You might drop a line as soon as possible to tell us that you will be with us and that you will join the party at Little Rock, also whether you will want reservations on the chartered Pullman leaving Mexico City Saturday night, February 22.

We shall look forward to some good visits together.

Sincerely yours,

FGW:RW

Mr. Clifton R. Jones  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee

*FRED G. WALKER*

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(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Mr. Comer: In Mr. Embree's absence I am writing you regarding the Mexican trip. If he were here I am sure he would be delighted to learn that you and Mrs. Comer may be able to join us in the trip to Mexico. I am enclosing a number of pages which will give the facts in detail. It does not, however, include an estimate of cost. The railroad ticket and Pullman fare round trip from Little Rock to Mexico City is \$119.63. We will be gone about ten days. I should think you would add about \$5 a day for additional living expenses. Good hotels in Mexico City provide room and board for about that amount. As you know of course, the Fund's invitation to you to join us includes our meeting the cost of your travel and living expenses, so that the figures I have given you refer only to Mrs. Comer's expenses.

I am sending also a list of the men and women who have been invited to join the Council on Rural Education this year. Most of them will go.

Sincerely yours,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Mr. Donald Comer  
Avondale Mills  
Birmingham, Alabama

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# The Fort Valley State College

Fort Valley, Georgia

RURAL SCHOOL  
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*Coun trip*

January 10, 1941

*Mexico*

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Wale:

I am beginning to suspect that you have had a seige of the 'flu or something, as I have been waiting to hear from you regarding my letter of last week regarding the Mexico trip. I am writing to you again because it has also occurred to me that my last letter might not, by some mishap, have reached you - especially as I remember mailing it in a somewhat casual fashion in Atlanta - driving by the postoffice, unable to park, and handing it to an honest looking woman who stood nearby and whom I thought I saw drop it into the air-mail box.

In the event that it didn't drop, and that the air mail stamps and so on on the envelope may have led the lady to keep it to see what was in it, I am writing again. In that letter I mentioned an appointment to be in Chicago on the 16th of February, at the University, which I did not feel I could break; and I raised further the possibility of flying from Chicago to intercept the Mexico party at Monterrey or Torreon. I also said that I would also like to be in Atlantic City on the evening of the 24th, and for this reason would like to inquire into the possibilities of flying from Mexico City at least part of the way so as to get rail connections that would put me in Atlantic City the evening of the 24th. I also mentioned - (I think - I wrote it in such a hurry that I didn't keep a carbon) - the fact that if all of this is possible, I would, of course, not expect the Fund to pay for the added expense; but would try to do that myself (this would depend on how much it was).

I hope the 'Flu hasn't got you, as it has a great many of us, and as it has me right now, I fear. Of course, if my unfortunate appointments prevent me from deriving fullest benefit from the trip, I suppose I will have to plan to go some other time, when the War is over, if ever.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

*H. M. Bond*  
H. M. Bond,  
President.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

*Council mtg  
(Mexico)*

January 10, 1941

Dear Mr. Grayson: We are inviting you to join the Council on Rural Education in our proposed trip to Mexico. Doctor Johnson writes us that he has already talked with you of this possibility and that you will be able to accept the invitation. We are delighted to hear that Mrs. Grayson will accompany you.

I am enclosing a number of pages of instructions for your information, which will give you further details on the trip.

You might drop us a line as soon as possible to tell us that you will be with us and that you will join the party at Little Rock, also whether you will want reservations on the chartered Pullman leaving Mexico City Saturday night, February 22.

We shall look forward to some good visits together.

Sincerely yours,

FGW:RW

Mr. W. H. Grayson, Jr.  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tennessee





RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Doctor Bond: We are glad that it will be possible for you to bring Mrs. Bond with you on the trip to Mexico. We shall look forward to some good times together. We are including Mrs. Bond's name among those for whom we are making arrangements.

Thanks for the announcement on the playwriting contest. We'll talk about it when we see each other.

Sincerely,

PGW:RW

FRED G. WALK

Dr. J. Max Bond  
Tuskegee Institute  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

RURAL SCHOOL  
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Coun mtg

(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Mr. Eason: We are glad to hear that you will be able to accompany the Rural Council to Mexico this year. I have talked at length with Mr. Embree regarding the matter of inviting Mr. Travis to join us. Had this been an ordinary year and the Council meeting in some southern city, we would surely have invited you both. You will understand, however, that with a limited budget for the Rural Council and additional demands made upon it we feel obliged to stay within rather definite lines even though we would prefer not to. We extend to Mr. Travis a cordial invitation to join the Rural Council if a way can be found to cover his expenses. I trust this will be possible.

I am writing a note to Superintendent Vandiver, urging that he see the importance of one or both of you attending this Council meeting.

I would appreciate it very much if you would talk this matter over with Mr. Travis and give him my best regards. I am sure you will both understand the situation.

Sincerely,

FGW:RW

Mr. P. H. Eason  
State Department of Education  
Jackson, Mississippi

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January 10, 1941

Dear M. E.: We are delighted to hear that you will be able to go with us to Mexico. One other member of the Council is also compelled to be in Atlantic City on February 25 and is making arrangements to fly, carrying the extra expense thus involved on his own travel allowance. I think it is only a small amount over the train fare. This plane trip is about a twenty-four one; that is, if you leave Mexico City around eight o'clock one morning you will be in New York City at about seven the next. Getting from there to Atlantic City would be only a minor problem.

We would be disappointed to lose you for any part of the conference and would hope that you could stay at least through Friday.

I shall be in Atlanta some time within the next week or two and will call you for a visit when I arrive.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Mr. M. E. Thompson  
State Department of Education  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Council mtg  
Mexico

January 10, 1941

Dear Karl: It seems that we did set our Council meeting this year to collide with just about everything else that is educational in this country. Our decision, however, was not wholly of our own making. The Mexican schools, it appears, run on funny schedules.

We are of course quite disappointed that you will not be able to be with us the entire time of the trip. Your suggestion, however, about returning by plane on Friday, the 21st, is a good one. Because of the limited budget of the Rural Council and many extra costs of wider travel this year, I am afraid we will have to take you up on your suggestion to make up any difference incurred by your quicker return. But with this single limitation we are delighted that you will be with us for the major part of the trip.

✓ We will therefore make a reservation for you on the chartered Pullman leaving St. Louis at 5:30 p.m., February 14, and buy for you a one-way railroad ticket from ✓ St. Louis to Mexico City.

We will look forward to a good visit that week.

Sincerely,

FGW:RW

Mr. Karl Bigelow  
American Council on Education  
744 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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Council mtg  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

Dear Doctor Bond: It is good to know that you will be able to join us in Mexico, even though you will have the dual problem of getting there and returning. We are glad to have you for whatever time possible. By catching planes, however, you will be able to join us for a large part of the week. Because of a rather limited budget for the Council this year and our attempts to do more with it, I am afraid we will have to accept your offer to meet the extra expense yourself. There is a possibility we may be able to save you something on plane travel by ordering the tickets here, about 15 per cent I think. Miss Warren is looking into the matter of plane schedules and will write you the details as soon as they are available.

Congratulations on the award by the American Educational Research Association. It is a more discerning body of people than I had imagined.

The Simons are with us again and we with rejoicing are asking them to spend a little time with you in Fort Valley during the next week or two. They perhaps will write you more definitely when they hope to arrive and how long they will stay.

I realize there are a number of items we should talk over together as soon as possible. I hope this may be before I see you in Mexico. If not, till then.

Sincerely,

FRED G. WALE

FGW:RW

Dr. Horace Mann Bond  
Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

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# The University of Wisconsin

RURAL SCHOOL  
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY  
STERLING HALL



Madison

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 10, 1941

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear ~~Mr.~~ Embree:

I appreciate very much indeed your letter of January 6. It is nice to know that someone is thinking of your work. I had sort of felt out of things during the last three years.

I, too, am extremely disappointed in not being able to make the Mexican trip. It would have been a lot of fun to visit with you and the members of your group going down and coming back on the train.

I am still hoping to get down to Chicago and if so, I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours,

*Mekeel*

H. Scudder Mekeel

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RURAL SCHOOL  
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*Council mtg  
(Mexico)*

January 11, 1941

Dear Dag: Glad to hear that you and the others are able to go with us to Mexico. Please say to Mr. Ingram that we are all very sorry to learn that he will not be in the group. I will carry my regrets to him personally when I see you all within ten days. I have written to each of the other four today, enclosing instructions and material such as you received earlier.

Regarding the Pullman from Texarkana to Memphis, let me say that we are investigating the possibility of putting the chartered compartment car on at Memphis instead of Little Rock, thinking that this would probably be more convenient for all members joining the party from the southern states. You will hear more definitely about this, however, from Billy Haygood later.

I shall look forward to seeing you the 18th or 19th, bringing Shannon with me. Also, the Simons are here and are planning to spend the 19th to the 22nd with you.

