

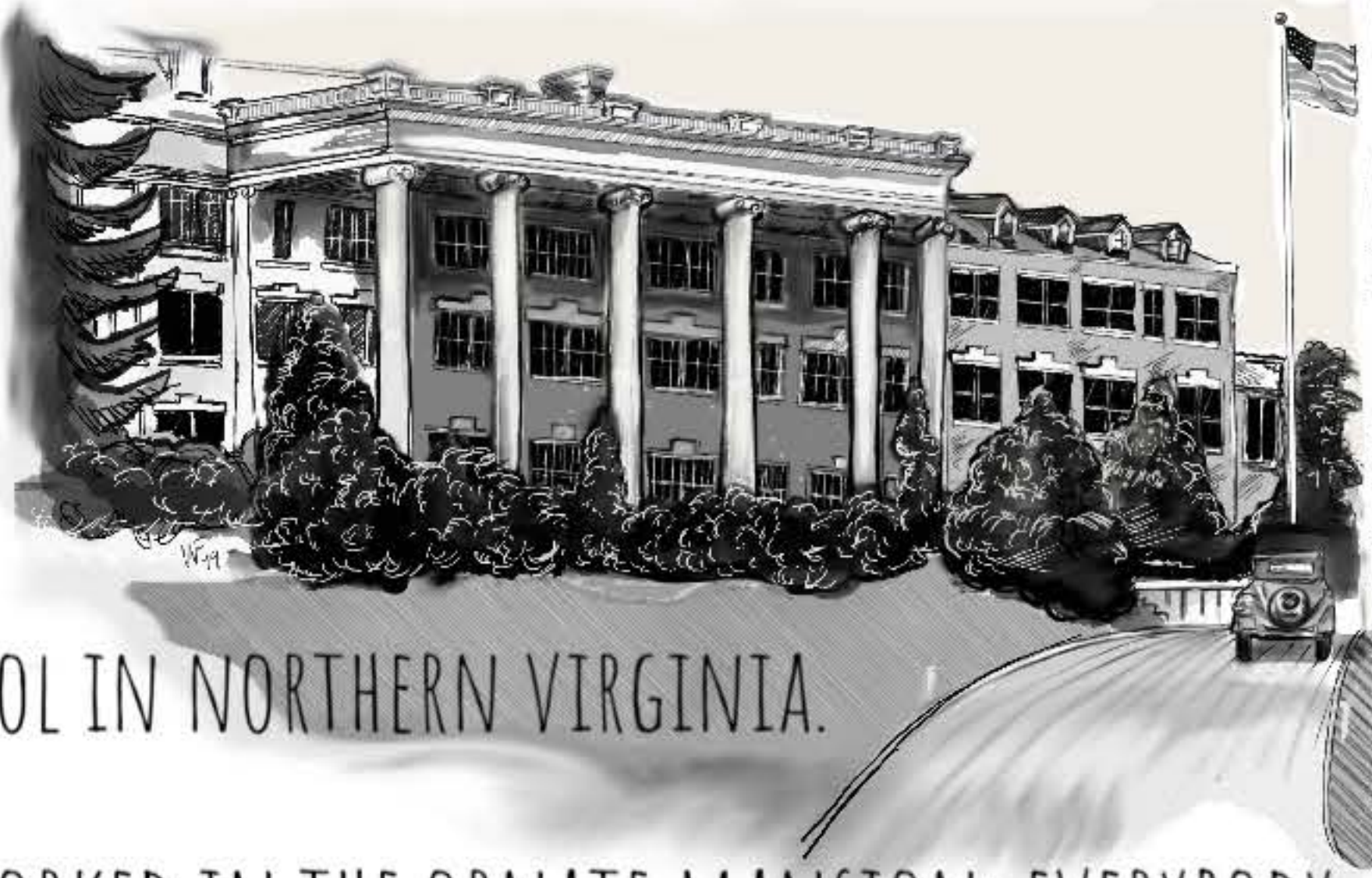
IN 1943, AS THE UNITED STATES WAS ENLARGING ITS ARMED FORCES TO FIGHT IN WORLD WAR II, CHEMISTRY STUDENT JUANITA MORRIS NOTICED MANY OF THE MEN ON HER COLLEGE CAMPUS IN NORTH CAROLINA HAD ENLISTED IN THE MILITARY.



JUANITA UNDERSTOOD THE SACRIFICE THE MEN WERE MAKING, AND FELT SHE COULD DO NO LESS TO HELP HER COUNTRY.

AT THE LOCAL RECRUITING STATION, SHE TOOK AN APTITUDE TEST, AND DID SO WELL, THE RECRUITER HIRED HER TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR "SECRET WORK."

JUANITA BEGAN WORK AT THE ARMY'S CRYPTOLOGIC ORGANIZATION, HEADQUARTERED IN ARLINGTON HALL, A FORMER GIRLS' SCHOOL IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA.



SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKED IN THE ORNATE MANSION; EVERYBODY ELSE WAS IN A CROWDED OFFICE BUILDING.



