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## Let's Use Puerto Rico

THE WASHINGTON POST has come up with a suggestion that makes sense. Frankly, we wish we had thought of it first.

It points out that much of the standard itinerary planned for officials of under-developed countries who visit America has no practical application. To visit an automotive plant or the TVA may impress the visitor with the industrial power of America, but it doesn't help him get ideas

for solving his own pressing development problems.

Why not send such visitors during their stay to Puerto Rico, "a land which knows poverty and is doing something remarkable about it, which is sensitive to questions of color and which has itself emerged from a colonial background?"

Why not, indeed? Puerto Rico is a genuine "show window" of the United States and it is tackling problems that have common denominators with those of, say, the premier of Laos, who visited Washington last week.

Let's make better use of Puerto Rico, its famous "operation bootstrap" development program, and its dynamic governor, Luis Munoz Marin. This would make good sense both for the United States and for the struggling new nations of Asia and Africa that we are trying to help.