Sincerely,

FGW:RW

FRED G. WALE


Mr. Dagnall Folger  
West Georgia College  
Genola, Georgia

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Council mtg  
(Mexico)

13 de Enero de 1941

(Pimentel)   
Senor Director de Educacion Federal en La Laguna  
Torreon, Coahuila  
Mexico

Estimado Sr. Director:

El Prof. Francisco Plancarte que esta estudiando actualmente en la universidad de Chicago nos sugirio la conveniencia de apelar a su generosidad y conocimientos en la materia con el objeto de consultarle la forma mas practica para realizar un proyecto de nuestra institucion.

Soy secretario de una organizacion filantropica, denominada "Julius Rosenwald Fund", dedicada a mejorar la Educacion y las condiciones sociales de los Negros y blancos de los estados del Sur de nuestro pais. Una gran cantidad de nuestro esfuerzo esta encaminado al mejoramiento profesional de los maestros y de las tecnicas en las escuelas rurales de los referidos estados. Como Vd sabe, la parte sur de nuestro pais es en gran parte un medio rural agricola y tiene que enfrentarse con problemas un tanto semejantes a los que el magisterio de Mexico ha encontrado.

En atencion al hecho de que el gobierno de ese pais ha iniciado trabajos educativos interesantes y valiosos de experimentacion en la educacion rural, tenemos el proyecto que pensamos poner pronto en la practica, de llevar un grupo de maestros a Mexico con el objeto de observar nuestros metodos y recoger las experiencias de Vds. Tenemos la intencion de pasar dos dias en la ciudad de Torreon y cuatro en los alrededores de la capital de la Republica.

El Profesor Plancarte me ha hablado mucho de los interesantes trabajos llevados a cabo en la Laguna. Deseariamos visitar tantas Escuelas Rurales, Regionales Campesinas, y Cooperativas como sea posible en estos dos dias. Al dirigirme a Vd me tomo la libertad de suplicarle me envíe una sugestion para nuestro plan que nos permita visitar tantas instituciones como sea posible en este corto plazo que nos marca el itinerario.

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Llegaremos a Torreon procedentes de Monterrey el 16 de Febrero proximo por tren o en camion, hospedandolos en algun hotel. De ser posible desearia que Vd y algunos otros educadores que Vd designe tomen la cena con nosotros esa noche aprovechandola para una fructifera discusion. El dia 17 deseariamos visitar las escuelas o instituciones que Vd nos sugiera y continuar nuestra visita la manana del dia siguiente. Probablemente saldremos de Torreon a Saltillo el dia 18 por la tarde. El grupo de educadores Norteamericanos sera como de cincuenta personas, y ya tenemos arreglado todo lo relativo a medios de transporte. El Prof. Plancarte nos ha sugerido la conveniencia de visitar Gomez Palacio, Lerdo, y algunas escuelas rurales de los ejidos circunvecinos toda vez que muchos de nuestros maestros trabajan en escuelas situadas en regiones algodoneras.

Ya he escrito con anterioridad al Sr. Lic. Luis Sanchez Ponton, Secretario de Educacion, comunicandole nuestros propositos. Posiblemente el trate algo con Vd sobre esto. En atencion a una gran cantidad de detalles que nos quedan p<sup>ro</sup> arreglar, le agradecere sobre manera una pronta respuesta. Por separado le envio una copia de nuestro ultimo informe que le permitara conocer algunos de los propositos de nuestra organizacion.

Attentamente.

My dear Professor Pimentel:      At the suggestion of our mutual  
friend, Mr.

Plancarte, who is now studying at the University of Chicago, I am appealing to your generosity and wisdom for advice and counsel. I am secretary of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which is a small philanthropic foundation devoted to the improvement of education and social conditions among the Negroes and white people of the southern states of our country. A large part of our work is devoted to the improvement of the teachers and teaching in the rural schools of these southern states. As you know, the southern part of our country is largely rural and agricultural, and faces social problems which are in a sense somewhat comparable to those which educators in Mexico have been meeting. Because of this similarity and because of the fact that your government has been able to initiate so many interesting and valuable experiments in the education of its rural people, we are anxious to bring a group of educators to Mexico to observe your methods and learn from you.

It is our intention to spend two days in the city of Torreon and four days in the vicinity of Mexico City. Mr. Plancarte has told me much of the splendid work being done in the area around Torreon. We are extremely anxious to see as many rural schools, regionales campesinas, and agricultural cooperatives as we can in these two days.





I am writing you now to ask if you will be kind enough to suggest to me a schedule which will enable us to see as many of these institutions as possible in the short time we will have. We will arrive in Torreon from Monterey on the afternoon of February 16, either by train or by bus, and will go at once to a hotel. If it is possible, we would like for you and any other educators you designate to meet with us at dinner that night for a discussion. The next day, <sup>Feb. 17</sup> we would like to visit whatever schools or institutions you will suggest, and we would like to continue our visits the next morning. We <sup>Saltillo</sup> will probably leave Torreon for ~~Monterey~~ <sup>Tuesday, Feb. 18th</sup> about noon ~~of that day~~.

There will be about forty educators in our party, and we will provide buses and automobiles for all of the trips. Mr. Plancarte suggests that we could arrange trips to Palacio Gomez,

and other places which are near to Torreon. Since many of our educators teach in schools which are located in cotton-growing regions, we are particularly anxious to visit an agricultural co-operative.

I have written to Sr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, telling him of our plans, and you will doubtless hear from him <sup>also.</sup> ~~soon~~. Since we have a great many details to arrange, I will be very grateful if you will write me as soon as possible. By separate mail I am sending you a copy of our latest report, so that you will know something of the purposes and work of our organization.

Very truly yours.

Torreón,  
Coahuila  
México

Señor

~~Sr.~~ Director de Educación Federal  
en La Laguna

Estimado Sr. Director: El Prof. Francisco Plancarte que está estudiando actualmente en la universidad de Chicago nos sugirió la conveniencia de apelar a su generosidad y conocimientos en la materia con el objeto de consultarle la forma más práctica para realizar un proyecto de nuestra institución.

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En atención al hecho de que el gobierno de ese país ha iniciado trabajos <sup>e</sup>educativos interesantes y valiosos de experimentación en la educación rural, tenemos el proyecto que pensamos poner pronto en la práctica, de llevar un grupo de maestros á México con el objeto de observar <sup>v</sup>nuestros metodos y recoger las experiencias de Vds. Tenemos la intención de pasar dos dias en la ciudad de Torreón y cuatro en los alrededores de la capital de la República.

El ~~P~~rofesor Plancarte me ha hablado mucho de los interesantes trabajos llevados a cabo en la Laguna. Desearíamos visitar tantas Escuelas Rurales, Regionales Campesinas, y Cooperativas como sea posible en estos dos días. Al dirigirme a Vd. me tomo la libertad de suplicarle <sup>le</sup>me envíe una sugestión para nuestro plan que nos permita visitar tantas ~~inst~~<sup>le</sup>ituciones



como sea posible en este corto plazo que nos marca el itinerario.

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Ya he escrito con anterioridad al Sr. Lic. Luis Sánchez Pontón, Secretario de Educación, comunicándole nuestros propósitos. Posiblemente él trate algo con Vdx sobre esto. En atención a una gran cantidad de detalles que nos quedan por arreglar, le agradece<sup>e</sup> sobre manera una pronta respuesta. Por separado le envío una copia de nuestro último informe que le permitirá conocer algunos de los propósitos de nuestra organización.

Attentamente.

A 13 de Enero de 1941.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago  
Illinois



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Sr. Director de Educación Federal en La Hagu  
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Atentamente.

~~Dato. a~~ a 12 de Enero de 1944.

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council Mtg  
(Mexico)

TO ~~ERE~~  
FROM FGW  
DATE January 13, 1941  
SUBJECT: COUNCIL

Sadly do I bring up again this taboo subject: the number of people attending the Council from West Georgia College. I should have foreseen the inevitable. When the great minds, Ingram and Folger, put their heads together to choose the people to attend, they said, "Since Brother Ingram is not going, that makes four empty seats." Believe me, I had nothing to do with it.

So a letter comes from Folger saying that he has chosen the four, has talked with them about it and they are eagerly anticipating the trip. The selections are so good I did not know which one to write to and say, "Sorry, you are disinvited." Therefore, at the risk of being spanked forever by you on this item, I have written to each saying that we are glad they can come.

I would like to be able to report that we had one turndown today. But I am afraid that's not possible. The best I can muster is that it is very doubtful that Goodwin Watson will be able to accompany us.

FGW



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	to meeting of council members there.		

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DATE	SIGNED

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Come Hot  
(Mexico)

January 14, 1941

Dear Doctor Bond: You were quite right about Mr. Wale's illness. It was not the flu, however, but the typhoid shots for the Mexico trip. They put him under the weather for several days.

I believe I have the plane schedules to and from Mexico correct.

