Dear Arturo:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you and I appreciate very much your passing the wire on to the Governor. Rita and I share a deep admiration of his leadership and achievements and were delighted by the outcome of the election.

As you may well imagine, we are not exactly unhappy at the Democratic victory here. In its own way, Kennedy's triumph was an outstanding one and we are confident he will make a fine President.

It would certainly be my hope that he will move forward in the field of Inter-American relations, and I can think of no better way for him to do so than to draw on the understanding and insights of men such as yourself.

With very best wishes for the holidays and always, I am

Sincerely yours,

Francis R. Valeo
Assistant to the
MAJORITY WHIP

P.S. I don't think we will make it to Puerto Rico soon but you come to Washington and stay with us and say hello to our new son.