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LAREDO BRANCH OFFICE

August 18th.1955.

Mr. Harral Ayers, Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Harral: --

Following up my letter of the 17th. I am inclosing a strip of a Texas map, showing the route of the Old Spanish Trail from Laredo to San Antonio. The main trail absolutely went through Laredo, but, as Monclova was formerly the capital of the State of Coahuila, at that time there was another route direct from Monclova via Ragle Pass. This was The main trail went from Laredo to Fort Ewell secondary. on the Mucces river, a few miles northwest of a ranch called This belonged to an old lady, Mrs. xxxx Armanda Burke, who died several years ago on the ranch. She drove cattle in the old days over the trail. It then went to a point called "San Miguel" by the Mexicans and simply "Miguel" by the Americans, you can find it under this name on the map. The grandmother of our City Secretary, Mr. Apolonio Garcia, danced with General Santa Anna when he eas in Laredo, on the site where now stands the Herchants State Pank. Judge J. W. Rector, one of our old-time attorneys, still, living here, interviewed Santa Anna in Mexico City.. There are quite a mumber of men who know a lit about the old history.

Sincerely yours

The main trail ran from Saltillo Charles Numm

to Monterrey-Lampazos-Laredo.