Leave Chicago	6:30 p.m.
Arrive El Paso, Texas	4:53 a.m.
Leave Juarez (just over border)	7:00 a.m.
Arrive Torreon	12:05 noon

If you left Chicago Sunday evening, you would be able to join the group at Torreon Monday noon, missing only half a day in and around Torreon. Below is the schedule from Mexico City to Philadelphia or New York. From either of these points it would be a short trip to Atlantic City.

Leave Mexico City	8:30 a.m.
Arrive Brownsville, Texas	11:15 a.m.
Leave Brownsville	12:10 noon
Arrive Dallas, Texas	4:30 p.m.
Leave Dallas	8:38 p.m.
Chicago	11:37 p.m.
Philadelphia	6:31 a.m.
New York City	7:22 a.m.

There are several routes one may take from Mexico City to New York City, but I understand that this is the best one. You will see that there are several stop-overs in Texas on both of the trips. It seems that a direct non-stop flight to Mexico City is impossible.



# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

Coun mte

page two

Listed below are the plane and train rates for this trip. Mr. Wale mentioned your being able to use our 15 per cent discount rate on the plane travel. If the ticket is purchased through the Fund office, that is possible. This 15 per cent discount, however, is good only to the border of this country.

Chicago to El Paso	\$ 76.55	less 15%	\$64.90
Juarez to Torreon	pesos 126.86	approx.	25.00
Mexico City to Brownsville	42.00		42.00
Brownsville to New York	110.60	less 15%	<u>94.01</u>
Plane fare			\$225.91
Train fare and Pullman round trip, Little Rock to Mexico City	\$119.65		
Atlanta to Little Rock, round trip	<u>29.65</u>		<u>\$149.28</u>
Difference, to be paid by you			\$ 77.65

There may finally be some changes in these figures, but I believe they are approximately correct. I hope it is all clear. If you have any questions, please write me.

Your letter of January 10 has come while Mr. Wale is away for two weeks. I am afraid if the Ham Show and Folk Music Festival is to be held before the Council meeting or immediately afterward, it will be impossible for Mr. Wale to attend, much as he would like to. His time is so taken up from now through the first week of March that I think it best to warn you. He will be very sorry to miss the festival, I know, for it sounds as though it will be a fine one.

Mr. Wale is to be in Washington today and tomorrow. I shall send word to ask him to make arrangements for your showing of "The River" on March 6. He will be in Washington until the afternoon of the 17th. If there is anything else you would like him to do for you while he is there, a wire will reach him at the Hay Adams.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Horace Mann Bond  
Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

Secretary to Mr. Wale

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Sent also to:

W. W. Alexander  
Willard Beatty  
Karl Bigelow  
Horace Mann Bond  
J. Max Bond  
Doak S. Campbell  
Porter Claxton  
Walter D. Cocking  
Donald Comer  
J. C. Dixon  
Edward H. Downs  
Catherine Duncan  
P. H. Eason  
Mary Eliason

D. F. Folger  
William H. Grayson  
Charles S. Johnson  
Clifton R. Jones  
McCuistion, Fred

T. H. McGibony  
F. D. Patterson  
Louis Rath  
Jacob L. Reddix  
Grace Tietje  
Lloyd Warner  
Edward Yeomans  
M. E. Thompson

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mty  
(Mexico)

January 15, 1941

Dear Miss Alexander: In Mr. Wale's absence from the office I am writing you about several changes in the plans for our Mexican trip, which will need your immediate attention.

First, it has been decided that owing to the relatively small amount of time we will have for conferences the Council will be extended an extra day. This means that the Council will not be disbanded and members will not leave Mexico City until the night of Sunday, February 23. We hope that this additional day can be conveniently fitted into your schedule and would appreciate having this fact confirmed at once.

Second, at the request of the southern members of the Council, a private car will be available at Memphis instead of Little Rock. This means that all members coming from the southern states will entrain at Memphis and the car will be carried over the Missouri Pacific line to Little Rock and attached to the Sunshine Special there. On the return trip all members who are leaving Mexico City on the night of Sunday, the 23rd, will take a chartered Pullman which will be carried to Little Rock and then routed to Memphis. Members coming north to St. Louis or Chicago will have to transfer from the private car at Little Rock and take the regular Pullman. These arrangements will be made for us.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:RW

Miss Florence O. Alexander  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

WCH  
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Secretary of Education

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to see this before leaving  
General Director of Pre-school and  
primary education of the states and  
territories. Office of work and  
conflict. Official letter No. 2235.

Mexico, D. F.  
January 15, 1941.

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Counting  
(Mexico)

Mr. William C. Haygood  
Julius Rosenwald Fund

Dear Mr. Haygood: In reply to your letter of December 17, the Minister of this department has asked this office to acknowledge formally the honor the Julius Rosenwald Fund, of which you are the respected secretary, will do our country in sending an educational mission whose purpose will be to visit some of the Mexican educational institutions.

I am therefore happy to send you information on such institutions in the order it was requested:

1. Rural schools in the Federal District. Morning and evening sections under the supervision of the National Teachers College; the Comunidad Escolar (scholarly community) "Francisco I. Madero; the teaching centers," "Basilio Badillo", "Benito Juarez", "Revolucion", and schools in the states of Michoacan and Guerrero.
2. Rural schools near the Federal District. "The Country Child" schools of Santiago Ahuizotla and Tecometl.
3. Cultural Missions. For various reasons of economy the cultural missions have been abandoned. However, your teachers can get printed information about their work.
4. Normal Schools. There is a rural normal school at Ayotzinapa, Gro.
5. Schools for rural workers. There is a regional school for rural workers at El Mexe in the state of Hidalgo, and at Champusco in the state of Puebla. Highways lead to each.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

Prof. Roberto Gropeza Najera

The Director General and  
Chief of the Office.

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ASUNTO: Se proporcionan datos sobre escuelas  
podrán visitar.

México, D.F., a 15 de enero de 1941.

Sr. William C. Haygood.  
Srio. de Julius Rosenwald Fund.  
4901 Ellis Avenue.  
Chicago, Ill. (E.U.A.)

Su atenta carta de fecha 17 de diciembre  
de 1940.

El C. Ministro del Ramo, por conducto de esta Oficina, agradece cumplidamente el honor que le hará a nuestro país la Fundación Julius Rosenwald, de la que usted es digno Secretario, enviando una Misión cuyo propósito es visitar algunas de las instituciones educativas mexicanas.

Así mismo me es grato proporcionarle los informes - que solicita en el orden por usted enumerado:

1.- Escuelas Elementales dentro del Distrito Federal: Secciones Matutina y Vespertina, anexas a la Nacional de Maestros, Comunidad Escolar "Francisco I. Madero", Centros Escolares "Basilio Badillo", "Benito Juárez", "Revolución", Estado de Michoacán y Estado de Guerrero. Escuelas Primarias cercanas al Distrito Federal: "El Niño Agrarista", de Santiago Ahuizotla y la de Tecometl.

2.- Las Misiones Culturales por diversas dificultades de orden económico fueron suprimidas. Sin embargo, los señores excursionistas podrán recibir información escrita acerca de su funcionamiento.

3.- Escuela Normal Rural de Ayotzinapa, Gro.

4.- Escuela Regional Campesina de "El Mexe", Hgo. y Champusco, Pue. (Para ambas existen carreteras).

Atenta y cordialmente.  
P.A. DEL DIRECTOR GENERAL.  
EL JEFE DE LA OFICINA.

Prof. Roberto Oropeza Mejera.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 15, 1941

Dear Mr. Reddix: Of course we would be delighted to have Doctor McAllister as a guest member of the Council, and I am enclosing an invitation which you can give her whenever the arrangements of the General Education Board are completed. It is our understanding that all of her expenses are to come from the GEB fund. The cost of railroad and Pullman round trip from Memphis to Mexico City and return \$107.13

I have been meaning to write to Miss Watts to ask her about her book-buying spree in Atlanta Christmas. I noticed in a recent report to Miss Elvidge that she went to one of the second hand stores I recommended.

Sincerely,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

P. S. The time seems to be getting shorter and shorter, so I wonder if you would let us know as soon as possible if the GEB is agreeable to your plan.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

sent to  
Readers  
to be given  
Miss McAllister

January 15, 1941

Dear Miss McAllister: We invite you to the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education which will be held in Mexico during the third week of February, 17th to 23rd inclusive. We are going to Mexico this year because we believe enough progress has been made in rural education in that country to justify our serious attention. Plans at this time include a two-day visit to the Lagunas area around the city of Torreon and a four-day visit to rural communities east and west of Mexico City, using the capital as our headquarters.

We shall have with us a few individuals who have studied this problem first hand and can interpret much of what we see. Local leadership, of course, will be present during our several visits, and English-speaking Mexican educators will discuss the federal program with us at conferences planned for Mexico City.

I am enclosing several pages of suggestions and instructions, all of which I imagine should be taken more or less seriously. A few changes have been made in the plans for the trip since this schedule was made up.

