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SUMMARY: The collection documents the history of the Jesuit missions in Mexico. Letters by the padres, the Visitador Alvaro Flores de Sierra, and military leaders discuss the Seri Indian attacks on the missions and the need for military protection. Documents addressed to Juan de Yturberoaga, Procurador of the Province of New Spain, concern the distribution of supplies to the missions and their administration. Material also describes the difficulty of transporting cattle in the region.

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Scope and Contents

This collection of 154 documents spans the dates November 8, 1671 through December 18, 1749. The documents were created in various sites throughout Sonora and Sinaloa, Mexico, and in Arizona. They comprise 289 pages and fall into three related groups. The first group (entries 1 through 16 on the list) consists of 16 letters by various Jesuit missionaries, by the Visitador Alvaro Flores de Sierra, and by military leaders. They were written between November 8, 1671 and December 22, 1672 and are arranged chronologically. The letters concern recent attacks by the Seri Indians on Jesuit missions and villages and discuss the need for improved military protection.

The second group of manuscripts consists of 119 letters and documents addressed to Juan de Yturberoaga, Procurador of the Province of New Spain, concerning the distribution of supplies to the Jesuit missions as well as other administrative matters. The letters, which were written between December 5, 1707 and September 30, 1710 are arranged in alphabetical order by author. They are described in entries 17 through 49.

The third group of manuscripts consists of 19 letters written between October 23 and December 18, 1749. In the letters, various authors describe the problem of Seri attacks on the missions and settlements. The first document in the group (entry 50) describes in detail the many obstacles to transporting cattle in the region. The letters are arranged in alphabetical order by author and consist of entries 50 through 65. A list of names that appear in the collection:

Abendano, Juan de

Albarado, Ygnacio de

See: Alvarado, Ignacio de

Aldrete, Florencio de

Almanza, Miguel Xavier de, 1676-1725

Almonacir, Juan de

Almonazir, Juan de
See: Almonacir, Juan de
Alvarado, Ignacio de
Alvares, Esteban
Alvares, Juan
Anaya, Juan de
Aragon, Juan Antonio de
Arias, Antonio
Astina, Antonio de
Baduinari, Lorenzo
Balthasar, Juan Antonio, 1697-1763
Bartyromo, Melchor de, 1663-
Bayerca, Fernando, 1663-1730
Bazaldua, Juan de
Benavides, Martin de
See: Venavides Martin de
Bentura Ferrer, Juan
See: Ventura Ferrer, Juan
Betancur, Juan de
Boltor, Juan
Brabo, Cristobal [?]
Buelna, Andres de
Campos, Augustin de
Canto, Luis del, 1634-1687
Castellanos, Juan de
Cortez, Jacinto
Cruz, Manuel de la
Cuellas, Quiler de
Diserino, Francisco
Egidiano, Andres
Encinas, Juan de
Estrada, Geronimo de
Estrada, Ignacio Xavier de
Estrada y Bocanegra, Antonio de

Eymer, Wenceslau, d. 1709
Fernandez Bello, Antonio
Fernandez Cabero, Juan
Fernandez Zalema, Joseph
Flores de Sierra, Alvaro, d. 1673
Garcia, Andres Xavier
Garcia, Nicolas
Garcia Ramon, Alonso
Garfias, Bernardo de
Genusque, Daniel
See: Januske, Daniel
Gilg, Adamo, 1653-
Gonzalez, Manuel, d. 1730?
Goyeneche, Juan Francisco de
Guerrero, Joseph
Guillercagh, Cornelio
Gutierrez, Bernabe Fernando
Gutierrez, Francisco
Haller, Juan Baptista
Herrera, Antonio de
Huter, Juan de
Januske, Daniel
Kappus, Marcos Antonio, 1657-1717
Kino, Eusebio Francisco, 1644- 1711
Landa, Juan Antonio
Leal, Antonio
Lizardi, Andres de
Loaysa, Baltasar Xavier de
Lopez Rendon, Joseph
Maldonado, Augustin
Mancuso, Luis
Marin, Antonio
Marino, Ignacio Maria
Marras, Daniel Angelo, 1629-1689

