

June 19, 1939.

Hon. Blanton Winship,
Governor of Puerto Rico,
San Juan, P.R.

S i r :

A couple of years ago I had the privilege of being introduced to you on the day Associate Justice Travieso was taking the oath of office, and you were kind enough to grant me an interview. A few days later I called on you in quest of data to write up the story of your administration with a view of publishing same in my book "Governors on Parade", which I was writing and, thru Mr. Arnaldo Mayners, you loaned me a book containing the history of the Winships, of Georgia, in which was the story of your life.

I am now finishing my book, ready for publication, and your administration will be the last to be written up and this is the reason of this letter.

I have read in the papers that at the end of this month of June you will be leaving the island for good, and I am wondering if it would be presumptuous on my part to request you to answer in writing a few questions, which I am giving below, and have to do with your administration. The questions are as follows:

- 1- What benefit, in your opinion, has come to the island, as a result of your administration. In other words, what have we now that we did not have before in the way of laws, roads, and other material benefits obtained thru your influence as Governor?
- 2- What piece of legislation is in your opinion, the most important for the good of the island?
- 3- After the years you have been Governor, do you believe that Puerto Rico is ready for complete self-government, the form of government being unmaterial ?
- 4- A big demonstration is being prepared for your departure on the part of those who believe in Statehood for Puerto Rico, including a banquet. Does this mean that you believe in ultimate statehood for this island?
- 5- Have you ever, during your incumbency as Governor, made any recommendation to your superiors in Washington, either publicly or privately, as to the future status of Puerto Rico?

6- Are you among those who believe that the economic question for Puerto Rico must be solved before the political status be solved?

(It is well to explain to you in case you don't know it, that for forty years, the Puerto Ricans have been patiently listening to this statement made by those whose duty by the Treaty of Paris, is to solve our political status. This procrastination is at the bottom of most of the unrest which have been bothering us lately).

Naturally, these questions, with your answers, if you do me the honor of answering them, will be published in my, above mentioned book.

Thanking you in advance for any courtesy which you may show on receipt of this letter, believe me to remain

Very respectfully