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My dear General:-

I owe you an explanation, if not an apology, for the letter which you will see has been published in the "Observer", a letter in which your name is mentioned in connection with my talk with Senator Root about citizenship.

The letter was not intended for publication. It was a detailed memorandum of what I did while in Washington in behalf of my people and my party, and it was written to Mr. M. V. Domenech, who is the Chairman of our Territorial Committee, to be read in whole or in part, as he saw fit, to the meeting of that body when it should convene in January. The meeting was held and my letter was read, and without asking authority from anyone, Mr. Domenech gave the letter to the newspapers, and the "Observer" published it in both English and Spanish.

I thought I owed you this explanation of how it happened. I think you know who Domenech is, as I remember you spoke of him of being the only man in Porto Rico who spoke to the Secretary of War against Governor Colton. The letter was published not with the intention of doing you any harm, I am sure, but to put me in a false position with you and other people mentioned therein. Gov. Colton knows the situation as we have gone over it in our talks.

Politics are somewhat mixed up down here just now. The people are getting tired about the situation, and the attitude of the Congress in not doing something for Porto Rico even in the matter of citizenship, is causing a good deal of dissatisfaction even amongst the oldest and best friends the Americans ever had here. The staunchest Republicans are getting in a mood of passive resistance, and there is a movement on foot to refuse to take a single step in favor of citizenship, in view of the many obstacles placed in the way for the granting of same. Of

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course, we are fighting against this and hope that sane judgement will prevail. But it only goes to show how discontentment is growing.

I must now close, as I have with me Mr. Upman, of Chicago, and Former Congressman Fassett, of New York, both of whom send their regards to you. They arrived this morning and leave this afternoon for Panama.

Believe me to remain,

Sincerely yours,

R.H.T.

Gen. Frank W. Lupton