was stolen by his nation, in order to restore it to its owner, the commandant shall put on an angry face, and shall tell him that if he does not bring the stolen article as soon as possible, necessarily he cannot look upon them as his true children, and that consequently, he will give them no present, and will not receive them until the stolen object is restored. This is the method of restraining them and of forcing them to make restoration. Since it has been the rule followed by the French commandants of this region for many years, without there being the slightest breath that any bad result has been attained by following this system, therefore the Indians are used to it.

Fifth: The commandant shall endeavor, by the means which he considers most advisable, to induce any band of Indians, either of this Spanish district or of the English district, who shall present themselves to him armed for war, and who shall tell in the council that they are going on the warpath, to leave the path which they are taking, and return to take that by which they have come in order that they might return to their tribe. This is a case in which it is customary to give them some gift greater than is usual, as that is the only means which can compel them to go back. But if they insist on their determination to continue the road, that they were taking, he shall allow them to do so.

Sixth: The presents and food that are given to each band of Indians of the tribes who are accustomed to come to this post shall be given to them in proportion to the number of people who come, according as the commandant may consider advisable, for there can be no fixed rule in this matter.

I am of the opinion that the things that I have expressed are the most important. FRANCISCO RUI.

ROYAL FORT OF SAN CARLOS EL SEÑOR PRINCIPE DE ASTURIAS, March 9, 1769.

Note: Every council that is held with the Indians on important matters, especially the decision reached, shall be fully set down in writing, and shall be signed by the interpreter and