Dear Dr. Morales-Carrion:

As a part of this Agency's general objective of presenting various aspects of American life and development to foreign audiences, we are providing our overseas posts with background information and lecture material.

I am writing you, at the suggestion of Dr. Gustavo Agrait, Box 1853-U.P.R. Station, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, to ask whether you would be interested in preparing a lecture on the "Development and Evolution of Puerto Rico." The preparation of lectures, to be illustrated with color slides of our two new states of Alaska and Hawaii is in process. The position of Puerto Rico, as an American Commonwealth is unique and requires separate treatment.

I would suggest, in your consideration of this undertaking, that the emphasis of the lecture should be on the cultural, social and educational aspects of the remarkable progress of Puerto Rico. The other media services of this Agency, namely Motion Pictures, Radio and the Press Services which includes special feature articles, have emphasized the political and economic development to our overseas posts and to foreign audiences. Consequently this lecture must be largely concentrated on the cultural and social aspects as well as on the fine and the performing arts.

If this approach appeals to you and you believe that there is sufficient material to use for a lecture of importance of approximately 5,500 words, I will be very glad to discuss the matter further. In considering this problem, we would like to learn whether you believe that there are sources for color slides to illustrate the lecture.

In the past, we have experienced some difficulty in obtaining color slides made from lists submitted by those who have prepared lectures for us. Consequently, we would like to obtain them, as far as possible, from commercial or institutional sources. I am enclosing a copy of a list of slides which illustrates this point.

Sincerely,

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