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Pre- and post war letter rates to the U.S.



A pair of covers to the same addressee in the U.S. showing the pre-war and post-war rates for single weight letters to the U.S. franked with Cuban stamps. The top letter was posted on 29 Mar 1898 in Habana and paid 5c. postage; the bottom letter was posted in late August of the same year also in Habana and paid 6c. postage—a 1c. penalty fee was assessed by the U.S. postal administration on letters franked with Cuban stamps.

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10c. on double weight letter to the U.S.
U.S. Administration Period
Underpaid by 2c.



Double weight cover to New York franked with one 1c. stamp, a horizontal pair of 3c. stamps, and a single 3c. stamp for a total of 10c. The cover should have been charged an additional 2c. imposed by the U.S. postal administration for double weight covers franked with Cuban stamps. The stamps are tied to the cover by illegible Cuban datestamps; the back of the cover bears a 10 Oct 1898 magenta business datestamp from a company in Sagua La Grande, Santa Clara province, and two 15 Oct 1898 black New York receipt datestamps.

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3 centavos dark brown
12c. registered cover to the U.S.
U.S. Administration Period



Registered cover franked with two horizontal pairs of 3c. stamps for a total of 12c. The single weight letter rate and registry fee for letters franked with Cuban stamps during the U.S. administration period was 6c. each. The stamps are tied to the cover by two partial black Trinidad datestamps and the cover is backstamped with a magenta encircled large "U" 1 Oct 1898 datestamp and a purple 2 Oct 1898 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, registry receipt datestamp.