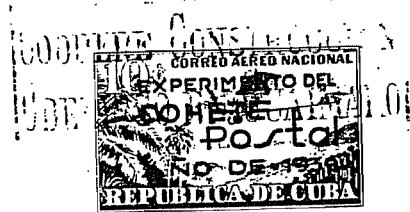
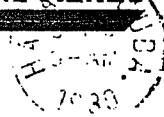




The first officially issued rocket stamp was printed by the Cuban Post Office, using an overprint, "Experiment of the - - Postal - - Rocket - - Year of 1939" added to 200,000 especially printed 10 centavo green national air mail stamps.

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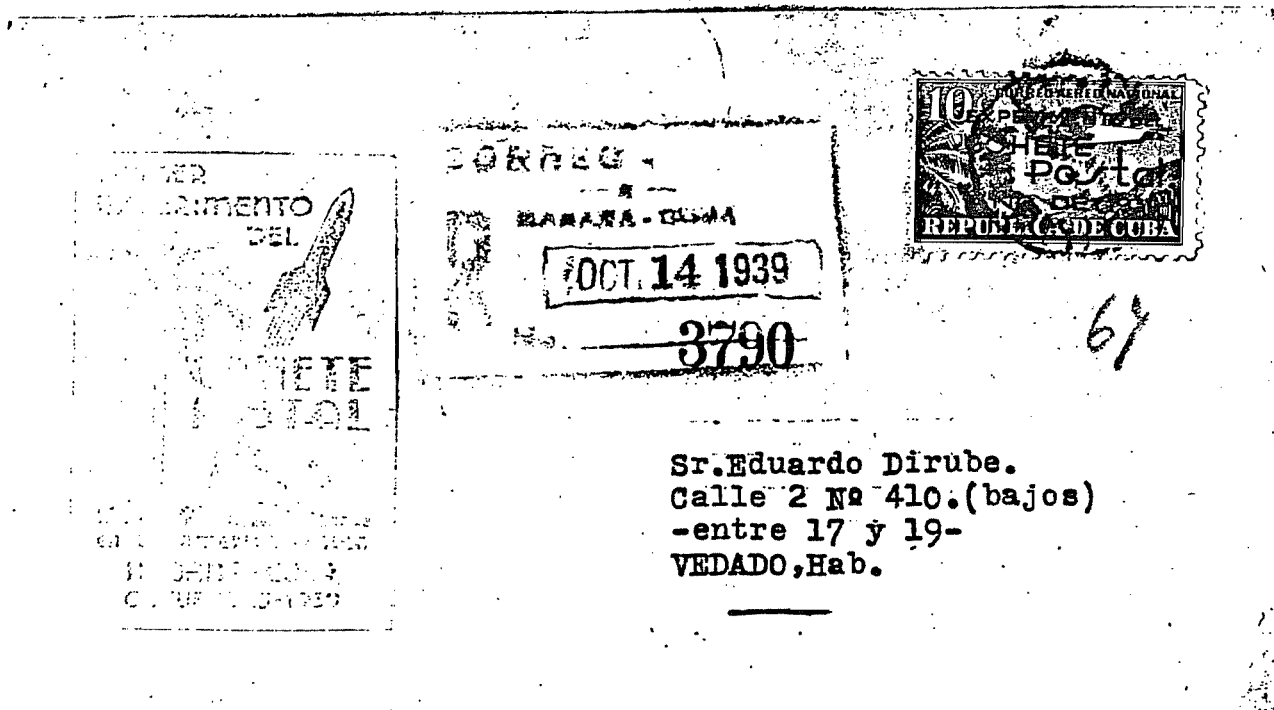
Although 3000 cards and covers were prepared for the flight, only 200 of them, were placed in a packet to be carried. Those 200 are not distinguishable from the others, so any one may have been carried. Special cachet was used on most.

Official Test Launch

The launch had a renewal of the stability problem as the rocket nosedived into the ground on a twisting path that covered only 15 meters. Although skeptics considered this a disaster, much technology had been learned from experiments.



Of the total posting, there were also 50 registered covers and 500 cards. All were given cachets designed by Alicia Kessler, wife of U.S. rocket enthusiast.



Another registered cover has handstamps in red.