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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

June 9.

Dear Arturo:

Bob McIlvaine has informed me that he has already sent you a list of names of the Ambassadors of the countries Governor Munoz will be visiting. As I mentioned over the phone, the Governor may wish to consider whether he might like to make a visit to Finland. Chief Justice Warren is speaking at Hameenlinna on June 25 and will be in the country from June 22 to June 27. However, I must bring to your attention the fact that the World Peace Council is meeting in Helsinki on June 22. This, as you know, is a communist-front organization. Whatever the Governor may decide to do, I suggest that you inform our Ambassador at Helsinki, The Honorable Jack K. McFall. In the meanwhile we will inform Ambassador McFall that there is a possibility that the Governor might like to visit Finland in order to look into cooperatives and visit rural areas of interest to him.

The Governor's visit was the subject of a communication which has been sent to the following Missions and Consular Offices: Amsterdam, Basel, Bern, Copenhagen, Dusseldorf, Florence, London, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Paris, Rome, Rotterdam, Seville, Stockholm, Strasbourg, The Hague, Venice, and Zurich. You are assured that these Missions and Consular Offices will be delighted to see the Governor and his party and that everything possible will be done to assist him in every way. I feel that the trip will have excellent results and I know that the Governor will be received warmly in all the countries he visits.

I have just received your letter of June 7 and have personally taken over the passports to our Passport Division. While we can issue special passports to the Governor, Mrs. Munoz and the two girls, Dr. Benitez and Senator Bauza will have to get regular passports. I have personally paid the fee of \$9.00

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each. They will be ready when Mr. Rigau or Senator Bauza call at the Department. The Embassies have already been informed of your interest in meeting with people concerned with Caribbean matters, and they will arrange such meetings which would be most interesting and useful to you. In London you should get in touch with Mr. Andrew Foster, who is Counselor, and who is familiar with Caribbean matters; in Paris Mr. Robert McBride, who follows the French West Indies; and in The Hague, Mr. Harold Shullaw, who follows the Antilles.

You are assured that every possible assistance will be given in order to make your trip as fruitful as possible. I am delighted that Mr. Trias is going to Europe to join the Governor, and I hope to see you all in Puerto Rico.

Sincerely yours,

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