Mesa, Joseph de, d. 1749
Minutuli, Geronimo, 1669-ca. 1710
Miranda, Thomas
Molina, Basilio Xavier de
Montane, Juan Joseph
Montt Vio, Ambrosio Juan
Mora, Francisco Xavier de, 1662-1720
Morantes, Pedro
Moya, Sebastian de
Mungia Villela, Juan de
Nava, Diego Manuel de
Nayduri, Lorenzo
Neumann, Joseph, 1648-1732
Noriega, Francisco Xavier de
Ordaz, Manuel de
Oro, Nicolas de
Otermin, Antonio de
Palazuelos, Panta Leon de
Pallares, Joseph de
Peraza, Joseph, d. 1709
Perera, Nicolas de
Perez Arroyo, Francisco
Pistoya, Geronimo
Protho, Pedro, d. 1730
Proto, Pedro
See: Protho, Pedro
Ramirez de Castro, Matheo
Ramirez Fenorca, Atanasio
Reynaldos, Pedro
Rioja, Martin de
Rivera, Joseph Joaquin de
Rivera, Juan Honorado de
Rodriguez Gallardo, Joseph Raphael
Rojas, Carlos de, 1702-1773

Romo de Vivar, Joseph
Ruiz, Gabriel
Salas y Cortez, Pedro
San Martin, Juan de
Sanches, Thomas
Sandoval, Felipe de
Segesser, Felipe, 1689-1762
Solchaga, Thomas de
Soto, Francisco Xavier de
Soto Mayor, Andres de
Tagle de Bustamante, Francisco Antonio
Toral, Joseph, d. ca. 1763
Tovar, Manuel de
Valdes, Gregorio
Valencia Betancur, Manuel de
Vega, Bernardo de la
Venavides, Martin de
Ventura Ferrer, Juan
Villafana, Nicolas de, 1638-
Villafane, Nicolas de
See: Villafana, Nicolas de
Vitoria, Alonso de
Yling, Guillermo
Yragorri, Roque de
Yrazoqui, Juan de
Yturberoaga, Juan de
Zanuba, Aguerre [?] Geronimo
Zavala, Pedro Joseph de

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	<p>Marras, Daniel Angelo 1629-1689.</p> <p>Matape and other places [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to the Padres of the Mission of San Francisco de Borja 4p., docketed 30.5 cm. Includes six ALS by Bernabe Francisco Gutierrez, B[altas]ar Xavier de Loaysa, Alonso de Vitoria, Quiler de Cuellas, Luis del Canto, and Juan Fernandez Cabero. The authors voice their frustration at not being able to get sufficient protection against the Seri Indians and discuss the urgency of putting them down before contempt of the Spanish spreads to other tribes.</p>	1671 Nov 8-21
b. 1, f. 2	<p>Diserino, Francisco</p> <p>Pl. de Tuvaca [i.e. Tubac, Arizona] ALS to Vis[itador] Alv[ar]o Flores de Sierra 2p., docketed 31 cm. Diserino and Padre Andres Egidiano respond to points raised in a visit and/or letter of the Visitador asking that he transmit their request to the Provincial that the Captain subdue the Seris. They describe the disorder caused by the non-Christian Indians and state that the Captain's only effort at subduing them did more harm than good.</p>	1671 Nov 25
b. 1, f. 3	<p>Soto, Francisco Xavier de</p> <p>Hures [i.e. Ures, Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Daniel Angelo Marras 3p., docketed 21.5 cm. Describes violence against the Nacameri Indians on the part of the Seris and requests Marras's assistance as head of the mission. Soto says that he wants to help the Nacameris and if necessary die with them.</p>	1671 Dec 7