(1) The Council has been extended a day, so that the chartered Pullman will not leave Mexico City until Sunday night, February 23. (2) Southern members of the Council will join the party at Memphis rather than at Little Rock. I wonder if you could write us at once to tell us whether or not you will come back with the party on Sunday night.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:RW

Miss Jane McAllister  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

WCH  
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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun trip  
(Mexico)

January 15, 1941

Dear Mr. Thompson: In Mr. Wale's absence from the city I am writing you about several changes in our plans for the Mexican trip. "First, we have decided that because of the small amount of time for conferences we had best stay over in Mexico an additional day. Therefore, the party will not be leaving Mexico City until the night of Sunday, February 23. I hope that this does not conflict with your schedule in any way. Second, at the request of the southern members of the Council the private compartment car is being made available in Memphis rather than in Little Rock. And on the return trip the chartered Pullman will leave the Sunshine Special at Little Rock and be routed back to Memphis."

In reading over your letter of January 9, I have a feeling that perhaps Mr. Wale's original letter was not entirely specific on the matter of the private car to be attached at St. Louis. I am sure that you want us to state frankly all of the conditions we have had to meet in arranging this trip. The car to be put on at St. Louis on the down trip is a buffet lounge car with sections rather than compartments. According to the Arkansas law, we would not be able to accommodate Negro members in anything but a car having private compartments. Since the compartment car is to be put on at Memphis and since, if you joined us at St. Louis on the down trip and came on through to St. Louis coming back, it would mean that we could not assure you proper accommodations either time, I am wondering if it would not be possible for you both to join and leave the party at Memphis. Will you be kind enough to let us know your final decision on these arrangements by return mail.

Sincerely,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Charles H. Thompson  
Journal of Negro Education  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

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# CLUB AUTOMOVILISTICO DE MONTERREY

ASOCIACION MEXICANA AUTOMOVILISTICA

APARTADO No. 1134  
AVE. MORELOS DTE. 547  
MONTERREY, N.L. MEX.

Comm Mtg

January 15th. 1941

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(Mexico)

Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.,

Attention: Mr. Williams C. Haygood.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the Monterrey Chamber of Commerce has been turned to us for attention.

We are glad to hear that you are contemplating to bring a group of educators to Mexico during the week of February 17-22. We shall be happy to extend our courtesies and compliments so as to make your stay here as pleasant as possible.

Special busses may be hired at the rate of \$10.00 Mex. Cy. per person or \$250.00 Mex. Cy. per bus, as their capacity is for 25 persons. Automobiles may be hired at the rate of \$150.00 Mex. Cy. for the three days you plan to stay in Torreón and an extra charge for their use while in Torreón at the rate of \$2.00 Mex. Cy. per hour within the city limits - and 15 cents per kilometer outside of the city limits.

It is our opinion that transportation by busses would be quite as reliable and more economical than by private automobile.

Regular busses to Torreón which charge \$11.55 for round trip leave Monterrey at 6. A. M., 10 A. M., 1 P. M., and 4 P. M., Chartered busses may leave at any time you consider convenient.

The Bus Company has advised us to let them know of your decision at least a week in advance so that they may make all necessary arrangements.

Hoping that this information will be useful and looking forward for the pleasure of your visit, we are

Cordially yours,

MEXICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION  
MONTERREY CLUB

XAVIER ORTEGON  
Manager,



RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mty  
(Mexico)

JWS

January 15, 1941

Dear Sanchez: I am delighted that you can go with us on the Rural Council trip to Mexico. I am enclosing herewith some notes about the trip, and these will be followed by additional reports and suggestions, probably at fairly frequent intervals. We count on your joining us at Laredo. Specific details of this we can work out as we go along. There is only one thing that we shall need to know now, since we must make reservations at once. Will you be returning with the group on the Sunshine Special leaving Mexico on the 23rd? If so, we will reserve space for you.

We shall probably ask you to be good enough to confer with some of the Mexican officials to make sure that our arrangements are as efficient and "educational" as possible. For the moment, accept this note simply as an expression of our great satisfaction that you can be with us.

Very truly yours,  
EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:JW

Dr. George I. Sanchez  
University of Texas  
Austin, Texas

P. S. Since talking with you, the trip has been extended one day so that we will not leave Mexico City until February 23.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coahuila  
(Mexico)

January 16, 1941

Dear Sirs: Our Council on Rural Education, which is made up of educators from the various southern schools with which we cooperate, plus a few selected persons from the country at large, will hold its annual meeting this year in Mexico during the week of February 17 to 23. Our party will number about fifty, of whom several will be Negroes.

One of the areas which we are most interested in seeing is the Laguna section, since we feel that the experiences of this cotton-growing area will be profitable to many of our people who are working in similar regions in this country. We plan to be in Torreon from February 17 to 19, and sometime during those days we should like very much to see the schools built in Santa Ana del Pilar and San Jose del Vinedo by the American Friends Service Committee, under the direction of Ray Newton.

We will be very grateful if you can give us any information about these schools and the names of any local people with whom we can establish contact. Since we are trying to arrange our schedule in advance, I will appreciate an immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:McK

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

American Friends Service Committee  
20 South 12th Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun my  
(Mexico)

January 17, 1941

Dear Fred: Yesterday we sent out letters to all Council members, telling them that the Council will not be disbanded until Sunday night, February 23. Also telling them of getting on at Memphis instead of Little Rock. From now on should Mr. Galarza and Mr. Watson be sent things that are sent to all Council people? Have they accepted? I don't think Mr. Watson even has a schedule, although it's rapidly getting very out of date.

I'm enclosing a letter from Dr. Max Bond, which came special airmail. Thought you'd probably like to have it before you see him.

Sincerely,

RUTH WARREN

P. S. Would you find out whether the West Georgia people will be coming back on chartered Pullman? Also the Max Bonds. Also M. E. Thompson. Mr. Haygood and I are pretty nearly crazy figuring reservations. So as you find out, please write me!

RW

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

January 16, 1941

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Hay Adams House  
Washington, D. C.

Sent Charles Thompson, Trueblood's chief, factual letter  
on December 30. Have Trueblood unfile it. Meantime am  
sending additional letter.

WCH:RW  
Drexel 7100

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
DIRECTOR

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

January 16, 1941

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*(Mexico)*

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Mr. F. G. Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wale:

The letter to Miss Sellers, I think, quite well stated the circumstances, and offered a gracious opportunity. I sent it on promptly.

The Graysons and Mr. Jones have received their invitations from you and are quite excited about the prospect. I admit I was just as excited because I could not figure how your facilities could accommodate the list of possibilities mentioned; and actually only expected about two persons to be able to go.

Perhaps in course of the trip those "ideas" which were expected in the Chicago session may discover themselves and come forth.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*[Signature]*  
Charles S. Johnson

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# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

J. S. VANDIVER  
SUPERINTENDENT

## State of Mississippi

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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January  
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Dr. Fred Wales  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Wales:

I have your letter of January 10 requesting that Doctor Eason and Mr. J. A. Travis of our Department, attend the annual meeting of the Council on Rural Education to be held in a study of the schools of Mexico from February 14 to February 24.

I have just talked with Doctor Eason and he said the expenses of his trip would be provided. I regret to say that Mr. Travis does not have expenses to take care of the trip unless you could prevail on the Julius Rosenwald Fund for his expenses.

We appreciate very much your commendatory remarks with reference to Messrs. Eason and Travis. They are two of the very best members of our fine Department. We should be glad indeed for them to attend the annual meeting and study the schools in Mexico provided the expenses could be taken care of by you.

Come to see us.

Thanking you, and with all best wishes for the success of your fine program, I am

Cordially yours,

*J. S. Vandiver*  
J. S. Vandiver

State Superintendent of Public Education

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WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

January 17, 1941

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My dear Mr. Wale:

After your visit with Dr. Rowe, I had quite a long talk with him over your kind invitation to me as well as concerning the whole of my program for this year.

Dr. Rowe, as I anticipated, was extremely warm and cordial toward the idea that I might help the Rosenwald Fund in some way to make the trip to Mexico a success. He frankly left it up to me to make the decision. At the same time, we discussed my hopes for an extended trip through Latin America later this year, to which he has given his approval.

After weighing the matter very carefully and going over the work which we shall have to accomplish before I can make a trip south, I have come to the conclusion that I had better not take any official time out at all, during the present year for any matters other than those dealing directly with the work of this Division. My decision is principally due to the fact that we have such a small staff and the demands on us leave us practically no time for the necessary research which somehow or other has to go on. The two weeks which I would have to take out next month if I were to join your group would, in view of the fact that I am definitely authorized now to take a long trip this year, bring complications into our plans.

Please be assured that my decision is made with great disappointment to myself and that it in no way diminishes my appreciation for the thoughtfulness you have shown in considering me a competent guide for your group.

Enclosed I am sending you three letters to people in Mexico whose cooperation I know I can bespeak with the greatest confidence. Sr. Vilchis is particularly informed on labor education. Srita. Benitez was formerly employed at the Pan American Union and may be able to give you some useful hints in getting around Mexico City. Sr. March is the exceedingly able director of the Tourist Division of the Government Oil Administration.

