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THE WHITE HOUSE
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To: STEVE RICCHETTI

From: The Staff Secretary

ANY VIEW ON THIS? WE DID
THE LETTER TO RUDMAN; THESE
ADD'L LETTERS ARE MORE THAN
WE WOULD NORMALLY DO. MY
ANSWER WOULD BE, "WE
DON'T TYPICALLY DO THIS."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

99 JUL 8 PM1:30

President's
Foreign Intelligence
Advisory Board

July 7, 1999

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR PHILLIP CAPLAN

FROM: RANDY DEITERING

SUBJECT: Commendation Letters for PFIAB Lab Panel
Staff

Attached are proposed letters from the President to the twelve staff members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board who worked on the Presidentially-tasks study of security at the Department of Energy's national laboratories, led by Chairman Warren Rudman. Their outstanding skills contributed greatly to the production of our report "Science At Its Best, Security At Its Worst."

On June 29, 1999, the President sent a letter to PFIAB Chairman Warren Rudman thanking him for the superb report. We would greatly appreciate having all of the staff members involved receive individual letters of appreciation from the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memo at Tab I to the President.

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Letters from the President 12 PFIAB Staff
Tab B "Science At Its Best, Security At Its Worst"
Tab C Letter of Appreciation from President to
Chairman Warren Rudman, June 29, 1999

His Excellency William Jefferson (Bill) Clinton,
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500
FAXIMILE (001-202-456-2883)
Your Excellency, Mr. President,

Joseph A. Inconaja
56 Marina Street
Pista
Malta
8th July 1999
99 JUL 8 AM 9:55

This is the third faximile I am sending you and hope you appreciate my goodwill towards your country and the rest of the world. My concern is not really towards the justice due to Malta only but mostly and firstly to all those countries who are considered as third world countries. What I have said before boils down to the one fact that this hidden empire has the capacity to aggress economically with the force of the economic strength of North America and Europe put together. In other words it has the power direct to sustain itself to the extremity as if the volume in world population in proportion for itself would be $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world population and indirectly to influence the rest of the world in the most criminal co-ercions which on the surface seems clean or 'mano pulita'. There is of course much blood letting through strife such as tribal warfare most savage, indeed religious fanaticism which affects so much bloodshed. The sustaining of brutal dictatorships and tyranny. And everything to keep this malvolence of power. At the outskirts the word goes around that they are from source benevolent and do everything needed for the benefit of God and Mankind. The fruits of the ~~tree~~ shows that the tree is poisoned and the fruits kill mind body and soul. They are the menace not only to the USA and the rest of America but to the world. One should remind himself when Jesus showed his justified anger in the Temple. I beg you, for the sake of the suppressed: those who are starving and destitute, for the ignorant of their human dignity, for the innocent who are threatened and murdered. I beg you to take over in the utmost of discretion of prudence and wisdom and with the greatest care to the needs of the people of the USA and the rest of the world to destroy this Antigon which is now, I think, at the last gale to devour the world.

7-8-99

yours faithfully and sincerely,
Joseph Anthony Inconaja

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Yes ☒

No ☐

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

99 JUL 8 PM 1:44

MEMBER

July 9, 1999

Dear Mr. President:

I regretfully resign my position as a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, effective July 9, 1999. I'm returning to an academic position after two years in the White House. I view my time here as an exceptional opportunity to work on good policy and to work with all of the highly capable people throughout the White House.

I have spent a substantial amount of my time working on domestic social policy issues, and I want to underscore how important I think your agenda and your leadership has been on these issues. Your efforts to promote a better and more frequent conversation about racial and ethnic issues in the U.S. will be a long-term legacy of this Administration. I have also been very pleased to work on issues related to women, to health, and to economic security of the elderly. You have achieved a solid record of accomplishment in all of these areas.

I have also truly enjoyed working for and with Janet Yellen, and with my other CEA colleagues, Jeffrey Frankel and Robert Lawrence. They have been professional, committed, and hard-working. The CEA is always fortunate in having an outstanding staff, who put in long hours and do extremely good work.

It has been a great honor to serve in your Administration. I am also particularly pleased to have been in this job while the economy heads toward the longest economic expansion in history. It has been an exciting and productive time to work for the White House.

