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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Brothers to the Rescue Records

ID: CHC5101

Physical description: Boxes

Language: English

Language: Spanish

Language: French

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Hermanos al Rescate [Brothers to the Rescue] is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 by a group of Cuban exile activists. The group was organized by José Basulto and fellow pilots after a Cuban teenager died of dehydration trying to raft to the United States. The group conducted its humanitarian missions searching for rafters in the Florida Straits, through the efforts of a group of pilots, observers and volunteers from numerous countries, including Argentina, Cuba, Perú, France, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, the United States, Venezuela and former Cuban rafters.

The organization has also conducted search missions for survivors of shipwrecks of U.S. citizens, Bahamians, Haitians and missing divers, committed to addressing the most basic human needs.

Custodial history

45 boxes delivered in June, 2013 with more boxes of video expected shortly thereafter. 5 boxes of audio visual materials delivered July, 2013.

Scope and content

The collection documents the operation of the Cuban exile activist group, Brothers to the Rescue [Hermanos al Rescate], founded in Miami, Florida in 1991 by activist and aviator José Basulto. Materials include correspondence, administrative records, court documents and transcripts documenting the 1996 shoot-down of an Hermanos al Rescate plane, pamphlets and flyers distributed in Cuba by the group, audio visual materials, publications and photographs.

Documented in detail is the incident and subsequent investigation and trial related to the Hermanos al Rescate plane that was shot down in 1991 by the Cuban air force. During the incident, which took place on February 24, 1996, four pilots were killed.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

This collection is currently in processing.

Immediate source of acquisition

Gifts of José Basulto, 2002 and 2013.

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

Requests to reproduce or publish materials from this collection should be directed to chc@miami.edu.

Related material

CHC5212 Luis J. Botifoll Oral History Project interview with Jose Basulto.

Information about related materials is available at <http://merrick.library.miami.edu/cdm/ref/collection/chc5212/id/511>

Other notes

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Access points

- Brothers to the Rescue, Incorporated
- Castro, Fidel, 1926- (subject)
- Cuban Americans -- Florida -- Miami (subject)
- Cubans -- Political activity -- United States (subject)
- Cuba -- Politics and government -- 1959-1990 (place)