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Hon. Bolivar Pagan
San Juan, Puerto Rico

My dear Mr. Pagan:

I have had the opportunity of reading a transcription of the record of what you said before the Committee of the Judiciary of the Senate of the United States, on September 18, 1944, at a hearing held especially, as it seems, to listen to what the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico had to say in regard to the pending confirmation of Rafael Bosch, Esquire, to fill an existing vacancy in our Supreme Court. The 17 members of the Committee, as well as Senator Dennis Chavez, of New Mexico, who were present, regarded as very important whatever you had to say in this respect; therefore, your talk on that occasion becomes important also for us in Puerto Rico.

You said in that talk, Mr. Pagan, so many things that were not true, that I deem it my public duty, as a citizen, as a lawyer, and as the Executive Secretary of the Bar Association of Puerto Rico, to write you this letter, a copy of which I will file with the said Committee of the Judiciary, at Washington.

To a question put to you, by Senator Connally:

"There is a division in Puerto Rico over this appointment, is there not?"

You answered:

"I do not think there is a division. Just a group of lawyers opposing Bosch that would have come here to oppose any other appointment. I have been in Puerto Rico lately, just came from Puerto Rico last night, and I can tell you gentlemen that if you take a poll on this matter, you will find that all the judges and the lawyers and the people in Puerto Rico, will stand behind Bosch, will back his nomination. I tell you the