**DOCUMENT A: “Prosperity at a Price” (Modified)**

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The fiesta at Guevavi in honor of the principal feast of San Miguel, September 29, promised to be the best ever, with dancing and singing, **aguardiente**, and this year, bullfighting. It was a chance to dress up, to eat candy, to shoot off firecrackers. If construction had proceeded **apace**, San Miguel’s new church would be filled to overflowing. To his table Father Joseph invited the ***gente de razón*** for **leagues** around…

The celebration was in full swing when a native troublemaker known as Pedro Chihuahua came looking for the **Padres**. Pedro, who considered himself Luis’ right-hand man, was carrying the **baton of sergeant major** of the Pima [O’odham] nation, apparently granted to him by the [Spanish] governor of Sonora without the missionaries’ knowledge. A dispute arose. Either [Father] Garrucho suggested that the **haughty** Pedro was not authorized to parade around Guevavi with his baton, or he grabbed the baton away and ridiculed the Indian before the assembled crowd, **snarling** that if Pedro set foot in Guevavi ever again he would be rewarded with a hundred **lashes**…

In November Father Garrucho rode out to Arivaca to hear the confession of a sick woman. He heard even more. Thieving natives had got away with a herd of mission horses. Immediately he **dispatched** governor Lorenzo and his village ***justicias***, as well as mission **foreman** Juan Mariá Romero and Joseph de Nava, just to make sure…The trail [of the thieves] led toward Baboquivari Peak near which, at the place known as El Mesquite, the thieves were surprised and taken into custody…By the time the prisoners were delivered at Guevavi and put to work on the church, Luis knew of the incident and Garrucho suspected that he was up to no good.

These episodes in the fall of 1751 were typical of an active mission frontier. They actually took place, though the details varied greatly depending upon whom the reporter wished to blame for the shocking events which followed.

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| Vocabulary:  Aguardiente- Mexican liquor similar to brandy  Apace- with speed; quickly  *Gente de razón*- Converted or Christianized Indians or mestizos  League- a measurement of distance approximately 2.5 miles in length  Padre- Spanish for “Father”; position of religious authority in the Catholic faith  Baton of Sergeant Major  Haughty- arrogant, snobbish  Snarling- to speak in a threatening manner  Lashes- a swift strike or blow with a whip  Dispatch- to send off or away with speed, as a messenger  *Justicia*- similar to a sheriff’s deputy; usually filled by members of the tribe  Foreman- a person in charge of a particular group of people |

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