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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Diego Trinidad Papers

ID: CHC5280

Date: 1958 (date of creation)

Physical description: Boxes

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

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Diego Trinidad, Jr. (d. 1980) was the son of Cuban tobacco entrepreneur, Diego Trinidad (d. 1946), who founded Trinidad y Hermanos in 1905. Diego Trinidad, Jr. grew up in Ranchuelo, Cuba learning the tobacco trade and took over the family business in 1920 at the age of twenty-one. After expanding business operations, Trinidad eventually incorporated the business and renamed it TTT Trinidad in 1958. Diego Trinidad was at first sympathetic with Fidel Castro's efforts during the revolutionary period. However, in 1960, Castro seized control of the company and nationalized the tobacco industry. The Trinidad family left Cuba for Miami in November, 1960 where they attempted to reestablish their tobacco firm. The Trinidad tobacco business went through many forms over the years, and as of 2002 manufactures the TTT Trinidad brand of cigars. In 2005, the firm celebrated 100 years of business.

Custodial history

The original materials are kept in the CHC Chair's office. Color copies are available for research service. Color scans available in electronic collection control file.

Scope and content

The Diego Trinidad Papers contain correspondence, notes and photographs related to the Castro Revolutionary period in Sierra Maestra and El Escambray. The majority of the correspondence is between Diego Trinidad Valdés, Ernesto "Che" Guevara and Fidel Castro. Other correspondence relates to Cuban Revolutionary officers, including Otten Mesana, José Figueredo, Armando Quesada and Luis Orlando Rodríguez.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

Only color copies of the original materials are available for researchers at this time.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by material type and correspondent.

Restrictions on access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:1132

Access points

- Castro, Fidel, 1926- (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id64822	File -			1
id64823	File - Photographs	1958 December 15-1958 December 22		1 1
id64824	File - Correspondence, Fidel Castro Ruz	1958		1 2
id64825	Item - From Fidel Castro to Diego Trinidad	1958 June 16		1 2
id64826	Item - From Fidel Castro to Diego Trinidad, Sierra Maestra	1958 September 12		1 2

id64827	File - Correspondence, Ernesto "Che" Guevara	1958	1 3
id64828	Item - From Diego Trinidad Valdés to Ernesto "Che" Guevara	1958 November 15	1 3
id64829	Item - From Diego Trinidad Valdés to Ernesto "Che" Guevara	1958 December 8	1 3
id64830	Item - From Diego Trinidad Valdés to Ernesto "Che" Guevara	1958 December 10	1 3
id64831	Item - From Ernesto "Che" Guevara to Diego Trinidad Valdés	1958 December 10	1 3
id64832	Item - From Ernesto "Che" Guevara to Diego Trinidad Valdés	1958 December 16	1 3
id64833	File - Correspondence, others	1958	1 4
id64834	Item - Document signed by Otten Mesana to Mr. Vega	n.d.	1 4
id64835	Item - From Luis Orlando Rodríguez to Armando "Coco" Quesada	1958 December 18	1 4
id64836	Item - Note signed by Otten Mesana to "Querida prima"	1958 December 22	1 4
id64837	Item - Military pass to enter "Zona Libre" signed by Lieutenant José Figueredo	1958 December 22	1 4