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**SUPPLEMENTAL DATA**  
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Source: AMTOD-1 from AMDOG-1, 11 July 1965. AMDOG-1 received the information from Manuel RAY Rivero and Jose Ricardo RABEL Nunez; AMDOG-1 was aboard the VENUS.

Field Comments 1 and 2 are from the same reports cited in comment 1.

There is no record at JMWAVE as to when, exactly, Varela resigned from the JURE. Field Comment 3 is from UFG-7443. Please add the CS number.

RI: Please card the following for the field:

*C.I.T. Cuba*  
\*RABEL Nunez, Jose Ricardo - captain of VENUS, JURE vessel, Commandeered vessel Aug 65, Apparent split with Manuel Ray.

*C.I.T. Cuba*  
\*VARELA Castro, Manuel - Former military chief of JURE, Resigned after differences with Manuel Ray (date and details not reported).

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COUNTRY	Cuba	REPORT NO.	
SUBJECT	1. Arrival in Miami of the VENUS, a JURE Boat, from the Dominican Republic	DATE OF REPORT	13 August 1965
	2. Dissension Within the JURE	NO. PAGES	2
		REFERENCES	
DATE OF INFO.	9 to 11 August 1965		
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	United States, Miami (11 August 1965)		UFG-7458

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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 Cuban emigre who is in touch with members of the JURE. He spoke with Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez and with Manuel Ray Rivero.

1. The VENUS, a 110-foot boat which is used as a mother ship by the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), arrived in Miami from the Dominican Republic on the morning of 9 August 1965. Two Boston Whalers, with motors, were aboard. The purpose of the trip is to have the engines of all three repaired. The cost of the repairs is estimated to be \$1,000 (U.S.). On 11 August the VENUS was docked in Discayne Bay at Discayne Boulevard and N.W. Fifth Street, left of the entrance to the new Dodge Island Seaport. The two Whalers were at Howes Boat Company, 412 N.W. North River Drive. The VENUS is painted gray, and flies the Panamanian flag. There is a new radar aboard the VENUS, and improvements have been made in the interior.

2. The following men arrived aboard the boat:

Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez, commanding officer  
 Jose Miguel Ramos, second officer  
 Gilberto Enidio Fundora Alcazar, third officer  
 Maximo Delgado Frometa  
 Ricardo Adolis Cobo  
 Ignacio Castro  
 Huber Matos Araluce  
 Pablo Fernandez Perez

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3. Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the JURE, arrived in Miami by air from Puerto Rico on 11 August, and planned to return to Puerto Rico the same day. The purpose of his visit was to make an effort to reach an understanding with the men who arrived on the VENUS. According to Ray, he had given Rabel \$720 (U.S.) for expenses of the boat, but instead Rabel had used the money to come to Miami. Ray considered this use of JURE funds an act of treason. Ray held a meeting at the JURE office to discuss what steps should be taken about Rabel's action. The following men attended the meeting:

Osorio Davila Santana  
Germinal Rivas  
Alfredo Perez Allan  
Lorenzo Ruiz  
Two other men.

4. Rabel said that by bringing the boats to Miami he had demonstrated to Ray that he (Rabel) was in complete command of the boats.<sup>1</sup> He expressed his defiance of any effort on Ray's part to board the vessel. He added that he could not come to an agreement with Ray because of the latter's cowardice; that Ray had been collecting money and fooling the Cuban people for three years.
5. Since his arrival in Miami, Rabel has visited Manuel Varela Castro,<sup>2</sup> former military chief of the JURE who resigned after differences with Ray.
6. Rabel plans to solicit money in Miami to carry on the struggle against Fidel Castro Ruz. He said that Antonio Imbert Barrera, head of the Loyalist Forces in the Dominican Republic, has promised to help in the struggle, and that as soon as the boats are ready they will return to the Dominican Republic.<sup>3</sup>

Field Comments:

1. 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.
2. Varela was involved in Rabel's plans to commandeer the boats.
3. The same source reported in July that the Imbert government had confiscated the weapons which were aboard the VENUS. Ray said that regardless of who won the struggle for power in the Dominican Republic, the weapons would be returned to JURE because JURE was on good terms with both sides of the conflict.