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

Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), went to the VENUS, a 110-foot boat which belongs to JURE, on 3 September 1965 and said that he was taking possession of the boat. Laximo Delgado Frometa, who was in charge of the vessel during the absence of Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez, 2captain of the VENUS, refused to turn over the boat to Ray. After a brief argument between the two, Delgado called a lawyer.

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- 2. Whom Ray went to the VENUS he was accompanied by Alfredo Peroz Allen, a member of JURE; two lawyers, one of whom was an American and one a Spanish-speaking mau; and three young men who Ray said would be the new crew of the boat. Ricardo Adolis Cobo and Pablo Fernandez Perez, members of the YENUS' crew, were present and supported Delgado's actions.
- The VENUS has been impounded by the court pending a decision to determine the legal owner of the boat. It has been moved to the vicinity of the N. W. 12th Avenue bridge on the Miami River, across from the Merrill Stevens boat yards, where it is guarded by a deputy sheriff.

Field Comments:

Information on dissension within JURE, and the dispute between Ray and Jose Ricardo Rabel Nunez over the ownership of the vessel has been reported. On 18 August Rabel said that Ray had given up his efforts to take the boat because he was unable to pay \$30,000 (U.S.) in back wages owed to Rabel and the crew. Rabel planned to take the VENUS to

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the Dominican Republic as soon as the repairs on the boat were completed. (Cf. CSDB-312/02066-65, CSDB-312/02110-65, and CSDB-312/02129-65, all from the same source.)

TDCT9B-315/00539-65 dated 16 February 1965, from the same TDCTDB-315/00539-65 dated 16 February 1965, from the same sour , mentioned Rabel's plans to exfiltrate his family from Cuba. On 3 September Rabel, Gilberto Fundora Alcazar and Jose Miguel Ramos, members of the VENUS crew, left Florida for Cuba aboard a Boston Whaler, FL-9201 F, one of two Whalers from the VENUS, to exfiltrate members of their families. The Miami News of 8 September reported that the three men had been captured in Havana Province.