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Dear Herb:

I want to thank you very much for your excellent editorial of today in the New York Times which shows your penetrating insight into the complexities of United States-Puerto Rico relations. I had written an article last Sunday which I tried to get published in El Mundo with no success (you know, we have freedom of press here). The article parallels your thinking in many ways. I am sending you a copy for your personal information, in view of the fact that I decided today to withdraw it from El Mundo.

Public feeling is running high here on the issue but nobody wants to create any damage to the relations with the Federal Government, and there is no Castro spirit on the air! Getting Hagerty and his staff to do some homework on Puerto Rican politics is a consumation devoutly to be wished.

My best regards to you and Mrs. Mathews.

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