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THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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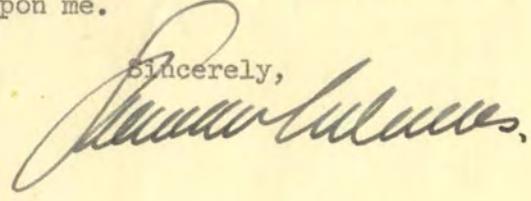
Dear Governor Muñoz:

Thank you most sincerely for your letter of June seventh concerning the July independence celebrations which will be held by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

I have discussed with the President and Mrs. Eisenhower your gracious offer of a piano concert by Puerto Rico's famous pianist, Jesús María Sanromá. They have asked me to express to you, and through you to Señor Sanromá, their deep appreciation of this fine gesture. However, the social season is now officially closed until next fall. The President has an extremely heavy schedule during the day, with his appointments running every 15 or 20 minutes, and he feels that he cannot accept any further commitments during the evenings.

I am sure I need not tell you how pleased Mrs. Adams and I were to receive your kind invitation to attend the July twenty-fifth festivities in Puerto Rico. It would indeed be a welcome trip and a memorable occasion. However, I am afraid we must forego this personal pleasure in view of the more arduous one of attention to duties here in the closing days of Congress.

In recognition of the significance of this occasion, both to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and to the United States, I wonder if you would wish the attendance of some other Administration official. If there is any way that I can be of help in this, you have only to call upon me.

Sincerely,  


The Honorable Luis Muñoz Marín  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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FOR ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY

JUN 20, 1954

Dear Governor Mello:

Thank you most sincerely for your letter of June seventh concerning the July Independence celebration which will be held by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

I have discussed with the President and Mrs. Eisenhower your question of a piano concert by Puerto Rico's famous pianist, Jorge Luis Barenque. They have asked me to express to you, and through you to Señor Barenque, their deep appreciation of this fine gesture. However, the social season is now officially closed until next fall. The President has an extremely heavy schedule during the day, with his appointments running away 15 or 20 minutes, and he feels that he cannot accept any further commitments during the evenings.

I am sure I need not tell you how pleased Mrs. Adams and I were to receive your kind invitation to attend the July festivities in Puerto Rico. It would indeed be a pleasure and a remarkable occasion. However, I am afraid we cannot attend this personal pleasure in view of the more arduous nature of our duties here in the closing days of Congress.

In recognition of the significance of this occasion with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and to the United States, it would be an honor if you would have the attendance of some other distinguished official. It would be my way that I can be of help to you, and we are only too glad to do so.

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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

The Honorable John Edgar Hoover  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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