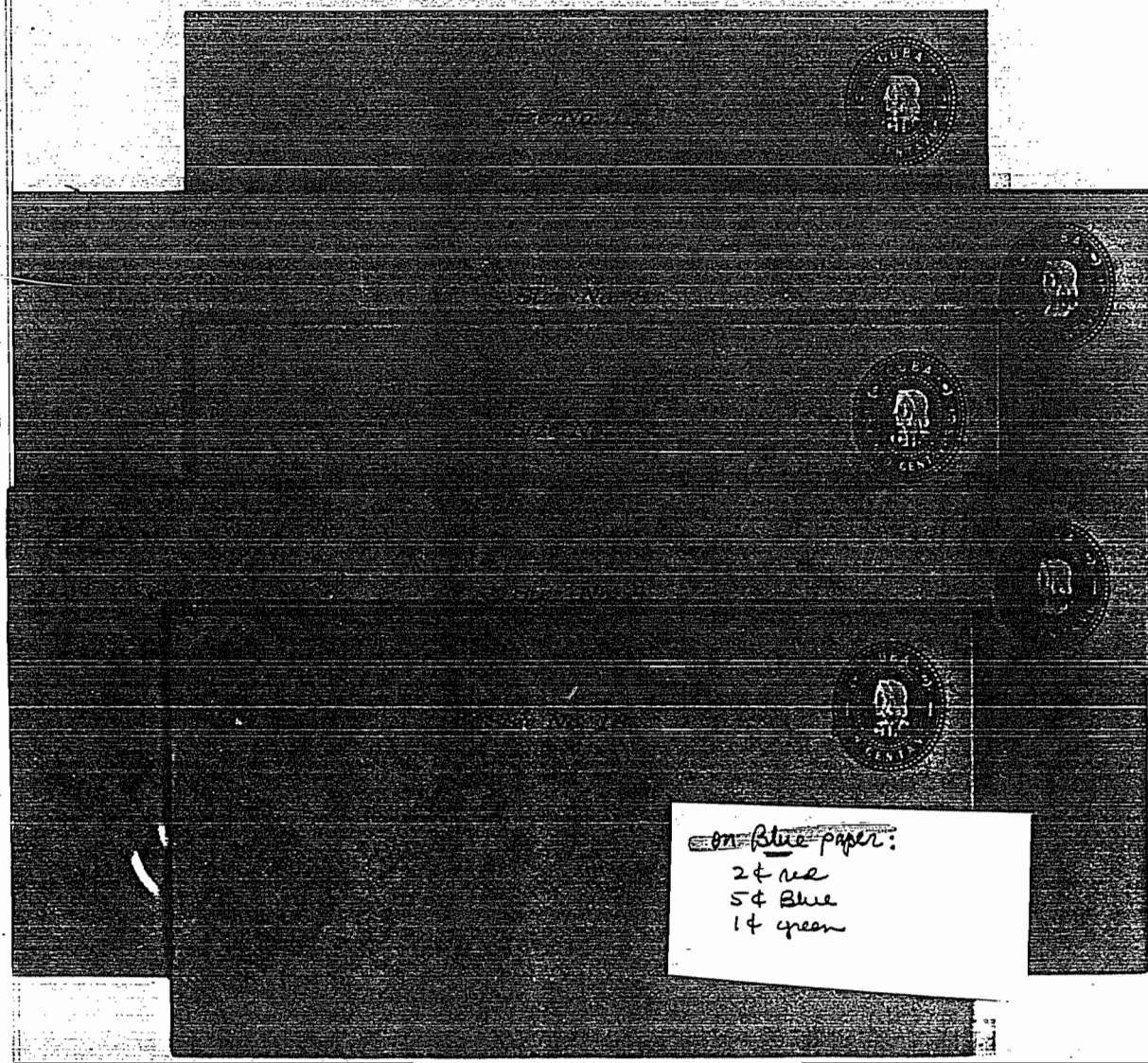


"MUESTRA" & "SPECIMEN" STAMPS - (17 PAGES)

