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1. A Concordat will be completed between the Holy See and the Spanish Government, according to a statement made about mid-September 1951 by Joaquin RUIZ JIMENEZ Cortes, new Spanish Minister of education. RUIZ JIMENEZ explained that the Vatican would agree to the establishment of the Concordat because the Spanish Government was disposed to permit the establishment in Spain of a Free Catholic University (Universidad Catolica Libre.)
2. Luciano PEREZ Platero, Archbishop of Burgos, made a diametrically opposite statement at about the same time. The Archbishop said there was no possibility that the Vatican would sign a Concordat with the FRANCO government, because Rome did not want to conclude such an agreement with an interim regime.

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