

THE PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

for

STATEHOOD CELEBRATION

Honolulu, Hawaii

C/O Paul S. Troche, Recorder  
547 "L" Road, Honolulu 17, Hawaii

June 29, 1959

Hon. Louis Munoz Marin  
Governor of Puerto Rico  
Commonwealth Government  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Munoz Marin:

In behalf of the officers and members of the Puerto Rican Civic Associations of Hawaii and the Puerto Rican people of Hawaii, I sincerely convey my deepest feelings of appreciation for your kind consideration of us when you so thoughtfully sent us your Undersecretary of State, the Honorable Dr. Arturo Morales Carrion, to represent you and the people of Puerto Rico and tell us of the wonderful progress your country has made in recent years under your magnificent leadership.

Words cannot convey our appreciation for the humble and humane manner by which Dr. Morales Carrion so deeply impressed us with his message and historical talks on Puerto Rico. Some of us will never forget the Doctor as a symbol of you, Governor Munoz, and the people of Puerto Rico. As far as I can remember, the visit of your Representative to Hawaii at this particular time has been the greatest thing that has happened to the Puerto Ricans of Hawaii in the history of the Puerto Rican People of Hawaii. It has been a glorious moment for us, and Dr. Morales Carrion has left a deep and everlasting impression of your love and kindness for us here in far away Hawaii. Shall we forget? Never!

May I convey our sincerest thanks also to your Secretary of Labor, the Honorable Fernando Sierra Berdecia, for the part he played in helping us.

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Your kind offer to invite the president of our contemplated council to the Seventh Anniversary of your Government on July 25, 1959, for the purpose of bringing you a message from us, the Puerto Rican people of Hawaii, was received with such extreme surprise and appreciation that again, we are not able to express in words our sincere thanks and appreciation. We are working overtime now trying to organize the council hoping that we may be able to meet the Celebration dateline, for we realize that time is very short. For this kind offer, we are further indebted to you and extremely grateful. As soon as we organize, we shall inform you and give you the name of the person who has been elected president.

May I, again, thank you and your people for your kindness and consideration towards us; who in return convey our deepest and sincerest blessings for your welfare and your humanitarian work towards your people and the people of the world at large.

Very sincerely yours,

*Paul S. Troche*  
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- cc 1. Hon. Dr. Arturo Morales Carrion  
Undersecretary of State  
2. Hon. Fernando Sierra Berdecia  
Secretary of Labor  
3. Mr. Aurelio M. Badiyo, Chairman  
4. Mr. Henry R. Rodrigues  
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