<u>page</u>	<u>description</u>	<u>est. value \$</u>
1-4	Set of 23 envelopes embossed, H&G catalog #8A,B,C-9A,B,C-10A,B,C	\$ 1,500.00
5	1937 Artist & Writers set "MUESTRA"	450.00 ✓
6	1937 Sugar set "MUESTRA",	60.00 ✓
7	1938,1939, & 1940 MUESTRAS, 7 Stamps	150.00 ✓
8	1944 BRAZIL Sc.#393,MUESTRA sigle & 1/4 Sheet	50.00 ✓
9	1944-45 12 "MUESTRA" values	200.00 ✓
10	1940 Sc.#C32&33S.S. "MUESTRA"	150.00 ✓
11-12	1942&43 MUESTRA- 16 values	200.00 ✓
13-17	5 pages from the London P.O. UPU received sample book. Stamps still on original page fragments!! 121 total stamps 1905 to 1936.	3,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 5,840.00

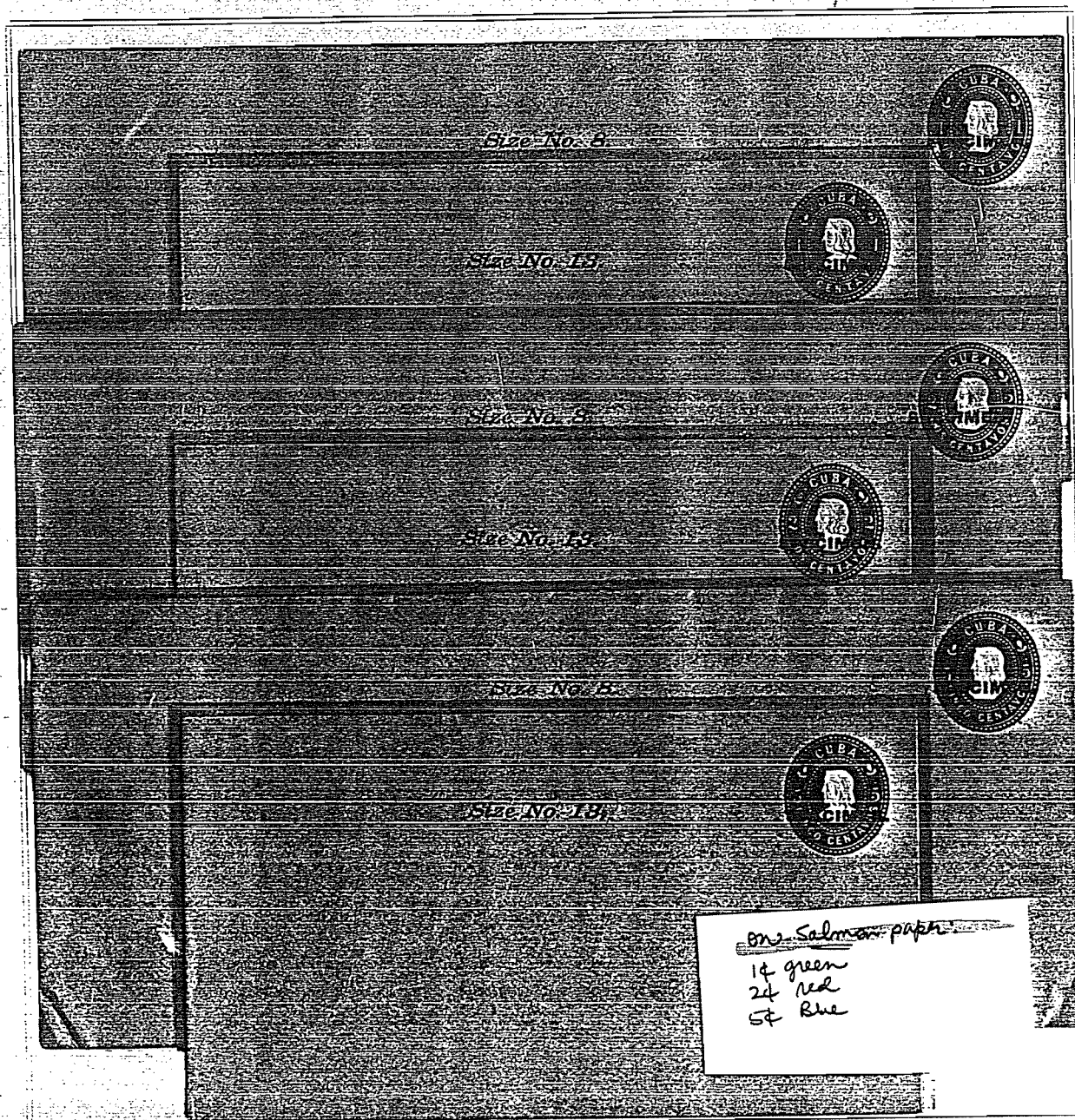
CUBA

1905 - Embossed stamped envelopes. These are 'SPECIMEN' samples in different colors and sizes.
The actual issued size was No. 13.



on blue paper:
2¢ red
5¢ blue
1¢ green

CUBA



CUBA

Size No. 8.



Size No. 13.



Size No. 8.



Size No. 13.



Size No. 8.



Size No. 13.



on Cream paper:

1¢ green
2¢ Red
5¢ Blue

CUBA

Size No. 8.



Size No. 13.



Size No. 8.



Size No. 13.



Size No. 8.



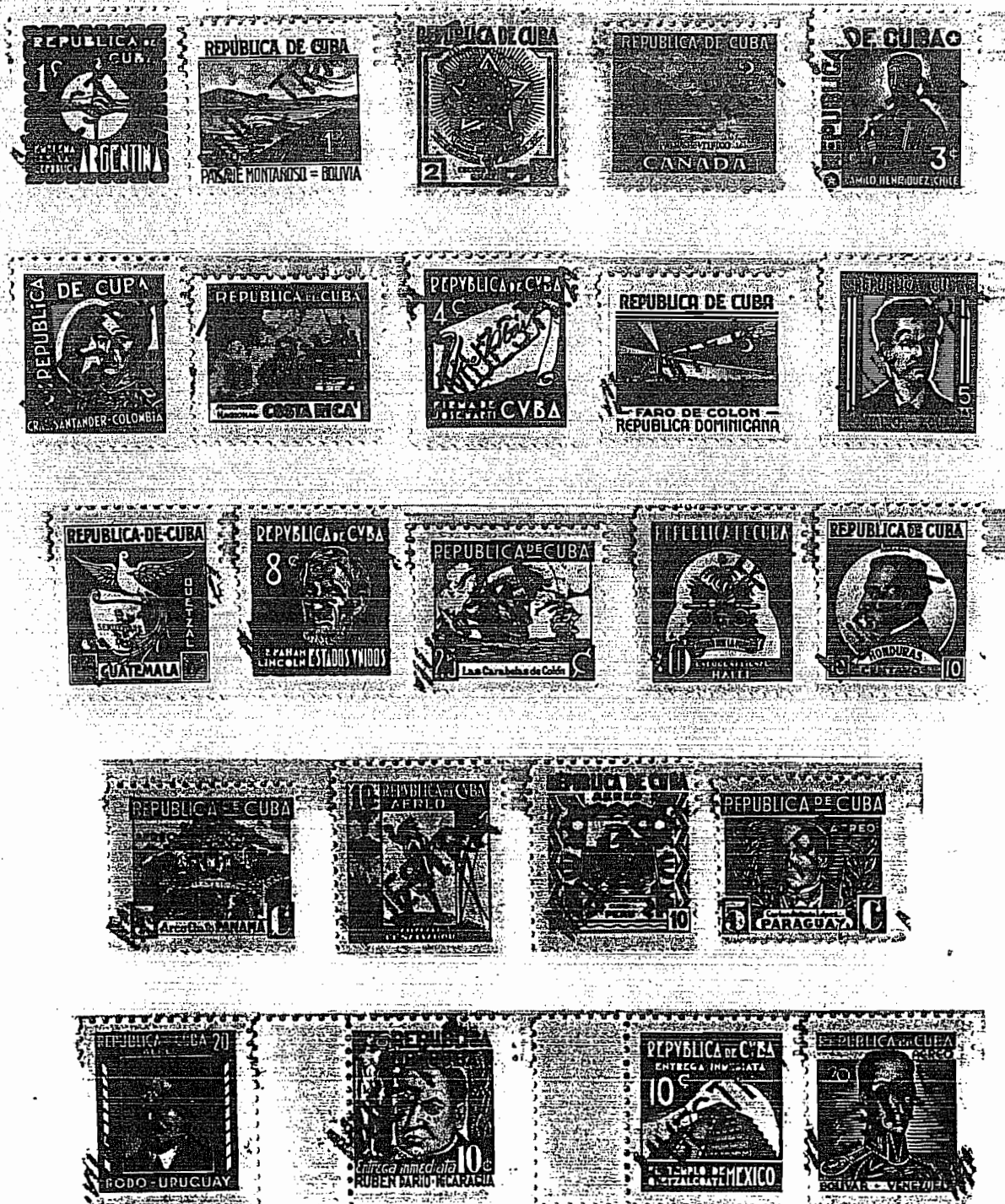
Size No. 13.



