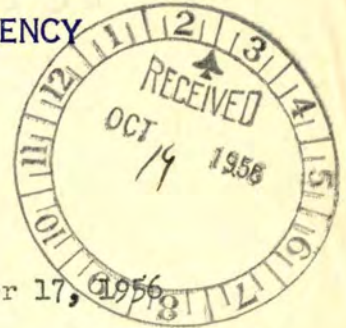




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Dear Arturo:

I want you to be among the first to know of my decision to leave the Agency and return to private business. I have had this under consideration for a long time and just a few days ago actually submitted my resignation, to be effective December 15. The reasons are personal, and have to do with my growing obligations to my growing family, and the need for a better opportunity to discharge them.

One of the keenest regrets that I have in leaving this work is that my official connection with Puerto Rico will cease. I can say without exaggeration that my association with you and my other good friends there has been one of the brightest spots in this entire period. The work will of course go on very well without me, but I will miss it sorely.

I plan to be located in Florida, which after all is not too far away. This move does not in any way diminish my interest in Puerto Rico and its wonderful future, and Natalie and I are both fully determined to keep in touch and to visit there as private citizens. Wherever I am, I shall continue to be an advocate of Puerto Rico!

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Lewis C. Mattison
Deputy Assistant Director
(Latin America)

Dr. Arturo Morales Carrion,
Undersecretary of State,
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.