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With kindest regards and best wishes for a successful trip, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Ernesto Galarza*

Ernesto Galarza  
Chief, Division of Labor  
and Social Information

Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Associate for Rural Education  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois



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Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

I see by your "few notes" that the Rural Council Meeting is to be quite an affair. I am delighted at the opportunity of joining your group.

I will join you on the 15th at Laredo and will plan on returning with you when the Sunshine Special leaves Mexico City on the 23rd. On the return trip I will come as far as ~~San Antonio~~. Please feel free to assign me any odd jobs prior to and during the trip.

Austin!

Cordially yours,

*George*

Geo. I. Sanchez

Professor of  
Latin American Education

GIS:dv

P. S. I didn't realize that the Sunshine Special runs through Austin! Why don't you plan to stop over <sup>with me</sup> on the return?

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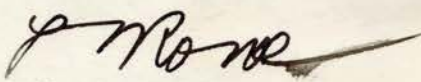
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My dear Mr. Wale:

I talked over the situation very  
fully with Mr. Galarza and he stated that  
he would like to write to you directly with  
reference to the matter. I told him that  
this was very agreeable to me. You will no  
doubt hear from him in due time.

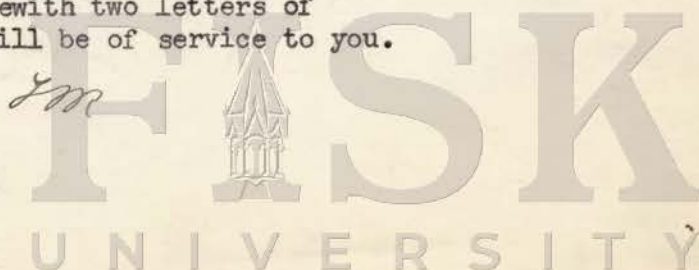
Very sincerely yours,

  
L. S. Rowe  
Director General

Mr. Fred G. Wale,  
Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago,  
Illinois.

P.S. In compliance with my promise, I have much  
pleasure in sending you herewith two letters of  
introduction which I hope will be of service to you.

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(Mexico)

January 17, 1941

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My dear friend: Your letter came this morning, and I was very happy to hear from you again and very grateful for the information you sent. The pamphlets should be here in a few days, and I will be very interested in reading them.

I did not mean to imply that the condition of the Negroes in this country and of the Indians in Mexico are like except in certain economic aspects. In this country, as you know, the Negroes are almost a social caste, and their difficulties and problems of assimilation are far greater than those of the Indians in your country. One of the things I admired most when I was in Mexico was the absence of discrimination and race consciousness which today mar all countries, including my own.

It was good to hear your voice, even though faintly, over the telephone the other day, and it was a relief to me to know that Sr. Sanchez Ponton had received my letter and is expecting our visit. However, as I said over the telephone, I will need an official reply from him, but I hesitate to write and ask for this. If you conveniently can, will you have him write me a letter saying that he is expecting us and that his Department will help us plan our time to the best advantage?

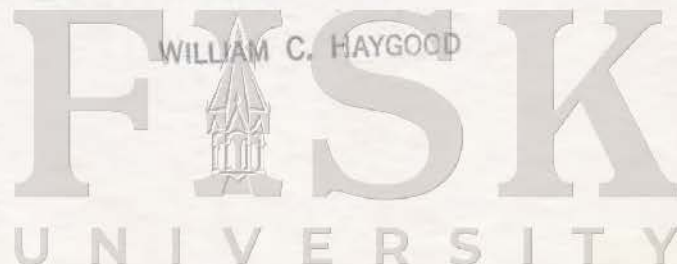
I am sure you are right about Torreon. However, since most of the people who are coming with us have schools in cotton-growing regions of the South, we feel that they would profit by studying the agricultural cooperatives and the work of the Banco Ejidal and the other social experiments being carried on in the Laguna area.

The party will probably arrive in Mexico on the morning of Thursday, February 20. As I told you over the telephone, Viola and I and two friends will be in Mexico City about the 8th or 9th. We plan to come early in order to make advance arrangements.

We too are looking forward eagerly to seeing the friends whom we never forget. I am distressed to hear that Senorita Luisa is so gravely ill. Hasta luego, my good friend.

WCH:McK

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Mexico, D. F.



# RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

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(Mexico)

January 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Thomson: On December 30 I wrote you our tentative plans for the Mexican trip which the Julius Rosenwald Fund is undertaking for a group of educators. Since I have not heard from you, and since there have been several changes in our original plans, I am writing this letter of recapitulation so that we can enlist your aid and advice, and get from you whatever letters of introduction you may think are advisable.

Our plans at present are as follows: There will be from fifty to fifty-five people in the party, including such white educators as Howard Odum, Karl Bigelow, Willard Beatty, and Edwin Embree. There will also be a number of Negro educators, including the presidents of Tuskegee Institute, Fort Valley State College (Georgia), the Mississippi Negro Training School, and Charles Johnson of Fisk University and Charles H. Thompson of Howard University. We will leave our various points of departure on February 14. A private car will be put on at Memphis to accommodate the southern members, and another at St. Louis to carry the mid-western group. Both of these will be attached to the Sunshine Special and carried to Monterey. There we will take buses for Torreon and will spend the 16th and 17th and 18th visiting schools and agricultural cooperatives in the cotton-growing region of La Laguna. We would particularly welcome advice and introductions in this phase of the trip.

On the 19th we leave Saltillo for Mexico City, and will spend the time from the 20th to the night of the 23rd visiting rural schools near the Federal District, and conferring with local educators and officials. We have in mind to go to Toluca or some other nearby town.

Our schedule for Mexico City is being prepared by Sr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, the Secretary of Education, but as yet is still tentative.

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January 17, 1941

Mr. Fred Wale, our Director for Rural Education, and I plan to leave Chicago on the 31st of this month, and will be in Mexico until the party arrives on the 16th, making the necessary preliminary arrangements. Mr. Wale was in your office this week, and discussed our project with Mr. Trueblood, and we should both very much appreciate any helpful hints or letters of introduction you could give us before we leave at the month's end. I have written to Ambassador Daniels, and he has assigned Mr. Aguirre of the Embassy to help us with our negotiations in Mexico City.

We shall be most grateful for whatever aid the Division can give us in this venture.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:McK

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. Charles Thomson, Chief  
Division of Cultural Relations  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.



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In And For Greene County, Georgia

Jan. 17, 1941.

GREENSBORO, GA.

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Your letter of the 15th relative to the changes in the plans for the Mexican trip. I was talking ~~to~~ Ed Downs today and you will receive from him a letter confirming our decision to the extra day in Mexico City, and also of entraining at Memphis instead of Little Rock. I am writing you this in order that your files might be complete.

Ed will ask the same question that I have on my mind and that is: What time shall we reach Memphis, or what time will the Car be ready there? as soon as we know this, then we can make our reservations out of Atlanta for Memphis, and from then on I understand the plans will be made so far as transportation is concerned.

I am looking for wardens with great anticipation to this trip, am reading now: Mexico: a revolution by education-Sanchez. also: The Ejido, Mexico's way out-Simpson ~~and~~ also Education and social welfare in Mexico by Watson Goodwin.

Too, this week at the local Movie they showed a March of Time film of Mexico, and I want to see it twice, it was real interesting..

Had a letter from my doctor brother, Tom, down in Panama, this week, he's fine. I wrote him since you were in Greensboro and told him you sent your regards and that you remembered him at Emory.

My best wishes,

Sincerely,

T.H. McGibony

*T.H. McGibony*

Mr. William C. Haygood,  
Secretary  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis St  
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Dr. Wm. C. Haygood  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
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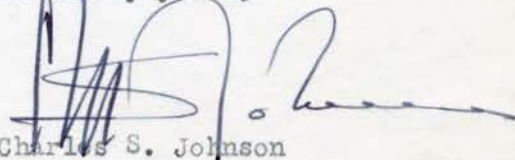
Dear Dr. Haygood:

I am noting the change in the transportation plans that will make it possible to take up the special reservations in Memphis instead of Little Rock. This, incidentally, will be of some advantage to us because Memphis is considerably nearer Nashville.

The question raised in your note of the 16th, regarding Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Grayson, I shall have to answer in this way. Mrs. Grayson is a full Fellow and prospective educational worker, and not merely one of the wives on the trip. Mrs. Johnson's status is that of a wife, and she is quite disposed to go on to Mexico City with the other wives. However, if the plans for the side trip to Torreon include any non-professional workers of her status, she expressed the desire to go along. The reservations can be made in the spirit of the original memorandum covering the trip. Such minor qualification as might appear is due to the fact that she does not yet know what wives are accompanying the party, on the one hand, and, in spite of her non-professional status, she is involved in some local and national educational work. With these remarks you should be able to complete your arrangements.

