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- The anti-Trujillo military expedition of Cayo Confites is intercepted on the high seas by Cuban Navy frigates under pressure from the Dominican dictator and the United States government. The expeditionaries are forced to disembark in the port of Antillas, in Oriente. Fidel manages to evade the arrest by escaping on a raft with Dominican Ramón Mejías del Castillo (Pichirilo) and two other fighters. Then he swims a section of the Nipe Bay until he reaches Cayo Saetía. There he is helped by the islet lighthouse keeper, Rafael Guzmán. He took refuge for a few hours at his home in Birán ..

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