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DEPARTMENT OF PORTO RICO  
CIVIL DIVISION  
SAN JUAN

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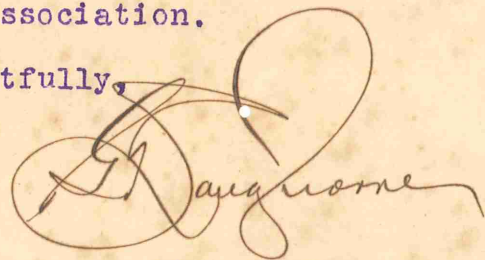
Mr. R. H. Todd, Representative,  
Cuban and Porto Rican Educational  
Association of the United States.  
San Juan.

Sir:-

In reply to your request that transportation be furnished to Porto Rican boys to the United States for the purpose of being educated by the society of which you are the representative, I have the honor to inform you that authority has been granted by the War Department to issue such transportation to such youths who are to be educated in the United States with a view to make them familiar with our customs and <sup>teach</sup> their people.

When there is room on transports, individuals will be given transportation on your application. This is not to be regarded as a precedent for all to be sent to the United States by Army Transports who wish to be educated in that country; it is a special privelege granted to your association.

Very respectfully,



Aide-de-Camp.