b. 1, f. 4	<p>Betancur, Juan de</p> <p>Sonora [Mexico] Letter to Alvaro Flores de Sierra signed by Juan de Betancur, Juan de Huter, and Cornelio Guillercagh 6p., docketed 29.5 cm. General Ramirez de Castro is mistaken concerning the efficacy of the entrada of Capt. Andres de Vuelna [i.e. Buelna]. Because there were only twelve soldiers under orders not to enter Seri country, the Seri show open contempt for them, killing Christian Indians particularly where the soldiers are, knowing they will not be followed and punished. This attitude is in danger of spreading to other tribes. Those that are barely Christian, such as the Yaqui, might revert; they have celebrated in their dances the Spaniards' fear of the Seris. The only solution is to send out the whole fort; the padres are willing to pay the expenses of the attack.</p>	1671 Dec 8
b. 1, f. 5	<p>Betancur, Juan de</p> <p>Sonora [Mexico] LS to Capt. D. Juan Francisco de Goyeneche 2p., docketed 21.5 cm. Reiterates claims he says he has already made to General Matheo Ramirez de Castro and Visitador Alvaro Flores de Sierra, that stationing a few soldiers has done more harm than good. What is needed is not a guard (<i>escolta</i>) but an <i>entrada</i>.</p>	1671 Dec 25
b. 1, f. 6	<p>Soto, Francisco Xavier de</p> <p>Hures [i.e. Ures, Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Daniel Angelo Marras 4p., docketed 30.5 cm. The Seri are depraved and perverse, with an ingrained hatred of Christianity. Because they have met with no resistance, they continue doing all the damage they want, and if not hindered, may achieve their objective of wiping out Christianity in their country. Remarks that the soldiers, whom he and Padre Cornelio Guillercagh provisioned, only served to kindle the flame higher (<i>encender mas el fuego</i>).</p>	1671 Dec 29
b. 1, f. 7	<p>Flores de Sierra, Alvaro, d. 1673.</p> <p>[Toro? Sinaloa, Mexico] ALS to the Provincial 3p., docketed 31 cm. The Seris are divided into hostile and friendly groups. The posting of soldiers has hindered dealing with either group. The presidio of Sinaloa is no more than a shadow (<i>no es mas que -- -- una sombra</i>).</p>	1672

b. 1, f. 8	<p>Goyeneche, Juan Francisco de Toapa [i.e. Tuape] Sonora [Mexico] ADS 2p., docketed 31 cm. Also signed by Andres de Buelna and Estevan Albares. [i.e. Esteban Alvares]. Numbers of troops and expenses of the entrada into Seri country.</p>	1672 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 9	<p>Romo de Vivar, Joseph San Antonion de la Natividad, Sonora [Mexico] Contemporary copy of a transcription of testimony by eight witnesses before Capt. Joseph Romo de Vivar, substituting for the Alcalde Mayor of Sonora 37p., docketed 31 cm. Describes hostile acts of the Seri Indians, and the entradas against them.</p>	1672 Jan 7-21
b. 1, f. 10	<p>Guillercagh, Cornelio Opodepe [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Daniel Angelo Marras 3p., docketed 30.5 cm. Explains the excessive expenses of the campaigns against the Seris and criticizes their ineffectiveness and even negative effect.</p>	1672 Jan 9
b. 1, f. 11	<p>Salas y Cortez, Pedro [Sonora? Mexico] ALS to his uncle Jacinto Cortez 3p., docketed 30 cm. Reports having spoken to Capt. Juan de Encinas, who had received a letter from Padre Francisco Gutierrez of Tecoripa saying that the Yaqui Indians were challenging them to war. The commander of the presidio refused to do anything unless he heard from the Padre directly, so the captain went out on his own and "punished the aggressors" who had killed many Indians. Discusses the necessity of preventing a major uprising. Also contains a letter of Jacinto Cortez, 1672 Feb 24, Torea, referring his nephew's letter to Alvaro Flores de Sierra, Visitador of the missions of Sinaloa and Sonora.</p>	1672 Feb 16
b. 1, f. 12	<p>Otermin, Antonio de Villa [Sinaloa, Mexico] ALS to Padre Visitador Alvaro Flores de Sierra 2p., docketed 30.5 cm. He does not want to send out the whole presidio in order to maintain protection for nearby settlements. He cites the Viceroy's orders not to enter Indian territory. He is willing to send some troops out and believes that one squadron should be enough.</p>	1672 Oct 6

