

December 17, 1921.

Honorable Charles Hartzell,
Galen Hall, Atlantic City, N.J.

My dear Hartzell:

I believe the Governor told me that he was wiring you about the good result of his talk with the President yesterday. I was present, together with Iglesias and Capo, and want to confirm the good news.

The unqualified endorsement given by the President to Reily's policies in Porto Rico, as well as the way in which he referred to the charges now on his desk, was a great surprise to all of us and it shows once more that Reily has a real friend in the White House. In referring to the charges, and by the way this subject was brought up by Reily himself, the President said that he had them on his desk but would not pay any attention to them at all. Reily then went into the explanation of the subjects, just as you have heard him explain them, and the President made several joking remarks, which showed the lightness with which he takes the whole subject. He said that Reily had never asked him for any position for the \$1,000 man.

In one thing the President was positive, and that was his desire that Reily should return to the Island immediately and when Reily told him that he had some private business to attend to in Kansas City, he replied that as soon as he got through with that he should go back to continue the good work commenced, "which has my entire support."

So as not to make this letter too long, I will tell you that my general impression from this talk is that Weeks has been telling the President his opinion and that the repeated advice of the President to Reily to go down to the Island is only the finger-print of Weeks' conversation.

I believe we all should be congratulated upon the result and I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,