on buff paper.

1¢ green
2¢ red
5¢ blue

1937 - Artists and Writers of America Issue. Shown is a complete set surcharged "MUESTRA". This handstamp was applied to those sent to other country members of the U.P.U. as samples of the issues of Cuba.



1937 - Fourth Centenary of the Sugar Cane Industry in Cuba. Below are shown issued stamps surcharged "MUESTRA"(sample).



The "MUESTRA" surcharge was used for marking sample stamps for propaganda, including those sent to member countries of the UPU.

MUESTRA

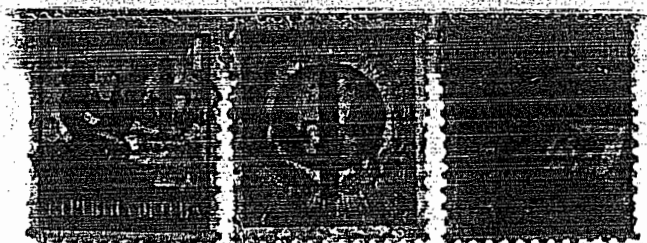
1938 - Postal Tax stamp to benefit the National Council on Tuberculosis.



1939 - Semi-Postal Tax for the International Union Against Cancer.



1939 - Issue in Honor of the National Tobacco Industry.

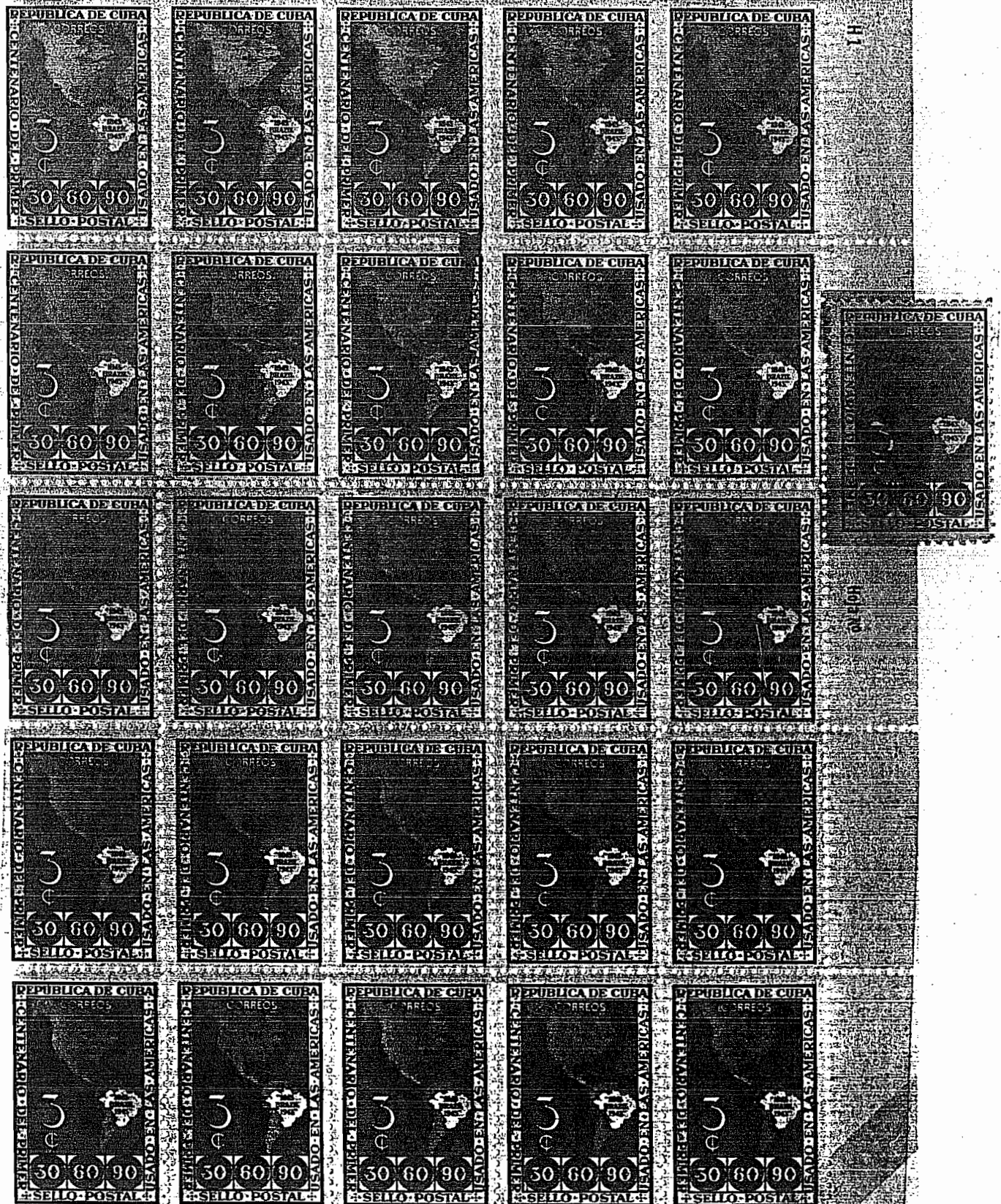


1940 - Issue for the 50th. Anniversary of the Pan-American Union.

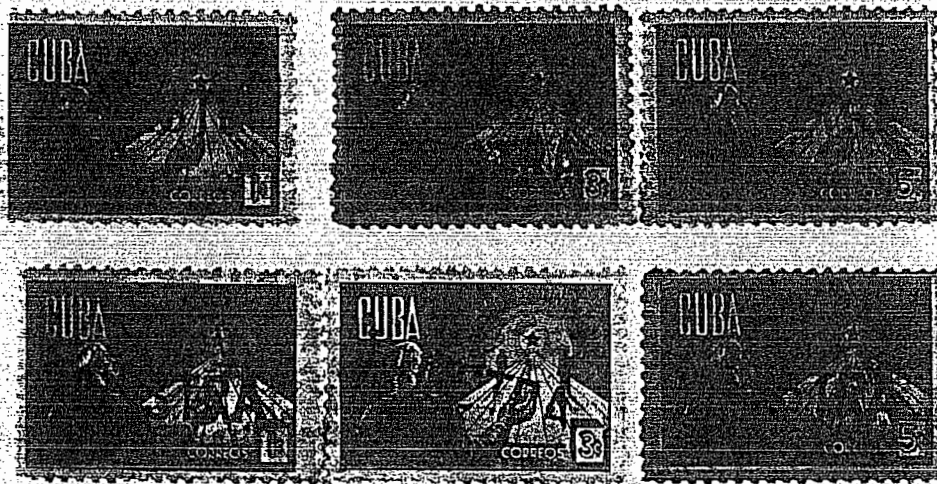


1944 - Centenary of the First Postage Stamp in America: Bullseyes of Brazil. Shown below is the variety of the broken 'Z' in 'BRAZIL', position 18. Alongside is a single with the 'MUESTRA' surcharge.

