

February 27, 1953

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am deeply appreciative of your letter of February 16, in which you invite Mrs. Muñoz and I to visit the United Nations at any time that we may be in New York.

I am, indeed, planning a visit to the United States to strengthen our increasingly fruitful relationships with the Federal Government under our new Commonwealth status. We have just embarked here on a new experiment of great hopes and potentialities based upon our political association with the American Union and the establishment of full self-government in local matters. It is our earnest desire to contribute in the most effective way we can to the foreign policies of the United States, particularly with regard to Latin America and the underdeveloped areas. Already we are closely collaborating with Point Four and the Technical Assistance program.

To us in Puerto Rico, the ideals of the United Nations are a vital and living thing. Our soldiers are fighting for them in Korea, side by side with their fellow-citizens from continental United States. Our government is serving them with a clear understanding of the basic, universal human values involved.

As soon as the first legislative session now being held under the Commonwealth Constitution is over, I hope to be able to make arrangements to go to the United States and shall certainly avail myself of your generous invitation to call on you at the United Nations.

In the meantime, I should like to express to you on behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico our most sincere wishes of success in the supremely difficult and important task which has been entrusted to you.

Sincerely yours,

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