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SUBJECT: Varadero International Airport To Be Inaugurated
December 15, 1952

According to a recent announcement in local newspapers, the international airport at Varadero will be inaugurated on December 15, 1952. President BATISTA has indicated that he will attend the inauguration ceremonies. Messrs. Royce Kunze and E. L. Jett from the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) in Miami inspected the new field last week and are reported in the local press to have found it to be in a satisfactory condition.

Compañia Cubana de Aviacion has announced that on December 15 it will start using the new field as an intermediate stop on its Habana-Miami route.

On December 3, 1952 President Batista inaugurated the airport at Trinidad, Province of Las Villas. Compañia Cubana de Aviacion announced that it would immediately start serving Trinidad which is one of the oldest and most historic towns in Cuba. Plane service to this point was previously available but it was discontinued a few months ago when the field was allowed to deteriorate.

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