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Dear Governor Munoz:

It is a source of great pleasure to inform you that you have been elected to receive the Fifteenth Anniversary Freedom House Award on the occasion of our annual dinner to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Astor Hotel on Sunday evening, October seventh.

This presentation follows the precedent established by our Board on our tenth anniversary, when a similar award was made to Dr. Alberto Gainsa Paz, the intrepid editor of La Prensa in Argentina.

Also elected this year, to receive the Freedom Award, was the President of the Republic of the Philippines, to whom a token presentation will be made at the dinner through his personal Ambassador, General Carlos Romulo.

Departing from our past procedure when the Board of Directors of Freedom House made the selection, this year the Board simply acted as a nominating committee, following the circulation of nominating petitions to 25,000 representative Americans.

The final choices were made by the distinguished previous recipients of our Award including Mr. Walter Lippmann, The Honorable Sumner Welles, Mr. Bernard M. Baruch, General George C. Marshall, General Lucius D. Clay, The Honorable David E. Lilienthal, The Honorable Dean Acheson, The Honorable Paul G. Hoffman, Ambassador James B. Conant, General Matthew B. Ridgway and Mr. Edward R. Murrow.

As our dinner is to climax our fifteenth anniversary program, you are cordially invited to make the principal address on this occasion when you will receive the bronze plaque, symbol of our Award. It will be inscribed: "In recognition of his dynamic and creative leadership toward a better life under the banner of a free Commonwealth."

Mr. Murrow and Mr. Lippmann are serving as Co-Chairmen; the former will preside at the dinner while the latter will make the presentation address.

We look forward to your acceptance of our invitation.

Respectfully yours,

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