

June 11th 1912.

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My dear Don Roberts-

I was glad to have your letter of the 9th inst with clippings from Chicago papers. Of course, I have been watching the proceedings very closely here. We get New York evening papers in the morning, so I know every morning at breakfast what your Committee did the day before, and what Dixon & the rest have had to say as a result, & I must say that I have never seen anything more childish, strained, or foolish than the Roosevelt Contention & the mouthings of his managers. They certainly must make the public tired of the Roosevelt propaganda. If I were there, I would suggest the continuance of the dignified attitude of the

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Taft supporters, but that all of the facts of the various fights be given out plainly and without spectacular effect. It is the conservative people of the country that Taft is appealing to, & they will win in the end. The others will have had their day after Taft's nomination. In my opinion, if Roosevelt bolts the Convention, he will draw more votes from the radical Democrats than from the Republican party, which has been purged so often that there are but few anarchists & socialists left in it.

Sanchez Morales is in New York, & sails on 15th. I will be with him on 14th & 15th & leave for Chicago the latter evening. So I should see you Sunday evening

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of Monday morning.

I did not know whether
Mates & Southem were stopping
over in Washington or not, so
I have not written them - but
we shall all arrive there about
the same time.

Hillis' statement about appoint-
ments of Barbosa & Leavies
substantiates that of Foster,
& I presume the President has
had his hands too full recently
to think much of routine
business.

I am interested to know some-
thing of the subject you discussed
with Hillis. He seems a thoughtful
fellow, & can be of great assistance
if inclined that way.

With kindest regards, & wishing to be
remembered to other Port Rican friends then
I am very sincerely,
Yorkton over

Memorandum -

For telegrams in case of emergency, I remain
here until 10 A. M. Thursday June 13th
Arrive New York 10 P. M. same evening.
When my address will be "Prince
George" Hotel, East 28th St.
Leave New York for Chicago by evening
train. Will drop you line from New York
advising route & hour arrival in
Chicago! so you can reach me
by telegraph or train, if any reason
for doing so. G.P.C.