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My dear Dr. Morales-Carrión:

In the absence of Mr. Gerig I wish to thank you for your letter of May 25, 1953, regarding your conversations in New York with Dr. Bunche, Mr. Khalidy, Mr. Hoo and Mr. Kunst. The various comments and ideas expressed in those conversations are of great interest here, and this Office very much appreciates your making them available. Your experience in New York clearly demonstrates the usefulness of informal approaches to other delegations.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we recently sent to Dr. Fernos-Isern transmitting copies of a summary of the responses that have been received to the Department's circular airgram concerning the attainment of self-government by the Commonwealth and the decision to cease transmitting information to the United Nations on Puerto Rico. Your attention is invited to the second paragraph of the letter which describes the security regulations governing the handling of this material. In view of what you told us on May 5 regarding Ambassador Rodríguez Fabregat, you will be interested to know that the Uruguayan Foreign Office said that it was awaiting the views and comments of the Ambassador before reaching a decision in the Puerto Rican case.

You may be assured that I shall bring the suggestion for a possible meeting next month in Puerto Rico to the attention of Mr. Gerig immediately upon his return to the Department about June 5.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*William I. Cargo*

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Acting Director, Office of  
Dependent Area Affairs

Enclosure:

Copy of letter to  
Dr. Fernos-Isern, dated May 19, 1953.

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