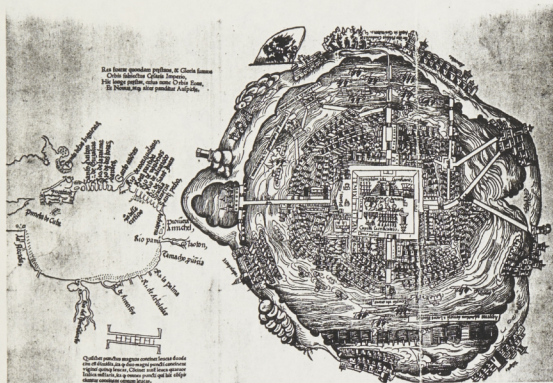




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There is much in both maps to suggest that the drawings supplied to the engraver were based on Aztec originals. Cortés, anxious to inform and impress Charles V, had sent his lieutenant Juan de Ribera in 1522 to deliver samples of Aztec *objet d'art* and treasure to the royal court in advance of a fully laden treasure ship.

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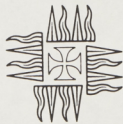
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