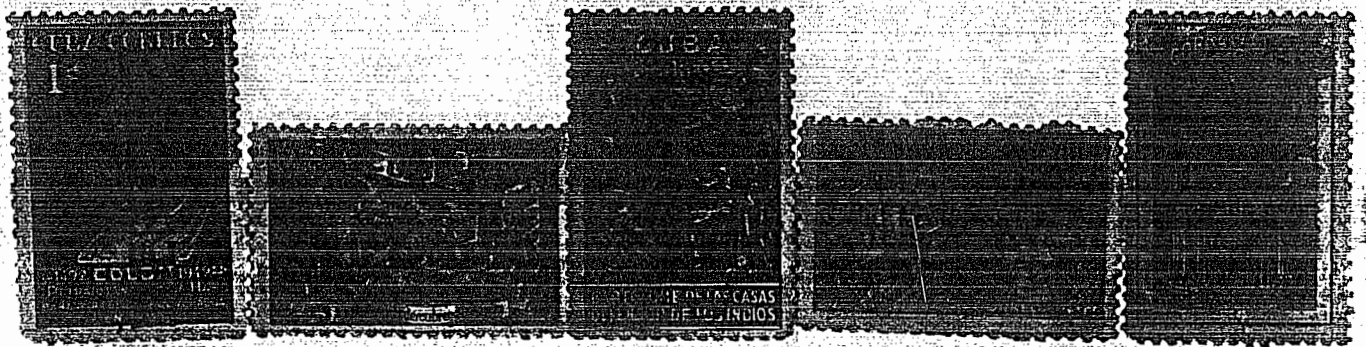
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1944 & 1945 - Yearly issues to benefit the Postal Workers Retirement Fund. These are consecutive issues in different colors.



1944 - Commemorative of the 450th. Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.



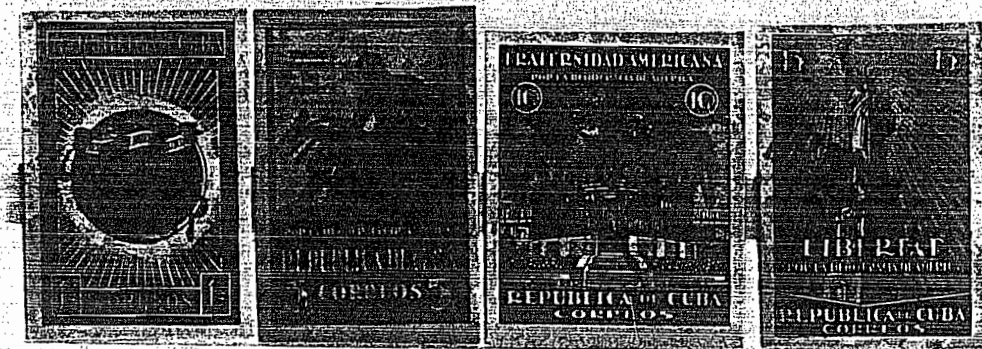
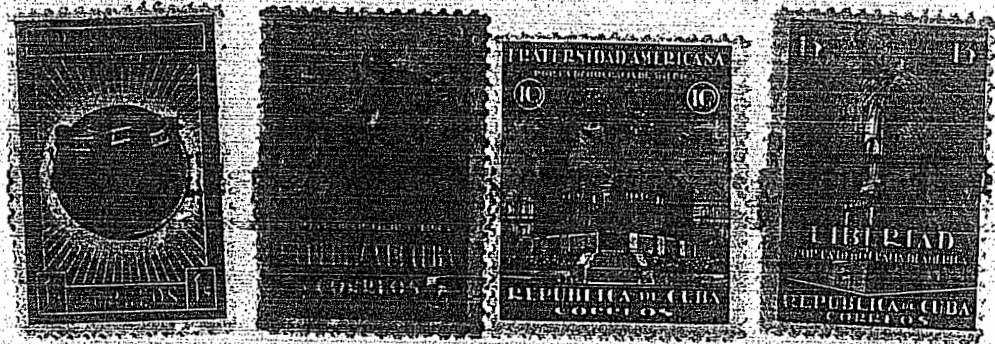
1944 - Commemorative of the birth of Mayor General Carlos Roloff.