b. 1, f. 13	<p>Flores de Sierra, Alvaro, d. 1673.</p> <p>Toro [Sinaloa, Mexico] ALS to Mi P[adre] Prov[incia] 2p., docketed 302 cm. Reports having just seen Capt. Antonio de Otermin, who gave new excuses ("and all of them really frivolous") for not having controlled the Seris. Lists other tribes that need to be subdued: Hiahaques (Yaquis?), Tecoripas, Tepaves, and Mobas.</p>	1672 Nov 1
b. 1, f. 14	<p>Flores de Sierra, Alvaro, d. 1673.</p> <p>Toro [Sinaloa, Mexico] ALS to Genl. Antonio de Otermin 2p., docketed 29 cm. Discusses warring tribes and says that the Viceroy's orders are not demanding enough to maintain the status quo; a vigorous campaign against the Seris is called for.</p>	1672 Dec 1
b. 1, f. 15	<p>Otermin, Antonio de</p> <p>Sinaloa [Mexico] LS to Padre Visitador Alvaro Flores de Sierra 2p., docketed 31 cm. His information from Sonora is that the Seris have been quiet and peaceful, and is surprised Flores says otherwise. He blames the trouble-making Indians for spreading rumors. He is following the Viceroy's orders which are to send out forces only in case of great and manifest necessity.</p>	1672 Dec 5
b. 1, f. 16	<p>Flores de Sierra, Alvaro, d. 1673.</p> <p>Toro [Sinaloa, Mexico] LS to the Captain of Sinaloa [i.e. Antonio de Otermin] 3p., docketed 31 cm. Scathing letter castigating Otermin for not doing his job in protecting the province.</p>	1672 Dec 22
b. 1, f. 17	<p>Aldrete, Florencio de</p> <p>N[uestr]a S[eno]ra del Pilar de Norogachic ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 3p., docketed 30 cm. Sends a list of supplics needed for the year and reports the deaths of Padres Wenceslas Eymer and Joseph Peraza. List signed by Aldrete and Antonio Arias.</p>	1709 Aug 24
b. 1, f. 18	<p>Almanza, Miguel Xavier de, 1676-1725.</p> <p>Sta. Maria del Populo [Sonora, Mexico]</p>	<p>1709 Jan 26</p> <p>1709 Mar 5</p>

2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga, the first accompanied by a list of supplies needed for the year 3p., addressed and docketed 31.5 cm. The list is signed by Almanza and Francisco Xavier de Mora, rector of the mission. The first letter transmits the list and specially requests an iron for baking hosts. The second letter transmits the money owed for the present year's supplies and requests that it be forwarded to Padre Marcos Antonio Kappus at Aribechi. Almanza was prevented from delivering it himself by an outbreak of smallpox.

b. 1, f. 19	Almonazir, Juan de [Sonora? Mexico] MEMORIA PARA MEXICO ... [ADS] 1 p. 30 cm. Account of supplies needed. Also signed by Pedro Protho.	1709 Jan 28
b. 1, f. 20	Alvares, Juan [Villa de Sinaloa? Oguera? Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for 1710 2p., addressed and docketed 31.5 and 21 cm. Discusses the poverty of the mission and makes a special request for medicines. Mentions an enclosure accompanying the letter from the Visitador Antonio de Herrera, but the probably does not refer to the accompanying list, which is signed by Alvares.	1709 May 5
b. 1, f. 21	Bartyromo, Melchor de, 1663- Kucurpe [i.e. Cucurpe, Sonora, Mexico]	1709 Feb 22 1709 Apr 13
	2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga, the first accompanied by a list of supplies needed for the year 3p., docketed 31 cm. Concern payments for previous year and requests for supplies including a head, hands, and garments for a "Lady of the Sorrows."	
b. 1, f. 22	Bayerca, Fernando, 1663-1730. Mision de San Miguel, Ures [Sonora, Mexico] ADS [List of supplies needed for the year] 1p., docketed 30.5 cm. Also signed by Francisco Xavier de Mora, rector of the mission.	1709 Feb
b. 1, f. 23	Castellanos, Juan de San Geronimo, Sonora? Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 1p., addressed and docketed 30 cm. Request for supplies and money.	1709pre Jul 25