IT HAD RAINED HER FIRST DAY, AND SHE FOUND FELLOW WORKERS COPING WITH THE WET WEATHER IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.



WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO?



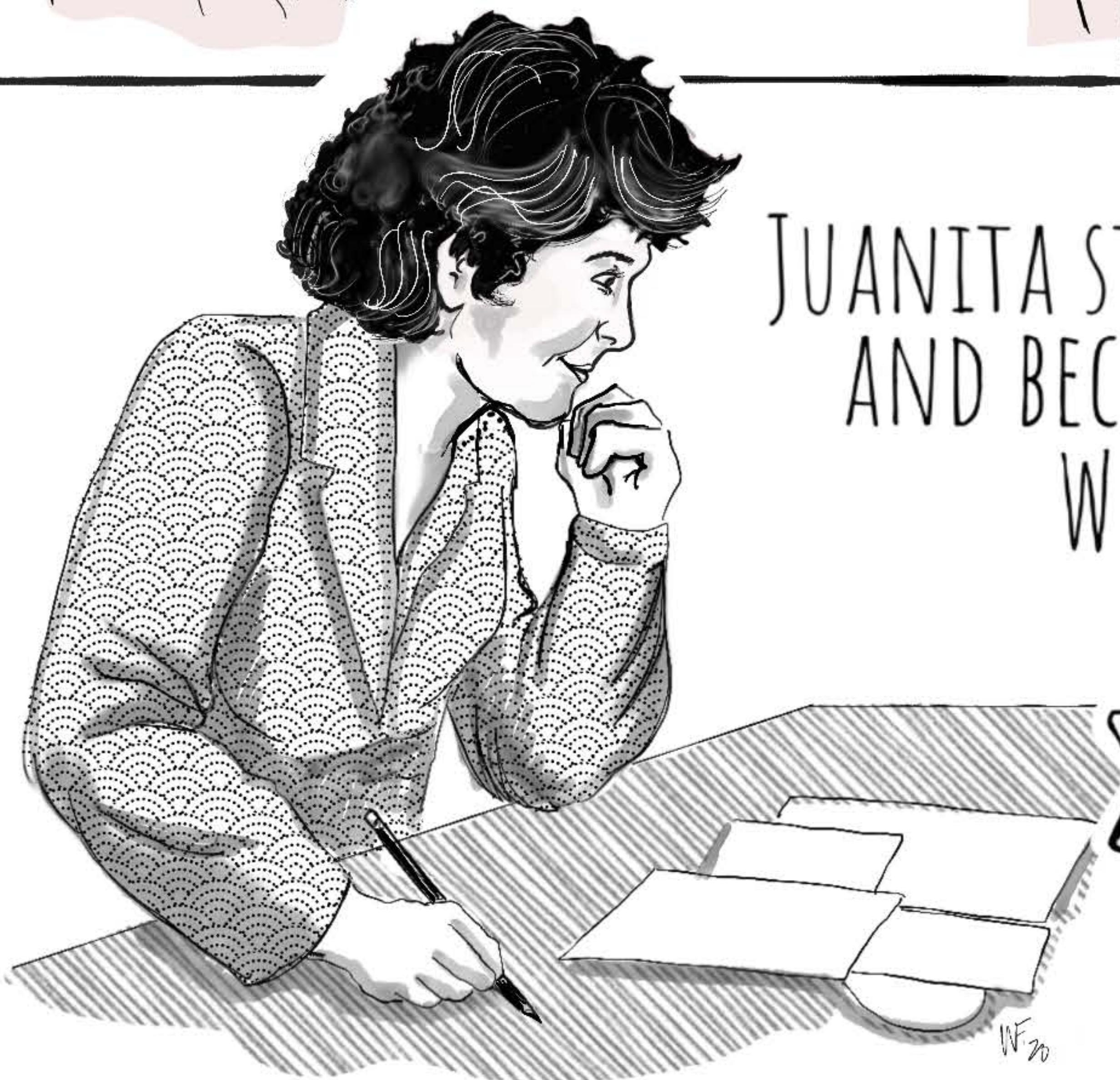
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HON, DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST THE PEOPLE ANALYZING GERMANY!



PEOPLE IN THE 1940S EXPECTED GREATER FORMALITY IN OFFICE BEHAVIOR THAN WE DO TODAY.



JUANITA STAYED ON WITH THE ORGANIZATION, AND BECAME A PROFICIENT CRYPTANALYST, WELL-KNOWN FOR HER EXPERTISE.



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THE JUANITA MOODY STORY

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ONE DAY SHE FOUND A TABLE IN THE BACK ROOM PILED HIGH WITH CODED GERMAN MESSAGES, BUT NOBODY WAS STUDYING THEM.



CURIOUS ABOUT THEM, SHE BEGAN TO STUDY THE MESSAGES ON HER OWN TIME, AND OFTEN BROUGHT IN OTHER CRYPTANALYSTS OR LINGUISTS WHO KNEW GERMAN.



