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Hon. Will H. Hays.
Chairman Rep. Nat Committee.
New York City.

My dear Friend:-

You will have to forgive me for commencing to bother you so early in the game, but the matter is too important for us to allow it to rest until the new Administration comes into office.

In accordance with our organic act, the President will have to appoint for an indefinite time, a Governor for Porto Rico.

We republicans believe this to be a man's job, too important enough to be filled by any lame duck or second hand politician.

We are tired of these kinds of misfits and the one we have been suffering for the last eight years, who has allowed and encouraged the bidding up of a party seeking and openly preaching independence, have determined us to use all our efforts in order to get the right man appointed.

This is ^{the} reason for bothering you so soon, as we want to try and reach the President elect before anyone else should seek his approval of the wrong man.

As I said above, this is a man's job, and we have a man right here, a native, a good and thoro republican, well liked by everyone, except by the crowd seeking independence. His name is Emilio del Toro, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court and President of the Porto Rico Chapter of the Red Cross. He is courageous and would be an honor for both the United States and his native land. Mr. Toro has consented to have his name used, and this is why I am hereby requesting you, in the name of the Territorial Committee, to help us in this matter, and present the subject to the President elect and urge his favorable consideration. I am asking other friends to help also.

Thinking you in anticipation, believe me to remain

Very truly yours,