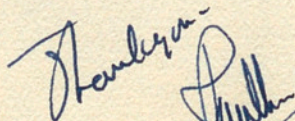


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I beg to acknowledge, with the thanks of the Foundation,
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Allen Moe", written in a cursive style.

Henry Allen Moe
Secretary General

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My principal purpose as a scholar for some years now has been to write a reasonably objective and accurate history of the Spanish Republic, 1931-9. My master's and doctoral theses, my research and the writing of several articles since the completion of my graduate work in 1952, have all been directed to this end.

I would hope to accomplish three particular tasks during a year in Spain. The first would be to study the important newspapers of the republican period; and to examine the many unpublished reports of critical events by military officials, civil governors, investigating committees of the Cortes, etc. From numerous conversations with librarians and archivists in Spain during the years 1950-52, I know that such sources are available, and that very little study has thus far been made of them.

My second aim would be to visit the sites of important battles of the Civil War: the Alcázar of Toledo, the environs of Madrid, Guadalajara, Teruel, etc. I have a reading knowledge of the events concerned, but feel that visiting the areas would contribute greatly to my equipment for writing a history, one chapter of which would summarize the major military campaigns of the Civil War.

The third purpose is to speak with Spaniards at home. From many friends and acquaintances among the émigrés in the United States, Mexico, and France I have some knowledge of the meaning of the Republic and the Civil War for these people. My acquaintance with adult Spaniards in Spain is much more

limited, but again I know from the experience of my visits in 1950-52 that there is a great deal ^{of} heartfelt reflection within Spain on the events from 1931 to 1939, and that many people of all classes and viewpoints enjoy the opportunity to discuss their memories and thoughts, indeed seem deeply touched that ^a foreign scholar should care enough about Spain to be studying the period in detail.

If I were to receive a fellowship I would take a full year's leave from my teaching, and I would spend as much of that year as possible in Spain. Such a year would, I feel, enable me to do the necessary newspaper and archival work, and to acquire further knowledge of the geography--human and physical--of Spain. Previous experience has supplied me with numerous personal contacts and with some knowledge of the problems of daily living in Spain, so that I believe a minimum of time would be required for "adjustment". Likewise, from having read widely in the field in American university libraries I know pretty well what books are available to me here; and can concentrate my full time, while in Spain, on sources that can be had only there.

Just how long it would take me thereafter to write the book will obviously depend on a number of intangibles. Assuming a satisfactory teaching situation that would leave my summers fully free to write, I think that three to five years would a fair estimate. I possess the general background knowledge for the book now; I enjoy writing as an activity; the research and writing of the last seven years will all contribute substantially to one chapter or another of the book. American library sources would be

fully adequate for me once I had done the above-indicated work in Spain.

As for "the significance of its presumable contribution to knowledge", one surely hesitates to predict the value of a book whose final form is still a few years in the future. I can only state my reasoning and my hopes.

Between 1931 and 1939 Spain underwent a cultural and political revolution more significant than any event in peninsular history since Napoleonic times. This revolution coincided with the world depression and with the developing international conflict of fascism, communism, and democracy. Iberian and all-European conflicts thus mingled, and nowhere were the crucial issues of the twentieth century more passionately debated and more bitterly fought out than in Spain.

There exists already an immense literature on the history of the Spanish Republic, almost all of it in the form of polemics, journalism, and memoirs. I hope that a book clarifying the issues and placing the events in perspective can perform an important service to scholarship, and to our general understanding of the present century. I do not claim to feel aloof from events which have aroused the partisan emotions of almost everyone dealing with them, but I have been trying for some years to build into myself certain qualifications quite aside from technical competence with research or language problems.

As a student and teacher of twentieth century European history I am trying constantly to deepen my knowledge of Catholicism, Marxism, Fascism, and the various forms of democratic capitalism which have been the main elements in combination and conflict during this century. As a student and teacher of His-

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panic history I am trying constantly to deepen my understanding of the Spanish mystical and humanist heritage; and of Catholic, republican, and leftist trends as they developed in Spain itself during the seventy or eighty years preceding the climactic events of the Republic and Civil War. I think that I have achieved real intellectual communication and personal rapport with Spaniards representing the most widely contrasting viewpoints within the struggle. Though I have not begun to write my history in anything like its final form, I hope that my published articles carry in them the evidence of a broad viewpoint and a historical rather than polemical approach to Spanish problems.