

Robert D. Todd

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Mr. George Shanton,  
San Juan, P. R.

My dear Mr. Shanton:-

I am informed that Mr. Martinez Chapel has resigned and on that account some promotions are likely to occur in the force. I beg to suggest you the names of good officers and red blooded americans under your command as follows:-

In place of Chapel, Rafael Igaravidez, 2nd. class chief who is number 2, or Soto Rodriguez, who is number 1.

In the place of Igaravidez or Soto:

Cayetano Lopez Cepero, 3rd. class officer, number 2.

In the place of Cepero:

Luis Echevarria, 4th class, No. 1.

In the place of Echevarria,

Ramon P. Martinez 5th class, No. 1.

In the place of Martinez,

Julio M. Izquierdo, 6th class, No. 1.

I hope, my dear Colonel, you will not say that I am dictating your course in a matter pertaining to your own department. I know you will appreciate my position. All these men are Republicans and have been neglected in previous years on account of being republicans, and I know that the policy of "American first" is going to be our motto. It seems to me fair to compensate the men who kept their faith

in the American troops in spite of the wave of anti-americanism that swept the whole Island. They have a good record, they rank first among their fellow officers, and no injustice will result from their promotion to anybody.

I know you are in perfect accord with the policy of the Governor and my suggestions to you agree with the policy announced for the Department of Justice and Health and no doubt for the remaining Departments. If we want to build a strong American party we ought to stand for our supporters.

Pardon me, for intruding so long in your time my dear Colonel.

Sincerely yours,

J. Louis Sobel