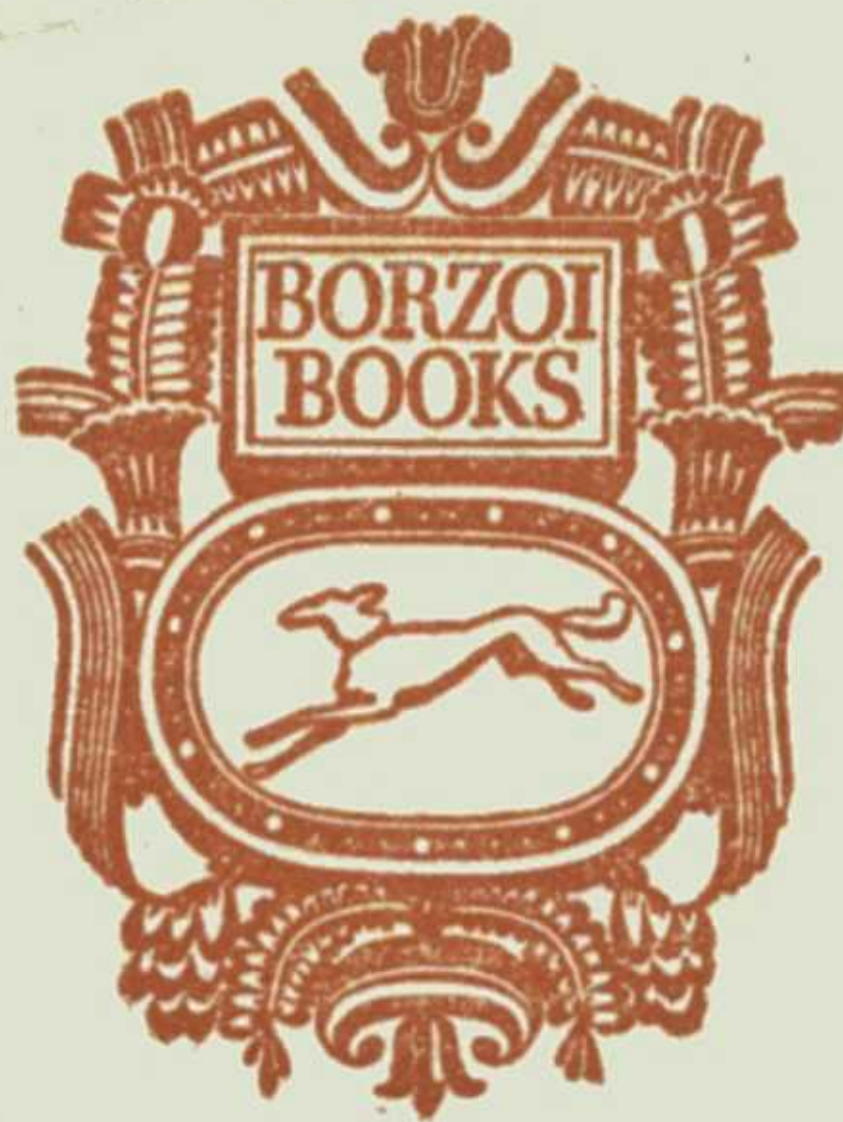


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Dear Professor Holanda:

This is just a line to acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of December 8th. I only wish you had written it earlier as it arrives now in the very middle of the most busy and confusing time of the year--a time when I cannot deal with it as I must.

If you are free for lunch either December 28th or 29th and would like to join a group of some of my historian friends, let me or my secretary Mrs. Bloch know at once by telephone. We meet at twelve fifteen sharp at the Lotos Club, 5 East 66th Street.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Alfred A. Knopf

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*Lunch arranged
for 12/29
mgt.*