August 11, 1950

Honorable Luis Munoz Marin
Governor of Puerto Rico
La Fortaleza
Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Munoz:

I was very much touched and gratified by your gracious letter of August 8. It was thoughtful of you, indeed, to have written me to comment on such help as I have been able to give on legislation affecting Puerto Rico.

For many years I have, as you know, been very much interested in the welfare of Puerto Rico and of Puerto Ricans both in my own state and in the Island itself. I shall continue to work on every front and in every way I know to help the people of Puerto Rico realize their proper and legitimate aspirations in both the political and economic spheres.

You might be interested in knowing — you will undoubtedly read it in the press — that only today we succeeded in reporting out of the Labor Committee, of which I have the honor of being a member, a bill extending the system of federal-state employment offices to Puerto Rico. I was chairman of the sub-committee which worked on this bill and I am one of the co-sponsors of it. I shall take pleasure in reporting this bill on the floor of the Senate and in urging its passage. I hope it may be very helpful, if it is approved by the House, in the stabilization of employment in Puerto Rico and in the mobilization of Puerto Rican manpower to meet the needs of expanding industrial and agricultural production.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman