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Letter from the Viceroy to the King, dated Mexico 13 December 1577

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Extract from the Viceroy's letter

Catholic Royal Majesty:

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On 22 November arrived at the port of Acapulco the ship **San Juan** which came from the Islands of the West. This was for me the best news that I could come by because I was beginning to fear... This ship departed from there on 12 June and it heard from a Spaniard whom they found along the coast that a large ship had passed and with a very good time; there could not have been any other overthere than the one that I had despatched...¹

¹ Ed. note: The name of the ship that crossed Micronesia in a westward direction in 1577 is not given here. It was probably one named San Juanillo, as a ship by that name is said to have been lost on the eastward passage in 1578.