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The second part presented empirical research as an example of how accounting history might be conducted contemporarily. The subject researched is the financing of the war launched by the Pope Paul IV and the King of France Henry II against Philip II of Spain in 1556. The political and military aspects of this war have been thoroughly studied, because it was a very important conflict that finished the period of rivalry between France and Spain during the reigns of Francis I and Charles V respectively. The complete de-
feat of the French and Holy See’s troops freed Philip II from further armed conflicts with France and the Holy See up to the end of his reign.

However, the financing of the war on the Spanish side was completely ignored. Hernández-Esteve has located the whole set of accounts regarding the funds employed in the war and has studied and explained them in great detail in his speech, composing a volume with more than 260 pages. This book in Spanish can be consulted and freely downloaded from http://www.decomputis.org, Issue 13, December 2010.