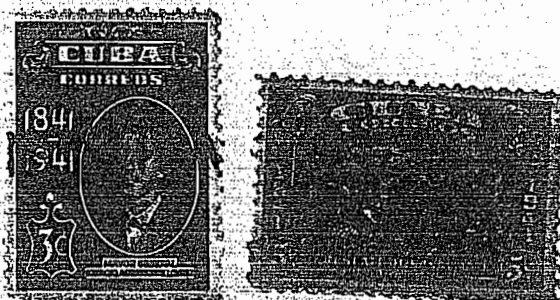
1940 - Commemorative of the Centennial of the First Postage Stamp.
Shown below are the single and souvenir sheet surcharged 'MUESTRA'.



1942 - Democracy For America Issue. Shown below are values of this set, both in perforated and imperforated condition: marked 'MUESTRA'.



1942 - Centennial of the birth of Mayor Gen. Ignacio Agramonte Loynaz.



1943 - Propaganda Issue alerting to be aware of the spying of the Fifth Column during World War II.



1943 - Commemorative of the birth of Mayor General Eloy Alfaro.



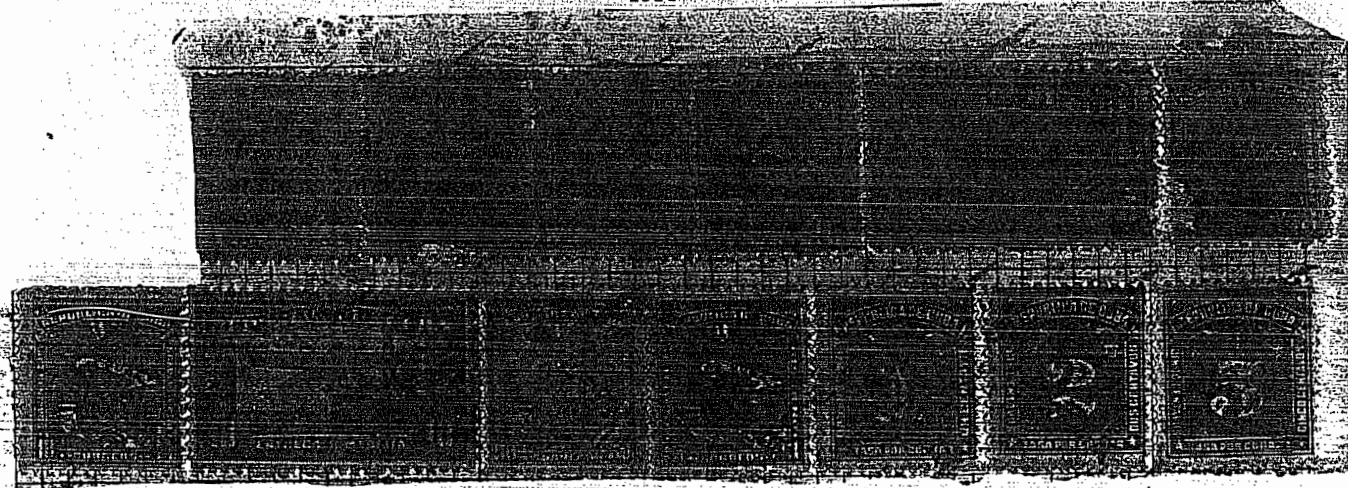
CUBAN U.P.U. SAMPLE STAMPS RECEIVED AT LONDON'S G.P.O.

Cuba and England as members of the Universal Postal Union, would exchange their newly issued stamps. Cuba would occasionally overprint the stamps with a handstamp "MUESTRA" (sample), but many times it did not do it. Shown are samples from files of the General P.O. in London. As their filing procedure, they would glue down on album pages the received stamps and as an extra security measure, the stamps were nulled by the use of a handstamp that read "SPECIMEN" in black or purple ink. These are still affixed to the original album page fragments!

