

Translation

COMITE CULTURAL ARGENTINO

Mr. Dudley Fosdick
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Esteemed Colleague:

I am pleased that you heard from our beloved friend, Dr. Emile Schaub Koch, and that he has proposed such eminent names as those mentioned in your letter of July 27, in order to draw up - under my direction - the articles of the Pact. Fortunately, all are friends of mine and, at the same time, active members of the Argentine Cultural Committee. As a matter of fact, if I did not think of them as Presidents of the "Pact", it was because I assumed that you already had other candidates. I would like you to know that all members of the Committee (more than 3000) are automatically active elements of the "Pact", since there is made available to all the communications and pamphlets pertaining to the "Pact".

Now then, authorized and delegated by you, I will consult with the friends referred to, to find out if they wish and can commit themselves to organize and preside over a Committee of the "Pact" in their respective countries.

I will advise you of whatever reply or plan I may receive.

I am greatly honored that you entrust me with such pleasant but enormous responsibility. And I say enormous because I belong to hundreds of cultural and educational institutions, which take up all my time; it will be necessary for the day to be a month long, in order to enable me to attend to the large amount of communications coming from all countries.

Nothing at this moment, however, is as important as the mission of the great crusade in favor of the spiritual unity, the fraternity, and the peace, which are the aims of this committee.

"There where is Culture there is Peace". Therefore, we are doing everything that the words and thoughts of the "beloved Leader" may be in every one's blood, nerve, soul, and heart.

I am thanking you in advance for the book "Himalayas: Abode of Light", which you say you have sent me, and want you to consider me always your devoted and sincere friend.

signature

Rodrigo de Lara

Buenos Aires, August 5, 1948

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Bolivar 608, Buenos Aires, Rep. Argentina

September 29, 1948

Senor
Dudley Fosdick, Chairman
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My dear friend:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your long and substantial letter of the 9th inst., dealing with the meticulous study with my friend and colleague, Senor Albuerne, in order to find out at what practical results we can arrive, in view of the very special circumstances that we are confronted with and with the grave dangers that are threatening humanity.

I shall inform you in due time of what has been accomplished.

With this motive in mind, I remain your devoted and true friend.

RODRIGO de LARA

November 25, 1948

Mr. Dudley Fosdick, Chairman
Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace Committee
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Very dear friend:

I ratify Don Jose Albuerne's letter from the 13th November. I agree with him in every respect.

My particular friend, Don Atilio Garcia Mellid, Ambassador of the Department of Foreign Affairs and General Director of Culture finds the "Plan" very interesting but considers the report of our Embassy at Washington indispensable. I hope you have performed some steps in that way. Albuerne's letter makes me think so. There are fundamental reasons that compel us to wait for that information. It is the only way to make our "Plan" transcendental.

In reference to your letter of the 28th October, I suppose you know that Mr. Edouard Tourinho accepted the Presidency of the Pact at Brasil.

About Mr. Santiago Gastaldi I can say that he engaged himself to constitute the Chapter of the "Pact" at the Uruguay.

It is stated that the Chapters of two countries, Brasil and Uruguay are in the way of being organized. The first under Mr. Edouard Tourinho's presidency and the second under Santiago Gastaldi's.

That is what must be in accordance with your feeling.

May your meeting with the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic be successful. From him would depend the possibility of performing the Congress of the Roerich Pact in our Country.

I gladly convey to you Mr. Albuerne's kind greetings,
and remain

Very truly yours,

F. RODRIGO De LARA

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Buenos Aires, Dec. 6, 1948

Senor Dr. Dudley Fosdick
Presidente del Roerich Pact and
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Highly esteemed colleague and friend:

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the letter of Dr. Emirto de Lima, beloved friend, who accepts the Presidency and organization of the "Pact" in Columbia.

I consider this one of the best acquisitions that we have made in favor of the "Pact".

Outside of his duties as Consul of Honduras and Liberia, Dr. Emirto de Lima is active in numerous scientific, artistic and literary institutions of universal renown.

I request that Dr. Dudley Fosdick confirm the appointment as President to Dr. Emirto de Lima, that he furnish him with most complete data (documentation) and that, in the future, he deal with you direct, inasmuch as it will be impossible for me to maintain constant relations with all Chapters, due to the manifold activities in which I am engaged.

Nevertheless, I am always willing to intercede in whatever mission you may entrust me with.

Have you received the letter in which I confirm the one from the colleague Albuerne, with the result of the interview with my friend, Ambassador Atilio Garcia Mellid?

Have you had an interview with our Ambassador? What results have you obtained?

Submitting to you the epistolary relationship brought about with my dear friend, Dr. Emirto de Lima, I remain your loyal and devoted friend,

Rodrigo de Lara.

P.S.

Just as I am closing this letter, friend Albuerne pays me a visit and reads to me your letter to him, referring to the circumstances regarding the Argentine Ambassador, that Government, and the realization of the Assembly of the "Pact". We are giving all of it careful thought. I believe that we will find the best solution and that we will gain that which is of so much interest to all. We will study the advice that you formulate so that there may be synchronized the final action, which will benefit us greatly, since the results are Peace, which is civilization and progress.