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COUNTRY Cuba  
SUBJECT Sudden drop in number of Cuban Refugee Children

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1. During the week of 10-16 June we noticed a definite drop in the number of Cuban children departing from Cuba for the US. During this week, we noticed the highest drop in unaccompanied children traveling to the US from Cuba during the past nine months.
2. In the past we had been averaging 200 children per week which continued until about three weeks ago. Since then we have been receiving some 60-70 children per week. During the week, 10-16 June, 77 children came but all arrived in the first two days of the week. Since Wednesday, 13 June, we received only 1-2 children per day.
3. We have not received any information from Cuba as to why this sudden drop in the number of unaccompanied children. There is a possibility that Castro is now enforcing an order that unaccompanied children would not be permitted to travel to the US. On the other hand, it could be as a result of the ban on American postal and bank money orders which is just now taking effect. It will probably be several weeks before we can get information on the sudden cut off.

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