1905



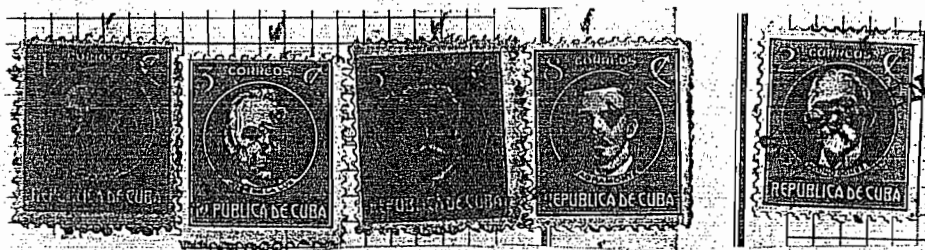
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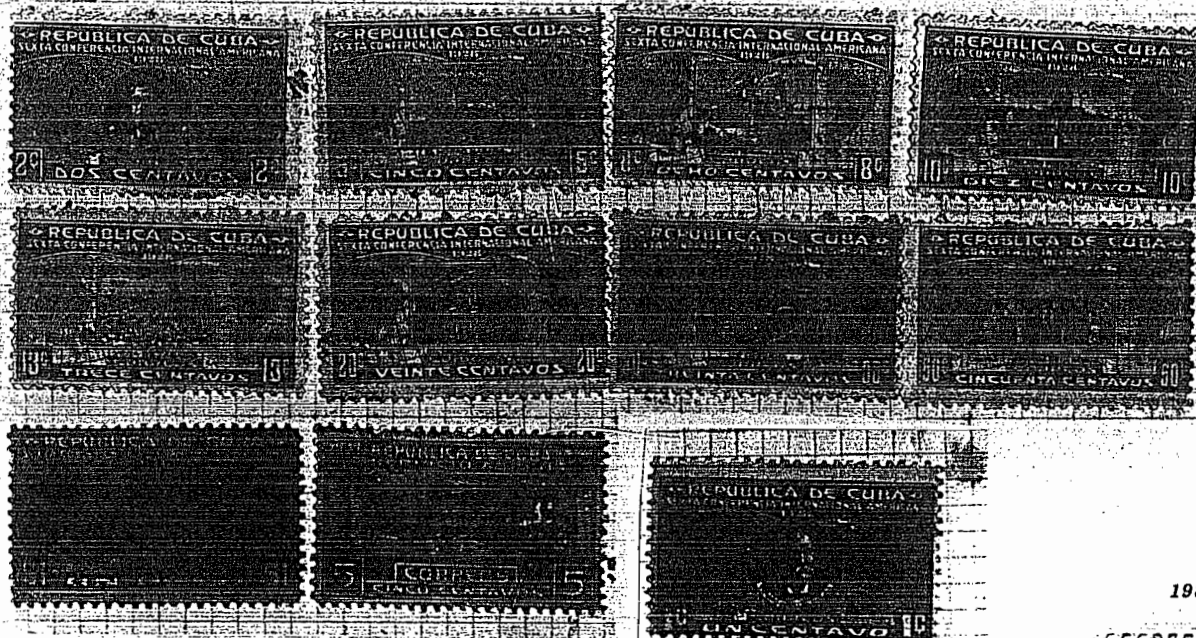
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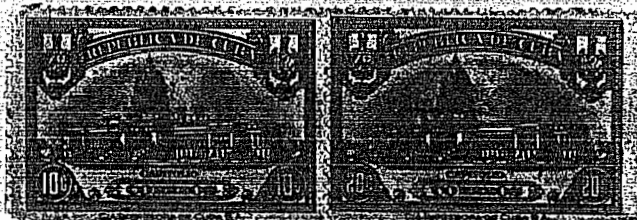
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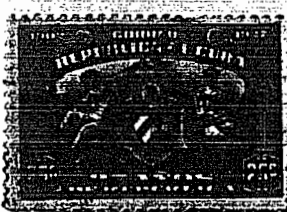
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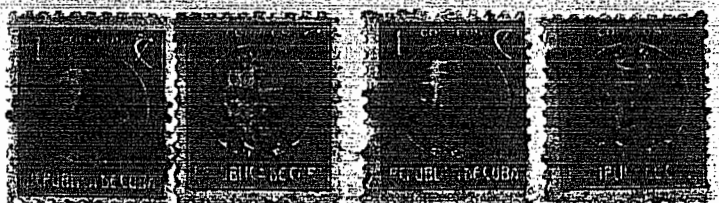
1930



1931



1933



1936



