

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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In reply refer to
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Dear Dr. Morales:

The forthcoming Regional Conference on Free and Compulsory Education of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization will be convened in Lima, Peru. Closely related to the Conference will be the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education which will also meet at Lima. It is anticipated that the United States Representative to each of these meetings will be a Federal official from Washington, D. C. Although the dates are not yet official, we understand that the Free and Compulsory Education Conference will be held from April 23 to May 5 and the Ministers of Education Meeting will be held from May 3 to 8, 1956. Some sessions of the two meetings will be joint sessions.

I have been informed that while you were here a few months ago you mentioned to Mr. Simon N. Wilson of the Department's Bureau of Inter-American Affairs that the Department of Education in Puerto Rico might have someone available to serve on the United States Delegation to the Free and Compulsory Education Conference. If the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico still has an interest in the Conference we would appreciate receiving the name of the Puerto Rican nominee and the usual letter of security clearance. Owing to the related aspects of the two meetings it is hoped that the nominee would be available to serve on the United States Delegations to both meetings. It is understood that the nominee would serve at no expense to the Department.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard S. Wheeler".

Richard S. Wheeler
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The Honorable
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