"WELL, I'LL BE! ONE OF OUR FOREIGN PARTNERS* TOLD US THAT SYSTEM COULD NOT BE CRACKED."

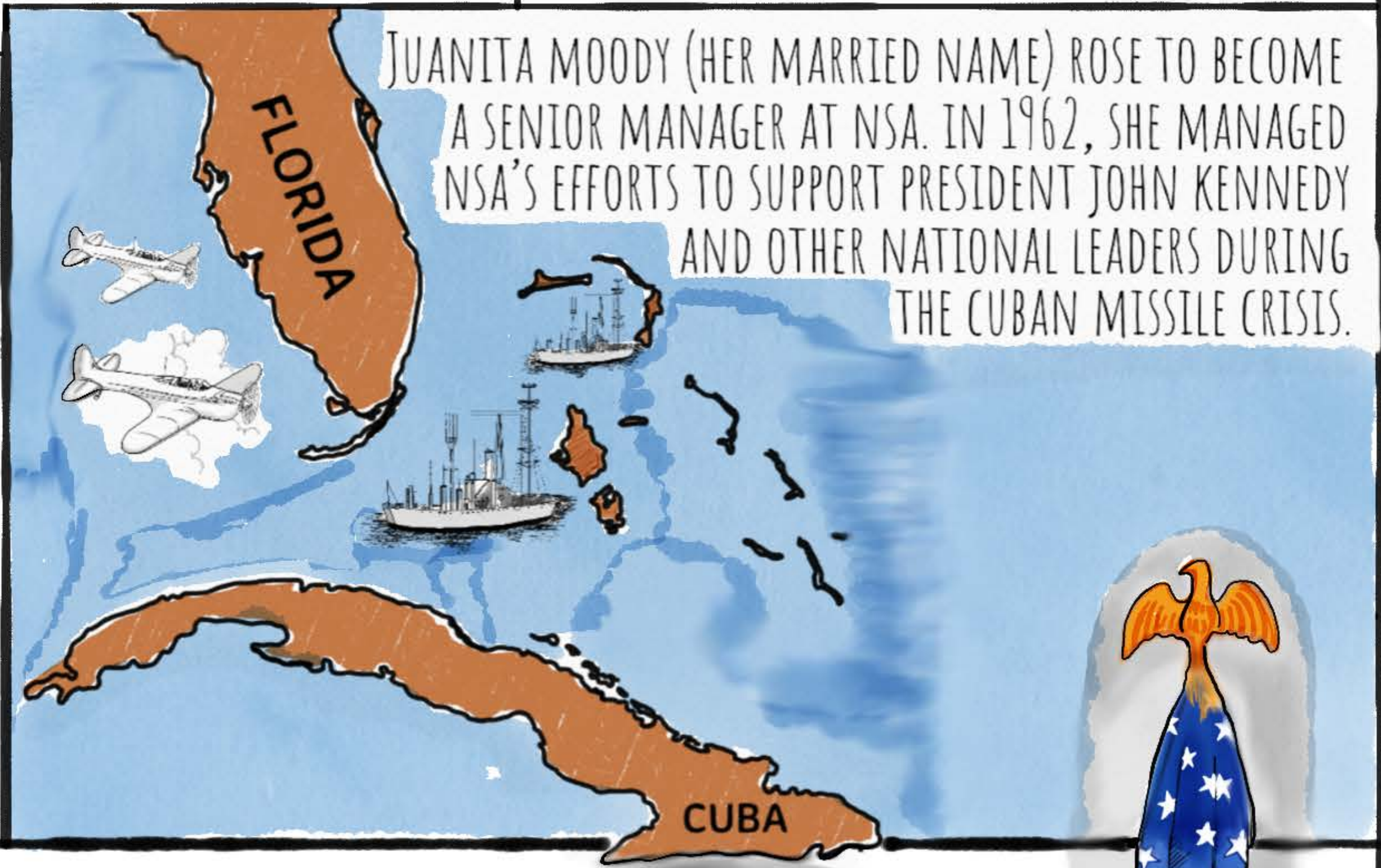


SHE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM THAT "BROKE" THAT PARTICULAR GERMAN CODE SYSTEM.

*IN WWII, THE US WORKED WITH BRITAIN AND CANADA AGAINST GERMAN CODES.



AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, HAVING DONE THEIR DUTY, MOST CIVILIANS LEFT THE ARMY'S CRYPTOLOGIC ORGANIZATION. A SELECT FEW WERE ASKED TO STAY ON; JUANITA WAS ONE OF THEM.



JUANITA MOODY (HER MARRIED NAME) ROSE TO BECOME A SENIOR MANAGER AT NSA. IN 1962, SHE MANAGED NSA'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY AND OTHER NATIONAL LEADERS DURING THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS.

IN 1975, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, GEORGE H. W. BUSH AWARDED JUANITA MOODY THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT; SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON FROM NSA TO RECEIVE THIS DISTINCTION. MS. MOODY RETIRED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.



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