b. 1, f. 24	<p>Estrada, Geronimo de</p> <p>Partido de los Remedios en la Sierra de S. Andres [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for the year 2p., docketed 31.5 cm. Has not yet received his last allotment and begs that it be expedited because the people of his area are poorer than others.</p>	1709 Apr 4
b. 1, f. 25	<p>Estrada, Ignacio Xavier de</p> <p>San Joseph de Temeychi</p> <p>2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 3p., docketed 31-31.5 cm. The first letter discusses his debt to Padre Juan Baptista Haller of Tepomera [?]. He would pay him if he had the money, but the only thing he has in abundance is want. In the second letter he is grateful for pardon of the debt, but he already paid it. Complains of his poverty and of the wealth of the Tarahumara missions like that of Padre Joseph Neuman who gives nothing to the Province although he could afford to.</p>	<p>1708 Nov 1</p> <p>1709 May 16</p>
b. 1, f. 26	<p>Gilg, Adamo, 1653-</p> <p>Matape [Sonora, Mexico] 3 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga and list of supplies needed for Matape 5p., docketed 30-30.5 cm. In the first letter he complains of being slighted by the administration in Mexico City, and asks to be transferred since they think he is useless. In a postscript he blames the "vile Atanasio Ramirez" if his previous letters have been delayed in being delivered. The other letters concern accounts and supplies, and include a request that holy paintings and stained glass windows be sent directly to the individual missions. Accompanied by: Atanasio Ramirez Fenorca letter, 1707 Dec 5.</p>	1709 Feb 5-Mar 10
b. 1, f. 26	<p>Ramirez Fenorca, Atanasio</p> <p>Mexico [City, Mexico] DS 1p., docketed 30.5 cm. Supplies delivered by Ramirez to Padre Nicolas de Villafana at Matape. Autograph signed note at bottom of page, dated 1709 Feb 14, Tecoripa, states that Villafana never paid this account.</p>	1707 Dec 5
b. 1, f. 27	<p>Gonzalez, Manuel, d. 1730?</p> <p>Movas [i.e. Mobas, Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed 2p., docketed 31.5 cm. Requests supplies for the year and complains of past service. The <i>memoria</i> is approved and signed by Pedro Protho.</p>	1709 Mar 10
b. 1, f. 28	<p>Herrera, Antonio</p>	1709 Nov 18

	Arizpe [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 2p. 30 cm. With attached note. Complains of padres who don't deliver what they promise, disputes and infighting, the difficulties of delivering supplies, and the inability of many padres to pay for them. Accompanied by an anonymous letter	1709 Nov 28
	Arizpe, to Herrera, 3p., concerning discrepancies in accounts and the need for keeping records of the sale of cattle from the missions.	
b. 1, f. 29	Januske, Daniel	1709 Feb 29
	Oposura [Sonora? Mexico]	1709 Mar 11
	ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga, with list of supplies needed for 1709 3p., docketed 21 cm. He is deeply disappointed that the black vestment he requested was not sent.	
b. 1, f. 30	Kappus, Marcos Antonio, 1657-1717. Aribetzi 3 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with lists of supplies needed 7p., docketed 31 cm. Concerning accounts and supplies. Thanks Yturberoaga for sending European newspapers and asks for spectacles for his failing eyesight.	1709 Mar 6-Apr 12
b. 1, f. 31	Kino, Eusebio Francisco, 1644-1711. N[uestr]a S[enor]a de los Dolores [Sonora, Mexico] ADS with list of supplies needed for 1709 2p. with separate docket sheet 31 cm. Also signed by Melchor de Bartyromo. Concerns accounts. Accompanied by list of the missions from which Yturberoaga received <i>memorias</i> for 1709.	1709 Feb 21
b. 1, f. 32	Kino, Eusebio Francisco, 1644-1711. N[uestr]a S[enor]a de los Dolores [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 3p., docketed 30 cm. Concerns accounts. Would like help at his mission in order to generate income for the province.	1708 Oct 20
b. 1, f. 33	Leal, Antonio	1709 Mar 4
	Quepaca	1709 Apr 7
	2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for 1709 4p., docketed 15.5-31 cm. Concerning accounts and supplies.	
b. 1, f. 34	Lizardi, Andres de Banamitzi [i.e. Benamichi, Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for the district of Babiadora [i.e. Bavicora] for 1709 3p., docketed 30-30.5 cm. Claims that his mission is not responsible for certain debts.	1709 Apr 2

