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KANSAS CITY, MO.

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Hon. Robert H. Todd,  
Mayor-elect,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Robert:-

I received the cable you so kindly sent me telling me of your election, and am greatly rejoiced over your success, as I was more interested in your campaign than I was in any election outside of that of President Coolidge. I have every reason in the world to be joyful over your victory and no reason in the world to feel otherwise. In Porto Rico you were ever faithful and loyal to me. You were honest, you were square you were upright, you never asked me to do a thing that I could not have done with a clear conscience, and there were times that I could not take your advice on account of outside conditions, but which, if I could have taken would have made things easier for me.

You never did recommend a man to me for office who was dishonest or who had a bad record. In other words the men you recommended to me whether I was able to appoint them or not, all turned out to be men of the best character on the Island. These things I remember and am glad to recall them to you. I feel

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that your election is the greatest victory that could happen to Americanism in the Island unless it be the appointment of a real American Governor. You are now in a very independent position and should throw your great weight as Mayor of the Capitol and as a Republican member of the national committee in the direction of cleaning up the Island, and having a chief executive sent there who will stand for Americanism first, instead of those advocating Independence.

I am going to enclose you a little letter that you can publish as I think it will do you some good and no harm, in fact do neither of us any harm.

When I got your cable I phoned Mrs. Reily at once about it and she screamed, "Glory Hallelujah, bless his heart." So she is for you one hundred percent. We shall sometime certainly visit Porto Rico while you are Mayor. Nothing would give me more pleasure, but in the meantime you must help clean up the Island in the way of getting a Governor who will stand for the things in the Island that you stand for as Mayor. Write me all the details.

As ever, Yours faithfully,

*E. Mont. Reily*  
I certainly hope our good friend, Geigel has defeated that skunk, Cordova. Then my joy would be full.

E.M.R.