This can be said definitely, that the five of us from Nashville plan to return to Memphis on Sunday night, February 23rd.

Sincerely yours,

  
Charles S. Johnson

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Greensboro, Georgia.  
January 17th, 1941.

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Mr. William C. Haygood,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue;  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15th concerning several changes in plans for the Mexican trip.

I talked with Mr. McGibony this morning, and would like to advise you that he and I will make our plans to fit in with your schedule,- that is, to stay over in Mexico City an additional day.

You state in your letter that the southern members of the Council will join a private car at Memphis instead of Little Rock. Of course this meets with our approval, as it would be necessary for us to go through Memphis on our way to Little Rock, but we will appreciate your advising us what time this train leaves Memphis, in order that we may make our plans accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

*E. H. Downs*

E. H. Downs,  
Dist. RR Supervisor

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RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM  
Council Htg  
Mexico

January 17, 1941

Dear Doctor Odum: I am delighted to hear from Mr. Embree that you will be able to join the Council on Rural Education on its proposed trip to Mexico.

Mr. Embree has sent you, I believe, the several pages of schedule and instruction. There have been a few changes in our plans which you will need to know. First, we have decided that because of the small amount of time for conferences we had best stay over in Mexico an additional day. Therefore, the party will not be leaving Mexico City until the night of Sunday, February 23. I hope that this does not conflict with your schedule in any way. Second, at the request of the southern members of the Council the private compartment car is being made available in Memphis rather than in Little Rock. This car will leave Memphis to join the Sunshine Special at 10:30 p.m. Friday night, February 14. On the return trip the chartered Pullman will leave the Sunshine Special at Little Rock and be routed back to Memphis.

To facilitate making reservations for the group we need to know the answers to a few questions. (1) We are assuming that you will be joining the Sunshine Special at Memphis - is this correct? (2) Will you want us to make a reservation for you on the chartered Pullman returning from Mexico City Sunday night, February 23? Reservations must be made soon, so I would appreciate your letting us know your plans as soon as possible.

If you have questions about the trip, please write me. We shall look forward to some good visits during the trip.

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Sincerely yours,

Dr. Howard W. Odum  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Mr. William C. Haygood,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

In response to your letter of January 16, may I say, first, that Mrs. Beatty definitely will not accompany me to Mexico if I am able to go.

Second, while I still hope that I may be part of your party, I have just received word that the beginning of our budget hearings before the Appropriations Committee of the House has been postponed until around the tenth or twelfth of February. I shall make an effort to have the Education items heard first, but I think you will recognize that my obligation to be present at the hearings whenever they may be held takes precedence over any desires I may have to take part in the trip of the Committee on Rural Education. You probably realize that we in the executive departments have no control over the fixing of hearings but must respond to the call of Congress.

This is not very helpful to you, I realize, and I shall notify you as soon as I know myself what will be possible. If such an indefinite reply is embarrassing to you in any way because of the difficulty of holding reservations against uncertainty, just cancel my name from the list of those going to Mexico. Please let me know what you finally decide, however, for if this is done, and I can understand why you should do it, I will not make any effort to see that our hearings are changed to suit my convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Willard W. Beatty*  
Willard W. Beatty,  
Director of Education.

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(Mexico)*

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. January 20, 1941

Mr. William C. Haygood  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

I held up answering hoping that I just could make my plans so as to join your group on the Mexican trip but I am sorry I just cannot make it. I regret this not only for my own sake but also for Mrs. Comer's.

I am sure you are going to have a delightful visit and a well worth while one too and I hope for better luck next time you plan something as delightful as this.

Donald Comer

Yours very truly

*Donald Comer*

*Just  
Wick*

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*Coahuila  
(Mexico)*

Torreón, Coah.,  
January 21, 1941

Sr. William C. Haygood,  
Secretary  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago Illinois. U. S. A.

It was in my capacity of director of education in the Laguna area that your letter of January 13 reached me, informing me of the intention of your honored institution to visit this region in company with a group of teachers of your country, to study our educational and social methods. I regret that the time that you have to visit this region will be so short, since in two days it will be possible only to obtain some verbal information about our work, although you may be able to learn something of the nearby schools which we have been building with the aid of the rural dwellers.

I have taken a note of the date that you will arrive in this city, so that I can assign a commission which will meet you, and I, in accordance with your wishes, will make out a schedule which will enable you to use your short time to the best advantage.

I am sure that the Secretary of Education, Mr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, will view with pleasure your visit, and will instruct us to serve you in the best possible manner.

Sincerely yours,

THE FEDERAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
IN THE LAGUNA REGION

(Signed)

Prof. Jose Reyes Pimentel







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ASUNTO: Relativo a la visita que practicarán  
a esta Comarca.

Torreón, Coah., a 21 de enero de 1941.

Sr. William C. Haygood,  
Secretario de la Asociación  
"Julius Rosenwald Fund".  
4901 Ellis Avenue.  
Chicago Illinois. E. U.A.

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Fue en poder de la Dirección Federal de Educación en la  
Región Lagunera, la atenta comunicación que se sirve dirigirme con  
fecha 13 de los corrientes en la cual me informa de los deseos de  
esa H. Institución para hacer una visita a esta Comarca en compa-  
ña de un grupo de maestros de ese País, para estudiar nuestros mé-  
todos tanto pedagógicos como sociales.

Lamento que el tiempo de que ustedes disponen para el--  
citado estudio sea tan corto, toda vez que en dos días solo sería  
posible que obtuvieran algunas informaciones verbales de nuestro  
trabajo, procurando también que conozcan las escuelas más cercanas  
que hemos venido edificando con la ayuda de los campesinos en el  
medio rural.

De todas maneras tomo nota de la fecha en que llegarán a  
esta ciudad, para designar oportunamente una comisión que los atien-  
da, y el suscrito, de acuerdo con ustedes, formulará el itinerario  
más adecuado para que aprovechen su breve estancia en esta entidad  
con el mayor éxito.

Estoy seguro que el C. Secretario de Educación Pública,  
Lic. Luis Sánchez Pontón, verá con agrado la visita de ustedes y  
nos ordenará atenderlos en la mejor forma posible.

Atentamente.

EL DIRECTOR FEDERAL DE EDUCACION  
EN LA REGION LAGUNERA.

Prof. José Reyes Pimentel.



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January 21, 1941

Mr. Edwin R. Embree  
President, Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

I need not say that I was more than glad to get your wire. I shall, of course, make every effort to join your Council on Rural Education on its trip to Mexico. While I have several commitments in the period that you name, I can clear all of these except one. That I am sure I should not cancel.

It is for the 24th at Atlantic City presenting to the Association of School Administrators the final theses for adult education. This was started two years ago. Last year Lyman Bryson presented his theses which seven of us analyzed, attacked, and modified, and they have now been whipped into final shape. At that time the Association asked me to build upon Lyman's theses my own and to round out the picture so that we might have a continuing, broad-gauge policy for adult education. I have prepared these and I am to present them on the 24th with a panel of seven men analyzing, attacking, and modifying them.

Would it, therefore, be possible for me to leave the Rural Education Council trip on the 23rd and fly back to Atlantic City in time for this session without either curtailing whatever contribution I can make to the deliberations of the Council or losing the total benefits myself?

I deeply appreciate the invitation and hope it can be worked out and I await with keen interest your letter outlining the trip, its personnel, and purposes--particularly I look forward to better acquaintance with you.

Yours cordially,

*Malcolm S. MacLean*

Malcolm S. MacLean  
President

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1941

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My dear Mr. Haygood:

I regret that the pressure of work has prevented me from giving you an earlier answer to your interesting letter of December 30, 1940 which refers to the proposal of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to take the Rural School Council to Mexico during February.

I believe your best course for the establishment of correspondence with the proper local authorities in Mexico would be to get in touch as soon as possible with Mr. Pierre de L. Boal, Counselor of the American Embassy at Mexico City, and Mr. Julian L. Pinkerton, American Consul at Torreón, Coahuila.

I trust that these gentlemen will be able to assist  
you

Mr. William C. Haygood, Secretary,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.





you, and shall be interested to learn of the results of  
the trip.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles A. Thomson*

Charles A. Thomson  
Chief  
Division of Cultural Relations

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

TEACHERS COLLEGE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK

Coun Inty  
(Mexico)

January 22, 1941

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Mr. Fred G. Wale  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wale:

I have had no letter from Mr. Embree as yet, but I assume that our conversation in New York constitutes a definite agreement. I have cancelled arrangements in Atlantic City, and will go and return by rail.

It is my plan to leave New York January 28th, to go via Jacksonville, New Orleans, San Antonio (the rail cost that way is the same, \$129.55 round-trip) and to meet you in Mexico City on Monday, February 10th. If I can be helpful in any contacts or arrangements there, I shall gladly do what I can. I'll plan to stay through the meetings and to return on the train leaving at 8:20 p. m. Sunday evening via St. Louis.

