

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

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AIR MAIL

Arturo Morales Carrion  
Under Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Morales:

It was a great pleasure to meet you for the first time this last week since your name was well known to me but our work had never brought us together before. I am looking forward to a most pleasant relationship with you and one which I hope will be productive of sound and effective relationships with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

I would be remiss if I did not say that we are all greatly impressed with the contributions which the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has made to the Technical Cooperation Program. Training in Puerto Rico has been an invaluable experience for many hundreds of ICA-sponsored participants and by virtue of such training in the democratic and vigorous climate of Puerto Rico, the participants have obtained a new outlook and concept which they could not have achieved solely through training within the continental United States. The Commonwealth's plans for the future as stated in Governor Munoz's letter September 4 to the Director of this Agency, Mr. Hollister, are most impressive and are warmly appreciated here. The U. S. Government is fortunate indeed to have a relationship with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with respect to its training operations.

It was very helpful that you met with the responsible officials here relative to the internal reorganization within ICA relative to the ICA-Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Contract in order that the transfer of responsibilities from the Department of the Interior might proceed as smoothly as possible. We will do our utmost to minimize any resultant temporary confusion for your office and other offices of the Commonwealth but whenever matters arise which you feel need prompt action or correction, we hope you will not hesitate to get in immediate touch with us to enable corrective action.



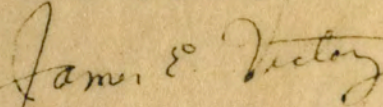
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If possible, it would be very helpful if a member of your staff could come to Washington to assist during this transitional period. We will, of course, give him our full assistance and cooperation. I believe it would be equally beneficial for a member of my staff to visit Puerto Rico shortly thereafter.

I hope at some future point to be able to visit Puerto Rico for a personal study of the training opportunities. Pending that time, I will take the liberty of written communications with you whenever that seems desirable. Please do not hesitate to call upon me for any assistance you desire.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



James E. Victory  
Chief, Training Development Staff