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The Hon.
Governor Luis Muñoz Marín
Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico
San Juan,
Puerto Rico

*Pa' que sepas
el señor Gobe*

Dear Governor Muñoz Marín:

As Program Chairman of the Sixth Regional Conference, I take great pleasure in reporting to you the admiration engendered by your distinguished and loyal Undersecretary of State, Dr. Arturo Morales Carrión, both for himself as a public figure and for the enlightened social philosophy which he so ably represents. I am convinced that no member of your Government, except yourself, could communicate more dynamically the nobility and vitality of Puerto Rico's great experiment in autonomy. You possess, in Dr. Morales Carrión, a dedicated spokesman, and one capable of transmitting not only the enthusiasm of material progress but the very spirituality and philosophical bases which underlie that progress. A man who, on individual contact, captivates his associates with his unassuming graciousness, his culture and his sensitivity, Dr. Morales Carrión, upon taking the rostrum, surprises his audiences with electrifying, hard-hitting and well-reasoned discourse. It is obviously a credit to your Administration to have produced --or at least to have unearthed and utilized-- such rare talents as those possessed by this man.

During his stay in Albuquerque Dr. Morales Carrión favored us with two addresses, once as the principal speaker of the Conference Banquet and once as a participant in a panel devoted to problems of exchange of professional personnel in the Americas. In addition, he appeared with us on a television panel entitled "Focus on Latin America". In all of these contributions he was brilliant and forceful. As one who has been privileged to observe Operation Bootstrap at first hand, I was keenly aware that Puerto Rico and its role in Inter-American relations were being interpreted in a manner calculated to transcend the "Madison Avenue hard-sell" and to provide genuine insight into the social and spiritual regeneration of a people. It was this conviction which moved me to include, with this official letter of appreciation to the Puerto Rican Government for authorizing Dr. Morales Carrión's participation, a strong statement of commendation concerning the manner in which he represents you, your government and your people to the United States and to Latin America. I should add, I think, that Dr. Morales Carrión shares with you the ability to give North Americans lessons in expository stylistics.

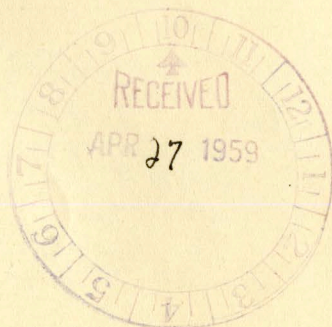
In short, we have been greatly honored by the distinguished contributions of Dr. Morales Carrión. But we have also been enlightened, inspired and charmed. When I first proposed that he address our meetings I suggested that the voice of Puerto Rico was one which needed to be heard with ever-increasing frequency amongst Latin Americanists. It has certainly been well heard among those of this region.

The Hon Gov. Luis Muñoz Marín -2

Thanking you most heartily for your assistance, I am

Respectfully yours,

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