Since my travelling early necessitates special arrangements, I shall care for purchasing the tickets and submit to you a bill based on only the cost to you if I had gone with the rest of your party.

Yours sincerely,

*Goodwin Watson*

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Cow mty  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Bond: I am enclosing a revised schedule of the Mexican trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

You will notice that there is a two-day trip out of Mexico City mentioned in the schedule. Will you let us know whether Mrs. Bond would like to join the party on that trip.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to Memphis. Yours and Mrs. Bond's complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from Memphis will be sent to you shortly. We will buy Mrs. Bond's ticket and bill you for it later. It is essential that we know at once if you intend to drive to Memphis since this will ~~not~~ naturally affect the purchase of rail tickets.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

WCH:RW

Sincerely yours,

Mr. J. Max Bond  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

P.S. We still do not have written confirmation that you and Mrs. Bond will be returning in the private car on the night of Saturday, the 22nd. When you write me this, will you also tell me whether you and Mrs. Bond and Doctor Patterson will leave from Tuskegee or



RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Inty  
Mexico

January 23, 1941

Dear Miss Sellers: Since it is necessary for us to make definite arrangements with the rail roads and hotels in Mexico, we are wondering if you could let us know by return mail whether it will be possible to be a member of the Rural Council's trip to Mexico.

I am enclosing a revised schedule of the trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad companies we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. As you know, we are reserving space for you from Memphis to Mexico City. You are to make your own arrangements, however, from Martin to Memphis. In your case, we shall buy your rail ticket, and Pullman ticket from Memphis to Mexico City and bill you for their cost. These tickets will be sent to you shortly. It is essential that we know at once if you intend to drive to Memphis since this will naturally affect the purchase of rail tickets.



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If you have a guest going with you on the trip, we would like to know as early as possible whether or not the guest will plan to be with us on the two-day trip mentioned in the enclosed schedule.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Miss Josie B. Sellers  
Fessenden Academy  
Martin, Florida



RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mty  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Reddix: Because of the many details which have to be settled at once with the railroads and hotels, I am wondering if you could let us know either by wire or return airmail whether Miss McAllister will be a member of the group going to Mexico. In this letter to you I am enclosing a duplicate letter of instructions for Miss McAllister in case she will be with us.

You will notice from the revised schedule enclosed that several important changes have been made in the trip. Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to Memphis. Your complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from Memphis will be sent to you shortly. It is essential that we know at once if you intend to drive to Memphis since this will naturally affect the purchase of rail tickets.



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If you have a guest going with you on the trip, we would like to know as early as possible whether or not the guest will plan to be with us on the two-day trip mentioned in the enclosed schedule.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Jacob L. Reddix  
Jackson College  
Jackson, Mississippi

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Beatty: I am sorry that it is not possible for Mrs. Beatty to join the group. We have taken her from our list for reservations. I am sorry, too, that there is a possibility that you may not be able to make the trip. As you know, we must make definite arrangements with the railroad and with the Mexican hotels. Because you cannot say with any exactness whether or not you will be going with us, I wonder if we could work out an arrangement like this:

Upon the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from home cities to Mexico City for Council members. If you decide at the last moment that you can go, could you buy your own rail ticket and bill us for its cost. We will reserve Pullman space for you from St. Louis to Mexico City and return to St. Louis (on February 22). Then if it turns out that you cannot be with us, a wire on Thursday, February 13, will be sufficient time for us to cancel the space. You will make your own Pullman reservation from Washington to St. Louis. When you arrive in St. Louis, if you will look around in the station for Jim Simon he will give you your reservation for the remainder of the trip. Of course if you know definitely within the next week that you can come, let us know and we will send your complete rail ticket and Pullman space from St. Louis to Mexico City.

I am enclosing a revised schedule of the trip. You will notice that several important changes have been made. Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torraon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday,



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the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Willard W. Beatty  
Office of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Bond: I do not want to seem to heckle you, since I know you have had many things to consider in connection with the Mexican venture. However, will you let us know just as soon as you decide your plans definitely if you want us to get plane tickets for you? We must know soon, so that reservations and tickets can be gotten.

You will note in the revised schedule I am including that the trip to Torreon has been eliminated and that the party will be disbanding Saturday night, the 22nd, rather than Sunday the 23rd, as previously reported. These changes have been necessary because of the difficulty in arranging proper travel and hotel accommodations. Since these changes will make it necessary for you to fly directly to Mexico City to join the party, we are enclosing a revised plane schedule and prices. If this increases the cost of air travel too much, it may be possible for you to fly to the border and take a train down and join us a day later. In any event, will you let us know as soon as you can?

Sincerely,

WCH:McK

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. Horace Mann Bond  
Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia

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Revised plane schedule Chicago - Mexico City - New York

Leave Chicago	8:55 p.m.
Arrive Mexico City	12:35 noon

This means that if you leave Chicago Sunday night, February 18, you will be in Mexico City Monday noon, the 17th. According to the revised schedule of the Council you will arrive just half a day after the group.

The return schedule remains as in letter of January 14.

The additional flying will bring the cost of plane travel slightly higher.

Mexico City to Brownsville	\$42.00		42.00
Brownsville to New York	110.60	less 15%	\$94.01
Chicago to Brownsville	74.85	less 15%	63.62
Brownsville to Mexico City	42.00		<u>42.00</u>
			\$241.63

Although you cannot get a 15% discount from the border of this country to Mexico City, by purchasing a round trip ticket from Brownsville to Mexico City, you may get 10% off the \$84 for that round trip flight (less 10% 8.40)

Total plane cost	<u>\$233.23</u>
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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Intz  
(Mexico)

January 25, 1941

Dear Mr. McGibony: I am enclosing a revised schedule of the Mexican trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to Memphis. Your complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from Memphis will be sent to you shortly. It is essential that we know at once if you intend to drive to Memphis since this will naturally affect the purchase of rail tickets.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

I am impressed by the studiousness with which you have taken this trip and we will probably be calling on you to supplement the guide. Thank you for remembering me to Tom. I have often thought of him since our days at Emory.

WCH:RW

Mr. T. H. McGibony  
Board of Commissioners Roads  
and Revenues  
Greensboro, Georgia

Sincerely yours,

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mty  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Doctor Alexander: I am sending herewith  
a revised schedule of  
the Mexican trip. You will note that we have  
eliminated the trip to Torreon in Northern Mexico,  
which was discussed previously. This elimination  
was necessary because of difficulties involved  
in getting proper rail connections and other proper  
accommodations.

We are all hoping that  
you are going to be a fellow traveler. If you do  
decide within the next week, will you let us know  
at once, so we can buy a rail ticket and send it  
to you?

Sincerely,

WCH:McK

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Dr. W. W. Alexander  
The Cosmos Club  
Washington, D. C.

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RURAL SCHOOL"  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Lloyd: I am sending you herewith a revised schedule of the trip to Mexico. We had originally planned to visit Torreon in Northern Mexico, but because of difficulties of travel and accommodations, we have decided to go directly to Mexico City for the entire week of February 17 to 22.

I am hoping that plane arrangements will work out satisfactorily, and that we will be hearing from you soon on this score. I assume that Mr. Embree has told you that we will pay the equivalent of first-class rail travel back to the United States, and that you will pay the plane fare above this. We can buy your plane ticket to and from the border at a fifteen percent discount, and will be happy to do so as soon as we hear from you.

Sincerely,

WCH:McK

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. Lloyd Warner  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Eason: Mr. Vandiver has written us saying that the Department will not be able to defer Mr. Travis' expenses to Mexico. I take it that this letter signifies that Mr. Travis will not be going with us. However, I would like to have an immediate confirmation since this will make some difference in arrangements. I am indeed sorry that our budget will not permit us to ask additional people.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:McK

Mr. P. H. Eason  
State Department of Education  
Jackson, Mississippi

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Sent also to: ✓ Walter D. Cocking  
✓ E. H. Downs  
✓ Charles H. Thompson  
✓ William H. Grayson  
✓ Fred McCuiston  
✓ Charles S. Johnson  
✓ M. C. Dixon  
✓ Clifton R. Jones  
✓ George Sanchez

✓ Doak S. Campbell  
✓ D. F. Folger (for 5 West Ga.)  
✓ Florence Alexander  
✓ Louis Rathes  
✓ M. E. Thompson  
✓ F. D. Patterson  
✓ P. H. Easom

## RURAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

January 23, 1941

✓ Dear Mrs. Duncan: I am enclosing a revised schedule of the Mexican trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to Memphis. Your complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from Memphis will be sent to you shortly. It is essential that we know at once if you intend to drive to Memphis since this will naturally affect the purchase of rail tickets. @

If you have a guest going with you on the trip, we would like to know as early as possible whether or not the guest will plan to be with us on the two-day trip mentioned in the enclosed schedule.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

WCH:RW

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Catherine Duncan  
Fort Valley State College  
Fort Valley, Georgia





RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Vandiver: Your letter of January 16 has come while Mr. Wale is out of the office. We are all indeed sorry that no funds can be found in the department to include Mr. Travis in the Council on Rural Education's trip to Mexico. As you can understand, our budget for this trip has had to be rather carefully drawn and the selection of members has been limited in advance so that it will not be possible for us to defray the expenses of any one else. We all regret that Mr. Travis will not be with us on this trip.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. J. S. Vandiver  
State Superintendent of Public Education  
Jackson, Mississippi

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Metz  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Friend: Since my last letter to you we have made changes in our plans along the lines which you suggested. Since the time we have is so short, we have decided that our group of educators will not visit Torreon but will come directly to Mexico City and spend a full week there.

