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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Several months ago Mr. Daniel Schávelson wrote you, in my name, asking for information about the manuscript of Ordóñez y Aguiar that is in your collection. Until recently he gave me a copy of your answer dated April 19.

I am making a research on the early history of the maya city of Palenque, and I found that you have in your library a copy of the Ordóñez y Aguiar manuscript. As there is also a copy -or the original- in the library of the Museo Nacional de Antropología I will like to make clear if they were both written by the same hand or if they differ in the writings. So it does not seem necessary for me to have a complete microfilm copy but with xerox copies of the first pages will be enough. I will gladly send you my opinion about your manuscript. Meantime I can tell you that the date you assign to it is very late, Ordóñez writings are several decades earlier.

The reference for the mentioned manuscript is:

Ordóñez y Aguiar, Ramón de, d.ca.1840
Historia de la Creación del Cielo y de la Tierra
conforme al Systema de la Gentilidad Americana,
Theologia de los Culebras...

Yours truly

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