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The Honorable Luis Munoz Marin
Governor
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Munoz Marin:

I am writing to invite you to take a major part in the Third National Conference on Exchange of Persons which the Institute is sponsoring in cooperation with 130 national Participating and Observer Organizations in Washington, D. C., January 28-31, 1959. The interest which you expressed in the work of the Institute at the recent Conference on Inter-American Exchange of Persons encourages me to believe that you may find it possible to accept.

The theme of the Conference, which will mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Institute, is "World Progress Through Educational Exchange." A copy of the preliminary program is enclosed.

I would like to invite you to serve as a member of the January 28 Plenary Session Panel on "U. S. Cultural Relations with Foreign Nations." We are inviting as your co-panelists: Dr. George Shuster, President, Hunter College; Senator J. W. Fulbright; Andrew H. Berding, Assistant Secretary of State; Isaac Stern, noted violinist; and Dean Acheson. We are asking each panelist to speak briefly on one aspect of the topic. If you can accept our invitation, we would particularly like you to comment on the challenge and opportunity of increasing international understanding through cultural relations, including educational exchange.

The Conference will provide an opportunity for a review of the 20-year record of United States cultural relations with foreign nations, of the contribution of current exchange programs to international understanding and progress, and of plans for future exchange activities. We expect that workshop sessions and small discussion groups will, in addition, provide an opportunity for concentrated discussion of the goals and techniques of international exchange. It is the third in a series of national meetings which have made a significant contribution to the development of public support for exchange programs. We anticipate the participation of approximately 1,000 individuals from all sections of the United States, including leaders in education, the arts, labor, religion, business and industry, the professions, and government. Among those who have to date accepted our invitation to speak at the Conference are: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Edward R. Murrow, Edward Litchfield, Blanche Thebom, Chester Bowles, Senator Karl Mundt, and Dean Rusk.

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While keenly aware of your heavy schedule, I nevertheless hope you will give favorable consideration to this invitation. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has made such a magnificent record in the area of international exchange that your presence would contribute great significance to the deliberations of this panel.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Holland
President

Enclosure

cc. Arturo Morales Carrion

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