b. 1, f. 35	Mancuso, Luis Sta. Maria de las Cuevas	1708 Oct 25- 1709 Sep 11
	3 ALS and 1 LS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for 1709 7p., docketed 30-31.5 cm. Regarding receipt of supplies and debt for which he disavows responsibility. Mentions that it has been seven years since he left Sicily, and reports the death of Padre Wenceslao [!] Eymer of the mission of Papigochi.	
b. 1, f. 36	Marin, Antonio Utai ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed and copy of Yturberoaga's reply 2p., docketed 31.5 cm. Regarding accounts and conflicts between rich and poor missions.	1709 May 1
b. 1, f. 37	Marino, Ignacio Maria Onapa ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed for 1709 signed by Pedro Proto 5p., addressed and docketed 21 cm. Concerns accounts, and supplies recently received from Spain.	1709 Jan 29
b. 1, f. 38	Minutuli, Geronimo, 1669-ca.1710. Tubutama [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed 2p., docketed 29.5-31.5 cm. Asks that iron implements for the Indians receive first priority in the next shipment of supplies to the mission. The list is also signed by Melchor de Bartyromo.	1709 Feb 18
b. 1, f. 39	Molina, Basilio Xavier de Laquiarachi[c?] Sonora [Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with list of supplies needed 2p., docketed 20.5-31 cm. His is the poorest mission of all Sonora; he complains about not receiving <i>limosna</i> , and the dangers of travel in the heart of enemy country.	1709 Mar 2
b. 1, f. 40	Moya, Sebastian de Santa Catalina, Sonora ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 2p. 20.5-30.5 cm. Request for supplies.	1709 Jul 22

b. 1, f. 41	<p>Neuman, Joseph, 1648-1732. Canichiqui, Sonora Letter to Juan de Yturberoaga 2p. 30.5 cm. Needs of missions, with references to Tarahumara padres Tomas de Guadalajara, Ignacio de Estrada, and Juan Bautista Haller.</p>	1709 Mar 25
b. 1, f. 42	<p>Pallares, Joseph de Acontzi 2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga with lists of supplies needed 4p. 20-32 cm. Reports that Andres de Lizardi has left mission of Bavicora and has joined Padre Antonio Leal</p>	1709 Feb 27-Apr 6
b. 1, f. 43	<p>Proto, Pedro, d. 1730. Aribetzi, Sonora ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 2p. 30.5 cm. Concerns supplies and difficulties at various missions.</p>	1709 Feb 8
b. 1, f. 44	<p>Rioja, Martin de [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 1p. 31.5 cm. He has promised twelve head of cattle to Padre Visitador Antonio de Herrera. He has no doubt that the latter, having experienced the missions first- hand, will inform the Procurador [Yturberoaga] and the Provincial as to the true condition of the missions and their wealth or lack thereof.</p>	1709 May 11
b. 1, f. 45	<p>San Martin, Juan de Batuco, Sonora 2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga 4p., 21-31 cm. Concerns supplies.</p>	1709 Mar 9 and 13
b. 1, f. 46	<p>Vega, Bernardo de la Mexico [City, Mexico] 49 documents, the first signed by Vega and the rest signed by Nicolas Garcia 52p., docketed 24.5-31 cm. Acknowledgments by the two masters of supply teams to Juan de Yturberoaga, Procurador of the Province of New Spain, of receipt of the supplies listed, for distribution to individual padres at missions in Sonora, Sinaloa, and Chihuahua.</p>	1710 Feb 12-Sep 30