Respectfully yours,

Rebecca M. Blank

Rebecca M. Blank

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Yes ☒

No ☐

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Yes ☒

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Jeffrey L. Farrow
06/21/99 05:00:50 PM

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To: Roderick K. vonLipsey/NSC/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: "Military Contradicts Clinton"

The following are excerpts from the Puerto Rico newspaper reports today in which the Southern Command's spokesman was understood to contradict the statement in the President's letter re Vieques training having been a factor in locating Southern Command units in Puerto Rico.

MILITARY OFFICIAL CONTRADICTS CLINTON (PRIMERA HORA)

The Southern Command's liaison with Puerto Rico, Raul Duany, seems to know more about the strategic importance of Vieques for the defense of the U.S. than the President of that country, Bill Clinton.

Duany said this week-end while in Puerto Rico that Vieques had nothing to do with the decision to move the headquarters of the Southern Command to Puerto Rico. The spokesman seemed not to be aware of the content of a letter sent by Clinton on June 10th to Governor Pedro Rossello in which he said the contrary from what Duany is now saying.

In his letter, Clinton mentioned to Rossello, in more than one occasion, that Vieques was one of the factors for which Puerto Rico was chosen as headquarters for the Southern Command.

But Duany now says that the mission of the Southern Command in Puerto Rico has to do with fighting drug trafficking and supporting the 31 Latin American countries when a disaster strikes. Duany, however, admitted that the Southern Command will use the Roosevelt Roads Base to train military personnel from Latin America. Vieques is part of the Roosevelt Road Military Complex.

In a telephone interview, Duany said "that is not what Clinton's letter says." And what does the letter say, the reporter asked. "I have not seen the letter, but what it says is that for moving Southern Command there was support from the Government of Puerto Rico," Duany said.

Interviewed by Primera Hora, Hector Pesquera, Congreso Nacional Hostosiano's spokesperson, said . . . "What we have to pay attention to is Clinton's statements to Rossello. The Governor included Vieques in a menu to be able to get the Southern Command and now he wants to take it out. That is what Clinton is saying," Pesquera said.

SOUTHERN COMMAND: NOTHING TO DO WITH VIEQUES (EL MUNDO)

The Southern Command's liaison with Puerto Rico, Raul Duany, rejected the idea that the Navy facilities in Vieques had influenced the decision of the Southern Command to move to Puerto Rico. "The decision (of the Southern Command) of moving to Puerto Rico had absolutely nothing to do with Vieques," Duany said.

Duany explained that the island of Vieques is not in the utilization screen of the Southern Command.

7/19/99
STEVE SARGENT -
FARROW SUGGESTED INCLUDING
LETTERS UNTIL THIS DIED DOWN -
SEEMS FINE TO GO NOW, BUT
YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK IT
ON YOUR END W/
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Vieques does not affect or contribute to the mission that the Southern Command has in Latin America, Duany said. This is so because the principal mission of the Southern Command is to collaborate with the strategies to eradicate drug trafficking and offer support in the event of a disaster to the 32 countries in Latin America.

"The Navy uses Vieques for another mission, which is international. In reality there is no relationship between what the Southern Command does and what the Navy does in Vieques," Duany said.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: Office of the Staff Secretary
From: NSC Exec Sec

6/21

ACTION

For Pre-clearance

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
MICKEY IBARRA

99 JUN 21 PM 2:33

SUBJECT:

Correspondence Requesting Halt to Military Use of
Vieques Island Live Bombing RangePurpose

To respond to letters from the Speaker of the Puerto Rican House of Representatives, six municipal leaders, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and the League of United Latin American Citizens, concerning live bombing practice on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

Background

The Speaker and these leaders wrote to call for the permanent cessation of live ordnance training at Vieques. Although some local leaders have called for an end to all military activities on the island, the Speaker of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives asks that you consider a range of measures that mirror the economic development and land-use questions Bill Cohen will answer through a panel you recently directed him to establish.

Your response notes that in response to their letters -- and requests by Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Rossello and Resident Commissioner Carlos Romero-Barcelo -- you directed Bill Cohen to establish a Department of Defense panel to study the Navy's operations in Puerto Rico.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters for Signature

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing in response to your letter in the wake of the tragic bombing accident on April 19, 1999 at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility. I was greatly saddened by the death of David Sanes Rodriguez, a Navy contract employee, and the suffering of the others injured in that tragic accident. I remain grateful to the people of Puerto Rico for their support of our national security readiness and training efforts.

