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Field Comment 1 is from AMDOG-1, verbally, on 14 August.

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SOURCE: A young Cuban emigre who has been trained in information collection. His past reporting has been accurate but lacks depth. The information in this report was received from another Culan emigre who is in touch with members of the JURE.

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Field Comment: The same source recently reported that the VENUS. a 110-foot hoat which belongs to the JURE, with two Boston Whalers aboard, arrived in Mismi from the Dominican Republic on 9 August Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the JURE, arrived in Miami from Puerto Rico by air on 11 August to make an effort to reach an understanding with the men aboard the VENUS. Ray said that he had given Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez, commanding officer of the VENUS, \$720 (U.S.) for expenses of the boat, but that Rabel had used the money to come to Miami instead. Rabel said that by bringing the boats to Miani he had demonstrated that he was in complete command of the boats, and expressed his defiance of any effort on Ray's part to board the vessel. Rabel said that as soon as the engines on the three boats are repaired, he will take the boats back to the Dominican Republic. TDCSDB-315/00238-65 dated 27 January 1965, and TDCSDB-315/00539-65 dated 16 February, both from the same source, reported Rabel's plans to commandeer the VENUS and the two Whalers.

 On 12 August 1965, Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez, commanding officer of the YENUS, a boat which belongs to the Junta Revolucionaria Qubana (JURS, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), said that Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the JURE, had visited him aboard the boat on 11 August. 1 Ray brought another man who he said would be the new captain of the vessel. Rabel said that to told Ray that he

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would not resign as captain; that if Ray wanted the VENUS he would have to pay him (Rabel) and the ship's crew \$30,000 which was swed to them for back wages. Rabel told Ray that unless he received the money he would keep the beat; that he would sink it before turning it over to Ray.

- After talking with Rabel, the man who was to have been the new captain refused to become involved.
- 3. Rabel said that Ray's statement about the \$720 was not true.
 According to Rabel, the last money he received was \$320 (U.S.)
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 the VENUS have lived on money they were able to collect or
 borrow from Cubans who live in the Dominican Republic.
- Rabel said he could not permit Ray to continue to use for propaganda purposes the fact that he had a boat and crew. Ray had misled other captains by telling them to join the fight against Fidel Castro Ruz, then having them spend months of their lives doing nothing, and half starving aboard a boat. Rabel said he planned to use the VENUS to take action against Castro, which Ray was not doing.
- 5. Leaders of the JURE planned to meet on 12 August to discuss ousting Ray as leader of the JURE. The following people were to attend: Osorio Davila Santana, Germinal Rivas, Alfredo Peres Allan, Lorenzo Ruiz, Rabel, Manuel Varola Castro, Hubert Matos Araluce, and Ignacio Castro.2
- 6. On 13 August Rabel said that no agreement concorning the VKNUS had been reached at the meeting. He now plans to take legal action to get either the ownership of the VENUS or the \$30,000 (U.S.) in back wages for himself and the crew. Rabel added that when the boat is legally theirs they will return to the Dominican Republic where they have been promised help from the government of Antonio Imbert Barrera.
 - Field Comment: Ray was reported to be planning to return to Fuerto Rico on 11 August, the day he arrived. However, he was still in Miami on 14 August.
 - Source Comment: Davila, Rivas, Perez and Ruiz will probably back Ray's continuing as leader of the JURE. Rabel, Varola; Matos and Castro will favor Ray's ouster.

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