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Born Mexico City, (Mexico), possibly 14 August 1645

Died Mexico City, (Mexico), 22 August 1700

Native-born Mexican scholar Carlos de Siguenza was honored with the title of Royal Cosmographer. His *Libra Astronomica* (1690) includes a rational discussion of comets, the purpose of which was to allay fears inspired by the great comet C/1680 V1.

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