In response to the April accident, Secretary of Defense Cohen tasked the Navy to conduct a thorough review of the Vieques range accident and its military operations on the Island. As you know, the Navy voluntarily suspended all ordnance training at Vieques while this review is underway. This action, along with the Department's recent return of several hundred acres of government property on Vieques, are concrete examples of the earnest effort Secretary of the Navy Danzig is making to address your concerns.

In response to your request -- and that of others, including Governor Pedro Rossello and Resident Commissioner Carlos Romero-Barcelo -- I have directed Secretary Cohen to establish a special panel to conduct an independent review of our range operations at Vieques. The panel will also explore what regional alternatives may be available to address our security and training requirements. The panel, which includes former Representative Lee Hamilton, in whom I have great confidence, will review your concerns and those of the people of Vieques and will consult with other appropriate Federal agencies. I have directed that the panel complete its work in August of this year.

While the panel is conducting its review, I ask for your support and suggestions. The members have been asked to consult local elected officials, as well as residents of Vieques Island. In addition, I ask that you discourage individuals from entering the live impact area at the Vieques Island range complex because of the serious danger posed by unmapped ordnance there.

The presence of the Vieques land and adjoining ocean range complex, along with the strong support of the citizens and elected officials of Puerto Rico, made possible the recent decision to relocate and consolidate important military training facilities and components of the U.S. Southern Command. In conjunction with the Vieques range, these activities provide an important economic benefit to Puerto Rico. Moreover, these facilities in Puerto Rico have been a vital part of our national defense and regional security readiness training.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope that we will be able to find a solution that meets the needs of the residents of Vieques Island, benefits the people of the Commonwealth, and fulfills our essential national security needs.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Edison Misla-Aldarondo
House of Representatives
Government of Puerto Rico
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901



Government of Puerto Rico
House of Representatives

Honorable
Edison Misla Aldarondo
Speaker

May 2, 1999

Hon. William J. Clinton
President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Via UPS

Dear Mr. President:

As you are already aware, the People of Puerto Rico are grieving the loss of one of our own in the tragic accident that occurred last week at Camp García in the Island of Vieques. Nonetheless, it would be totally inappropriate to just focus on this regrettable incident when pondering what must be done from hereon. Any discussion related to this incident requires a commitment on all sides to work out an agreement that is based on a profound respect of the sacrifice and limitations endured for years by the US citizens who reside in Vieques, as well as on the steadfast commitment of the People of Puerto Rico to our Nation's defense and security needs.

In recent days you have heard from the Governor, Resident Commissioner and many other political, religious and civic leaders from our Island. Regardless of our differences as to our political status ideologies, there is a strong consensus among most of us in Puerto Rico that the US Navy needs to:

- 1) permanently refrain from conducting such bombing and live ammunition exercises as the one that resulted in the aforementioned tragedy;
- 2) assist in the development of further infrastructure projects in the Municipality of Vieques, as well as in addressing the socio-economic needs of the US citizens who reside in Vieques; and
- 2) begin a process that would lead to the return of land that may no longer be needed by the US Navy.

Hon. William J. Clinton
May 2, 1999
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As Speaker of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico, I am committed to address this issue in a manner that is fair and responsive. Therefore, I decided that it was appropriate that all the members of the House of Representatives have the opportunity to visit the site of the tragic accident, as well as have an opportunity to hear the concerns and the opinions of groups and people on all sides of this issue.

After all, only after being truly cognizant of all aspects relating to this issue, would we be able to be in position to best address this situation in a manner that would be both final and conciliatory. It goes without saying that our position, as expressed in this letter and by our actions, are not incompatible with our unwavering commitment to the defense of our national interests.

I look forward to share with you any insights from our upcoming visit to Vieques and to Camp García in particular.

Sincerely,



Edison Misla-Aldarondo

c Hon. William S. Cohen
Mr. Richard J. Danzig
RADM T.T. Etnyre
CAPT James K. Stark, Jr.



Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico
Municipio de Mayagüez
Asamblea Municipal



May 4, 1999

Hon. William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President:

The Municipal Assembly of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, passed the enclosed resolution concerning the fact that the United States Navy, of which you are the Commander - in - Chief, has used the island of Vieques as a bombing range with live ammunition for decades. Past month a young man was killed and several wound when the guardhouse they were staying in was accidently bombed by a Navy plane.

We respectfully request that you order a halt to this practice and ask the Navy to find some other practice ranges so that they return Vieques in its entirety to its residents. We ask that you take action immediately so that the island can return to normality and the residents enjoy peace and tranquility.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Cordially,

Roberto Pérez Colón
President

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Enclosure

National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators



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Senator Efrain Gonzalez, Jr., NY
President

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May 24, 1999

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C.

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Director
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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to you with respect to a very serious matter which is troubling to me personally and a burning issue within the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In the course of the last one hundred years, the People of Puerto Rico have demonstrated their loyalty to the democratic values of liberty, equality and respect for human rights consecrated and set forth in the Constitution of the United States. These values have been clearly demonstrated by our seemingly perpetual participation in all armed conflicts in which our nation has been forced to take part, from World War I to the Persian Gulf conflict. In these conflicts, thousands of Puerto Ricans have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been wounded in further perpetuating the ideals of justice, liberty and the principles of America's democracy.

For the last thirty years, the people of the island municipality of Vieques have continued to unwillingly endure the direct consequences associated with military practices. These training exercises, primarily American missions, include air, land and naval activities. Ever since the administration of Governor Roberto Sanchez-Vilella from 1965 to 1969, the Department of Defense has been made aware of the grave problems and ominous consequences to the quality of life, tranquillity and the pursuit of happiness of the United States citizens who reside on the island municipality of Vieques. It has also come to our attention that the island municipality of Vieques has become a commercial operation whereas training exercises have been marketed to other countries' military establishments as a training ground for their military exercises..

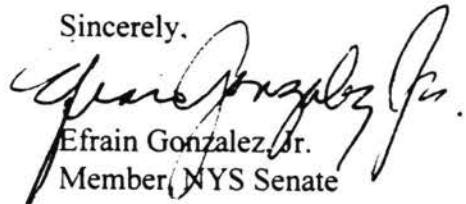
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President Clinton
May 24, 1999
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The Legislature of Puerto Rico believes that the time has come to ensure the people of Vieques the full and complete enjoyment of their inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while ensuring the common defense of all United States citizens. While the people are grateful and appreciative of the value and contributions made by the armed forces of the United States regarding our collective security, and recognize the strategic importance, security notwithstanding, the Naval bases located in Cieba and Vieques no longer represent modern world realities and the absence of the cold war cry out for ceasing any further military exercises and live ammunition bombing in the territory and surrounding waters of the island municipality of Vieques. The constant bombing and other military practices using live ammunition continues to have unmitigating effects on the physical, emotional and psychological well-being of the residents of Vieques.

I trust that your wisdom and judgement in consideration of this serious and still outstanding matter will render all future training exercises null and void, and will finally allow the residents of Vieques a peaceful co-existence within their environment.

Sincerely,



Efrain Gonzalez Jr.
Member, NYS Senate

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GOBIERNO MUNICIPAL DE ISABELA

OFICINA DEL ALCALDE
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ISABELA, PUERTO RICO 00662



CARMELO PÉREZ RIVERA
Alcalde

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May 30, 1999

Mr. William B. Clinton
President of the United
States of America
The White House
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. President:

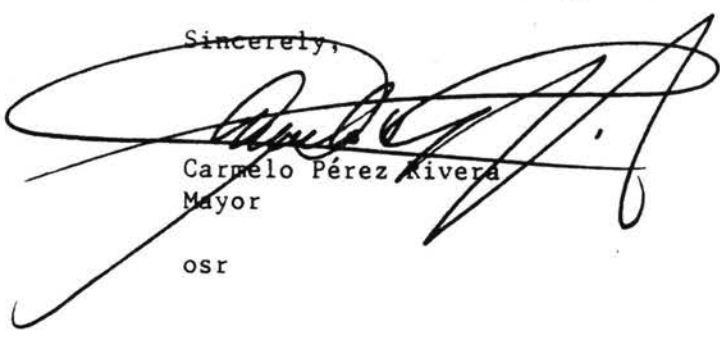
Receive cordial greetings, wishes of good health, and success in your daily duties.