b. 1, f. 47	Ventura Ferrer, Juan Saguaripa ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga, with list of supplies needed for the year 2p., docketed 31 cm. Concerns mission accounts. The list is signed by Pedro Protho.	1709 Mar 3
b. 1, f. 48	Villafane, Nicolas, 1638- [1709, Sonora, Mexico] Letter to Juan de Yturberoaga 1p., docketed 30.5 cm. Concerns supplies.	
b. 2, f. 49	Yling, Guillermo S[anta] Ines de Chinipas	1708 Dec 1709 Mar 16
	[Sonora? Mexico] 2 ALS to Juan de Yturberoaga and list of supplies needed for 1709 6p., 27-31 cm. In the first letter he makes various requests and complaints concerning supplies and debts. He asks for icons in silver and a missal bound in green or blue velvet with silver clasps. He mentions the arrival by sea of sixteen padres bound for the Phillipines and six for here, of which he asks three to be sent to his mission. In the second letter he complains that since the missions can't get supplies from the Province, they spend their money elsewhere and the money leaves the system. "If my Brother would send them what is necessary they would live grateful and there would be good money every year for the Province. Try it one year and you will see." Also mentions an epidemic.	
b. 2, f. 50	LOS MEDIOS, QUE PROPONE LA INSTRUCCION [!] PARA FACILITAR LA CONDUCCION [!] DEL GANADO DESDE SONORA AL INGENIO DE GUIMARAES ... [1749? n.p.] 4p., docketed 30.5 cm. Detailed information concerning the many obstacles to transporting cattle. According to the docket, the author is the Provincial.	
b. 2, f. 51	Mesa, Joseph de, d. 1749. LS [n.p.] 1p., 31 cm. Signed by Mesa, Juan Honorado Ribera, and Joseph Joaquin de Rivera. Notification of attack by the Seris.	1749 Nov 29
b. 2, f. 52	Miranda, Thomas Populo and Nacomeri [Sonora, Mexico] 3 ALS to Phelipe [i.e. Felipe] Segesser 3p., 30-31 cm. Outrages of the Seris and necessity of putting them down.	1749 Nov 21-Dec 7

b. 2, f. 53	<p>Montt Vio, Ambrosio Juan</p> <p>Real del Gavilan [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Pheliph Zegesser [i.e. Felipe Segesser] 2p. 30.5 cm. Letter from a settler telling of the Indian raids and fears for his family.</p>	1749 Dec 10
b. 2, f. 54	<p>Noriega, Francisco Xavier de</p> <p>Real de San Joseph de Gracia [Arizona] ALS to Phelipe [i.e. Felipe] Segesser 1p. 30 cm. Concerns five children in San Francisco, Arizona orphaned by Indian raids.</p>	1749 Dec 4
b. 2, f. 55	<p>NOTICIAS DE LOS DISTURBIOS Y ALZAM[IE]NTO DE LOS SERIS, QUE VINIERON A CARPENA EN CARTA DE SU MUJER ESCRITA EL VICARIO DEL R[EA]L DE S[AN] JOSEPH CON F[EC]HA CINCO DE DIC[IE]MBRE DE 1749.</p> <p>Real de San Joseph 2p. 21 cm. Concerns massacre by the Seri Indians at Aguape, with names of those killed.</p>	1749 Dec 5
b. 2, f. 56	<p>Perera, Nicolas de</p> <p>Acontzi and Babiacora [i.e. Bavicora, Sonora, Mexico] 2 ALS to Phelippe [i.e. Felipe] Segesser 2p. 30.5 cm. Plans for a fiesta; danger of Seri attacks.</p>	1749 Nov 30 1749 Dec 10
b. 2, f. 57	<p>Rodriguez Gallardo, Joseph Raphael</p> <p>Ures and San Miguel de Horcasitas, Sonora Statements by Felipe Segesser, signed by Joseph Rodriguez Gallardo, Juan Joseph Montane, and Juan Honorado de Rivera. 4p. 30.5 cm. Danger of Seri attacks.</p>	1749 Dec 3 1749 Dec 4
b. 2, f. 58	<p>Rodriguez Gallardo, Joseph Raphael</p> <p>San Miguel de Horcasitas, Sonora LS to Felipe Segesser 2p. 30 cm. Concerns problems he has been investigating as Visitador.</p>	1749 Nov 27
b. 2, f. 59	<p>Rojas, Carlos de, 1702-1773. [1749, Sonora, Mexico] Letter to the Visitador 1p. 20.5 cm. The padres cannot take charge of provisioning troops.</p>	
b. 2, f. 60	<p>Segesser, Felipe, 1689-1762.</p> <p>Pueblo de San Miguel de los Ures [Sonora, Mexico] AL to Joseph Raphael Rodriguez Gallardo 2p. 31 cm. Arrival of squadron of soldiers to protect against the Seris.</p>	1749 Dec 17

b. 2, f. 61	Segesser, Felipe, 1689-1762. Ures [Sonora, Mexico] ALS to Juan Antonio Balthasar 6p. 30.5 cm. Destruction by Seris and lack of protection against them. Refers to Joseph de Mesa, unaware that he had already been killed by the Seris.	1749 Dec 18
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