Our party will therefore arrive on the morning of February 17 and will remain until the night of February 22. We plan on Wednesday and Thursday of that week to make a two-day trip to Toluca or Puebla or one of the other provincial towns which you and Mr. Sanchez Ponton may suggest. I think this is a much more sensible arrangement since it will give us sufficient time for more prolonged visits and conferences. I am writing Mr. Luis Sanchez Ponton of the change in our plans. However, it will be several days before I can get a letter to him translated into proper Spanish. Will you be good enough to telephone his office and inform him of this change? I am still anxiously awaiting a formal acknowledgement and invitation from him.

Today is very gloomy and depressing and it seems incredible that in two weeks we will be in your land of sunshine and perpetual spring.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Joaguin Diaz Mercado  
Bibliotecario  
Biblioteca Libero-Americana  
Palacio de Bellas Artes  
Mexico, D. F.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

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Washington, D. C.,  
January 23, 1941.

*Coun Int*  
*(Mexico)*

Mr. Fred G. Wale,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Wale:

Pursuant to our recent conversation in  
this Embassy, I take pleasure in sending you herewith  
two letters of introduction addressed to the Secretary  
of Public Education of Mexico and to the Mayor of the  
City of Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico, respectively.

Hoping that you will meet with great success  
in your trip, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*Luis Quintanilla*  
Luis Quintanilla,  
Minister Plenipotentiary.

Enc. Two letters.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council Mtg

January 23, 1941

Dear Doctor Watson: I am very happy to send this letter as an official invitation to you to be a member of the party which is visiting rural schools in Mexico. Mr. Wale has already given you an outline of our plans and purposes. Further information is contained in the letter from Mr. Haygood herewith.

It is a great satisfaction to us all to have you as a member of this year's Rural Council. I am sure you will add greatly to our deliberations.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Dr. Goodwin Watson  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York City

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council mtg  
(Mexico)

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. MacLean: I am writing to confirm Mr. Embree's telegraphed invitation to you to be a member of the Mexican trip of the Council on Rural Education. I am also enclosing a schedule which will tell you the essential facts about the trip.

There are, however, one or two questions which we should like to have answered at once in order to make proper rail and Pullman reservations. The first is whether you accept the invitation and whether you plan to return in the private compartment car leaving on the night of the 22nd.

The railroad people tell us that it will be more convenient for you to join the party at St. Louis and we should like to have you confirm this. As soon as we hear definitely we will purchase a round trip rail ticket and send it to you, along with your Pullman space from St. Louis to Mexico City. Your Pullman fare and reservation from Hampton to St. Louis will have to be taken care of by you, to be repaid later by the Fund.

If you plan to bring a guest with you, we should know this fact immediately.

We are all hoping that you will be able to be with us on what promises to be a most pleasant and instructive bit of mobile pedagogy.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Malcolm MacLean  
Hampton Institute  
Hampton, Virginia

P.S. Since the above was dictated, your letter to Mr. Embree has come in. We are happy to make all arrangements for you

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page two - *Malcolm MacLean*

going down and sorry that we will lose you on the return trip. Unfortunately our budget is set up so that we can only offer you the equivalent of the cost of rail transportation, so that we must ask that you make up the difference between the air passage and first class rail passage back. The plane from Mexico City to New York is \$152, and if we purchase the ticket for you we can get a 15 per cent reduction on this fare from the border of this country. The return rail fare would amount to about \$80, so that the cost to you would be in the neighborhood of \$50 or \$60. If this is agreeable to you and if you want us to make plane reservations and purchase the ticket for either the 22nd or the 23rd, please let us know at once.

Below is a plane schedule from Mexico City to New York City:

Leave Mexico City	8:30 a.m.
Arrive Brownsville, Texas	11:15 a.m.
Leave Brownsville	12:10 noon
Arrive Dallas, Texas	4:30 p.m.
Leave Dallas	8:38 p.m.
Chicago	11:37 p.m.
Philadelphia	6:31 a.m.
New York City	7:22 a.m.

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RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

*Cona mty  
(Mexico)*

January 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Watson: A formal invitation is being sent you by Mr. Babree in this mail. I am enclosing a schedule which will give you the salient points about the trip.

You will notice that some changes have been made in the plans which Mr. Wale probably discussed with you. Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been regretfully eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for a full week of visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than Sunday, the 23rd. We are accordingly making arrangements to have you accompany the party leaving Mexico at 8:20 Saturday evening, February 22. Since this car will be detached from the Sunshine Special at Little Rock and routed to Memphis, it will be necessary for you to change to a regular Pullman at this point. We will make reservations for you as far as St. Louis, if you wish. We are assuming that you will purchase your own round trip rail ticket and will bill us for the total cost of your transportation.

Mr. Wale and I will be leaving here on January 31 for Mexico and should be in Mexico City about the 9th. I do not know whether he and you discussed how we could meet in Mexico City after the 10th. And so, since we do not know what hotel we will be stopping at, I am suggesting that you leave word where you can be reached with Joaquin Diaz Mercado, librarian of the Biblioteca ~~Libero~~-Americana, Palacio

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de Bellas Artes, and we will do likewise. This may be superfluous since you and Mr. Wale may have agreed on a meeting place already.

If you have any further questions about the trip or if these instructions are not all clear, please do not hesitate to write. We all are very happy that you will be a member of the group.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Goodwin Watson  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York City





RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Council mtg  
(Mexico)

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January 24, 1941

To Members of Council on Rural Education:

We are sending you herewith two copies of the blanks which you must fill out for entry papers into Mexico. Please fill them out and return both blanks to us promptly.

The immigration officials in Chicago say that it would be well to carry such personal papers and documents as would assist the immigration inspector to determine the fact that one is a citizen of the United States. The best possible identification, of course, would be a birth certificate or old passport. If you do not have either of these, an affidavit signed by an older brother or sister, a parent, or a close relative would do very well.

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:RW

## MISSOURI PACIFIC LINES

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give Name in Full - No Initials) (Surname)

Mother's Maiden Last Name (Married Women give their own Maiden Last Name

besides Husband's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City & State) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Status (Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced) \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Trip (Business or Pleasure) \_\_\_\_\_

Railroad Ticket--Destination in Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_

Selling Line \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Office \_\_\_\_\_ Form and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time Intended to Stay in Mexico, from \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Entry to Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Return to U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tourist Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE - CHILDREN UNDER Fifteen (15) years of age are not required to have a tourist card. However, their names and ages should be mentioned, in order that they may be included in the mother's or father's card, on space provided on back of card.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Greenboro Ga  
Jan 24, 1941 JW 27 Super

(Mexico)

Dear Fred,

Had letter from Mr. Haggard this morning. Which I have answered for Hamp also.

Don't forget in the reservations etc that Hamp and I will be traveling together - That is baggage + etc

I talked to Kope a few minutes ago and he is to follow up on the Summer school proposition for me - I'm leaving tomorrow for New Orleans.

You can reach me until Feb. 6, at Gray Hotel. N.O. if you should like to -

Looking forward in seeing you on the trip

Sincerely  
Ed Howard  
Dist RR Super

RURAL SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

Coun Mtg  
(Mexico)

January 24, 1941

Dear Mr. Bigelow: I am enclosing a revised schedule of the Mexican trip. You will note that several important changes have been made.

Because of the difficulties in arranging proper schedules and accommodations, the side trip to Torreon has been eliminated and the Council will proceed directly to Mexico City for all of its visits and conferences. Furthermore, because of the time saved by this elimination, the Council will disband on the evening of Saturday, February 22, rather than on Sunday, the 23rd, as previously reported. The private compartment car will thus leave Mexico City on Saturday night.

Another important change to be noted is that on the advice of the railroad company we are buying here in Chicago round trip railroad fares from your home city to Mexico City. This means that your railroad fare will be taken care of by us but that you will provide your own Pullman reservation and fare from your home to St. Louis. Your complete rail ticket, together with Pullman or compartment assignment from St. Louis will be sent to you shortly. In your case we will purchase a one-way rail ticket from Washington to Mexico City since you will return to this country by plane. Are we right in assuming that you still plan to make the trip in this manner. If your plans have been changed, please let us know at once.

If any points in this letter are not entirely clear or if you have further questions to ask, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

WCH

WCH:RW

Mr. Karl Bigelow  
Commission on Teacher Education  
American Council on Education  
744 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

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