Dear Dr. Palmer:

Here I am, in Washington. It is getting colder and colder. I sure wish I was in Puerto Rico.

The school; It is located on a Hill-top which makes me recall dear old Poly. There are four dormitories for men which are located on the campus and another off-campus dormitory which is the one where I live in. There are five women dormitories which are located in front of the campus. They form a quadrangle and are called the women quadrangle. There is another off-campus dormitory for women. These makes a total of five dormitories for men and six for women.

The rules and regulations concerning the on-campus dormitories are worse than the ones for Borinquen Hall. Girls have to be in at seven o'clock on school days and at one o'clock on Saturday nights. At nine o'clock they have to go downstairs to sign a slip which states that they are in the dormitory.

For the men dormitories there are no regulations concerning in coming hours or so. This means that any male student who is weak of character is liable and very likely will flunk.

We have a whole building for the library and a separate building for the Chapel. Religious services are held on Sundays at eleven o'clock and attendance is not compulsory, but, everybody goes.

There is a chemistry building, a biological sciences building, and three other buildings for class meetings.

The Schools of Medicine and Dentistry are on two separate buildings, one besides the other. The School of Engineering is an off-campus building also.

There is a football field, a baseball diamond and two gyms, one for men and one for women.

The School of Liberal Arts grants the degree of Bachelor of Science to all students who major in Zoology, Chemistry or Physics. Being Poly a College of Liberal Arts and offering majors in Chemistry and Zoology I think that they could grant the degree of B.S. to students who major in one of those fields. These would help Poly in its enrollment because a lot of students would be interested in going to the Hills.

Washington : This is a very beautiful city. I like it lots more than New York. There are a lot of interesting places to visit. I already went sight-seeing and visited the Capitol, Washington's Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, The White House, Blair House and many other places of interest which I do not remember now.
Nutrition: The University operates system of Cafeterias where you eat A la Carte or, if you want to, there is a plan like the one we have in Poly where you pay in advance for your food. This last plan has not been very successful here. There are two cafeterias, one on the women quadrangle and the other on the off-campus women dormitory. The foods are delicious and very well prepared, and, cheap.

There are many other details which I am not going to mention because it would take too long.

I am taking four courses which are requisites for the Graduate School. Those courses are: Principles of Economics, French (advanced), General Physiology and Vertebrate Embryology. There are no laboratory assistants so you have to do your work by yourself and do a lot of research to be sure you are doing it right. I think this is a good method because it stimulates you to study and, one has to study like mad here because there is a lot of competition.

I must not finish this letter without asking you to give my regards to everybody down there my regards and please tell Carlos Aviles, Provi Forestier and Luisa Torres to answer my letters to them. I am anxious to hear from them and dear old Poly.

So long.

Affectionately,

Rafael Linares