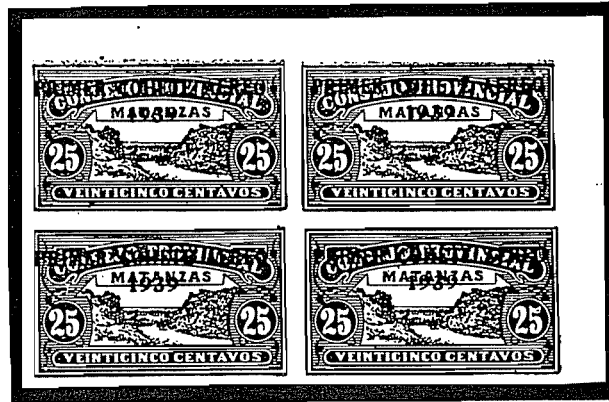
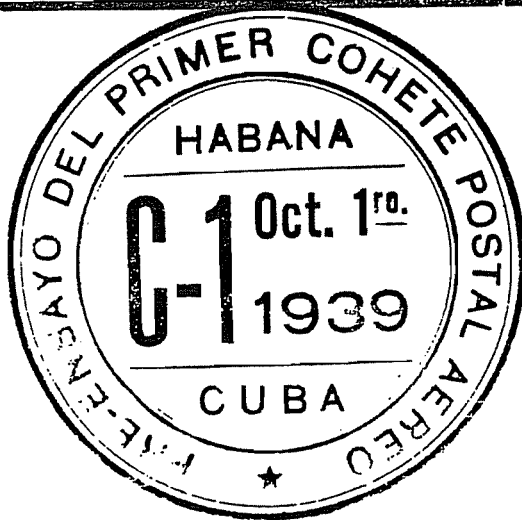


First Pre-Test Launch



First test planned as a flight between provinces of Matanzas and Havana. 1903 Matanzas tax stamp was overprinted, used as franking on specially made covers. Launch actually made on army's Miramar firing range, however, rocket exploded.

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70 of these covers loaded but 10 damaged and only 60 remain. All addressed to Dr. Terry and had a cachet saying, pre-test of the first aerial postal rocket.