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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

I am writing you for some help with regard to the History of Southwest Mission churches.

I have your address from Alfred and Margaret Cohn who are very old and dear friends of mine. In fact Jimmy and I roomed together in boarding school in 1912.

For the past few years I have been engaged in collecting photographs of Southwest Spansih Mission churches still standing in the US and some of Mexico. I have over 1500 at the present time covering Texas, New Mexico, Baja California, Arizona, Sonora and California.

Jimmy and Margaret were with me one trip into Sonora and we secured coverage of some very interesting churches. Naturally along with the pictures I want to write up the history of the churches. I am working on Texas now and in my reading have found several sources that mention 7 missions in the La Junta area and some on the Texas side. These sould surely be included in any list or account of the Texas churches but I can find very little about them not even the names or dates of founding. Dr. Bolton tells of one San Christobal and another Julimes in Texas.

I have an autographed copy of your pictorial book on the Rio Grande which I had Jimmy get for me and in your travels I thought it might be possible that you could have found some information about the Presidio area. Or on the other hand you may know of some one who could get me more information on this section.

If you could help me I would be in your debt and would be pleased to hear from you at your conveniece.

Sincerely yours,

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Maps made by Eugenio Nicolas de
En Relacion al Viaje que hizo a los ~~Lagos~~
Pueb. en Servicio Presidios Internos
photo copy in de la Frontera Septen-
trional.

big map in British newspaper 1766
map. 1771

Book