Recently, our country had suffered the loss of a good citizen, resident of Vieques Municipality Island, due to the military practices of the United States Marine forces placed there.

I am asking you to please move these forces to a desert territory, where our fellow citizens' life quality cannot be affected. The future of our next Vieques' generations depends on the future of a safety island.

Appreciating your efforts bringing a solution to this problem, once again I remain to your services and thank you for your help and attention to the matters concerning to all Puertorricans.

Sincerely,



Carmelo Pérez Rivera
Mayor

osr

UN 21722

Jardín del Noroeste de Puerto Rico



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO
MUNICIPIO AUTONOMO DE MOCA
Oficina de la Asamblea Municipal
Apartado 1571
Moca, Puerto Rico 00676



26 de abril de 1999

Hon. William J. Clinton
President
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pensilvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Estimado señor Clinton:

Reciba un cordial saludo a nombre de la Asamblea Municipal de Moca, Puerto Rico, de su Presidente, Hon. Osvaldo Méndez González, a quien uno mis saludos personales.

En cumplimiento de la disposición de la Resolución Interna Núm. 44, SERIE 98-99 aprobada por la Asamblea Municipal de Moca, el día 20 de abril de 1999, en Sesión Ordinaria, le remito copia certificada de la referida Resolución Internas para su conocimiento y acción pertinente.

Sin otro particular al cual referirme, me reitero a sus órdenes.

Cordialmente,

Leopoldo Ramos Méndez
Secretario
Asamblea Municipal

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
AUTONOMOUS MUNICIPALITY OF MOCA
Office of the Municipal Assembly
Apartado 1571
Moca, Puerto Rico 00676**

April 26, 1999

**Hon. William J. Clinton
President
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500**

Dear Mr. Clinton:

Please accept cordial greetings on behalf of the Municipal Assembly of Moca, Puerto Rico, from its President, Hon. Osvaldo Méndez González, to whom I join my personal greetings.

In compliance with the provision of Internal Resolution Number 44, SERIES 98-99, approved by the Municipal Assembly of Moca, on the 20th of April, 1999, in Ordinary Session, I hereby forward to you a certified copy of the above Internal Resolution for your information and for pertinent action on your part.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

**Leopoldo Ramos Méndez
Secretary
Municipal Assembly**

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GUILLERMO JIMENEZ MONROIG
SECRETARIO ASAMBLEA MUNICIPAL

May 13, 1999

Mr. Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Clinton:

The Municipal Assembly of the Autonomous Government of the Municipality of Ponce, Puerto Rico, at its Ordinary Meeting held on May 11, 1998, approved Resolution No. 226, Series of 1998-99, entitled:

"PARA UNIRNOS A LA PENA QUE EMBARGA AL HERMANO PUEBLO DE VIEQUES POR LA PÉRDIDA DE UNO DE SUS HIJOS EN LAS PRÁCTICAS AÉREAS DE TIRO DE LA MARINA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS; PARA SOLICITAR LA SALIDA DE LA MARINA DE GUERRA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DEL TERRITORIO OCUPADO EN LA ISLA DE VIEQUES; Y PARA OTROS FINES".

Enclosed please find a certified copy of said Resolution for your knowledge and pertinent action.

Cordially,


GUILLERMO JIMENEZ-MONROIG
SECRETARY MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY

M. J. M.
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May 25, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

This letter is my request for your leadership in ceasing permanently the use of military live ammunition in Vieques, Puerto Rico. A U. S. Citizen was killed and four others were injured on April 19, 1999, when two U. S. Navy jet pilots missed their target during a training exercise.

I join The Honorable Pedro Rossello, Governor of Puerto Rico and the 3.8 million U. S. citizens who reside in Puerto Rico in their petition for the permanent cessation of military weaponry anywhere within the Municipality of Vieques.

Puerto Ricans who reside on the Island as well as those that reside on the Mainland have a great legacy of commitment and service to the defense of this country since World War I. Notwithstanding the citizenship, bravery and loyalty of the people of Puerto Rico, I now seek your support in this effort to ensure the safety and security of the 9,400 U. S. citizens who presently reside in Vieques.

I thank you for the attention you may give to this very important matter. May God be with you always.

Yours truly,

Belen B. Robles
Immediate Past National President

JUN 2 1999