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Abstract

After reviewing the literature regarding the Jicaque (of Honduras), Subtiaba (of Nicaragua), and Tequistlateco (of Mexico) languages, a detailed study of the sound correspondences that exist between Jicaque and Subtiaba, and between Jicaque and Tequistlateco, is presented for the purpose of demonstrating that the three languages in question trace their origin from a common source. With respect to the degree of relationship that Jicaque bears to the other two, it is found to be closer to Subtiaba than to Tequistlateco. The question of the relationship of proto Jicaque-Subtiaba-Tequistlateco to established language phyla is examined, and, in view of Rensch's recent study of Subtiaba-Tlapanec, an affinity with the Otomanguean languages is proposed, though the idea of a remote relationship between the Hokan and Otomanguean phyla is not overlooked.

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