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WASHINGTON

January 14, 1992

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Sincerely,



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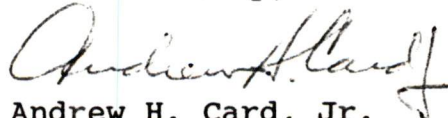
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The Honorable Andrew Card

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I am opposed to having Puerto Rico become a State of the United States. I favor offering them Independence, freedom to join another Latin American country such as Costa Rica. They have much more in common. We don't need ^{to add} a State that doesn't want American English as its official language

yours Truly

Oscar E. Koenig

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January 4, 1992

Dear Mr. Card,

I have recently read that there is a draft memorandum making the rounds at the White House which was developed by Charles Untermeyer. This memo is to the effect that President Bush should issue an executive order requiring the Executive Branch to treat Puerto Rico as if it were a state.

I vehemently protest this idea!

The people of Puerto Rico have demonstrated in the plebiscite just held that want to retain commonwealth status only. As the result of the insistence that their country retain its Spanish heritage — even to the extent of cancelling English as a second official language — statehood would force Spanish-English bilingualism on the English speaking people of the 50 states.

Now that the front door on Puerto Rican statehood has been closed, the last thing we of the 50 United States need is some sort of backdoor imposition of such a 51st state.

Sincerely,

S. Kent Steffke

Sun River War Party, 1903
Oil on canvas, 18" x 30"

CHARLES M. RUSSELL





FROM THE DESK OF

MR + MRS

JOSEPH FINK

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HON. ANDREW CARD

HONORABLE SIR: —

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UNION OF STATES, AT ANY TIME IN
THE FUTURE !! —

IF, BY ANY CHANCE THIS ACTION
PROCEEDS — PLEASE BE ASSURED,
AS REGISTERED REPUBLICANS — WE
WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER
TO SWING ALL OF OUR REPUBLICAN
FRIENDS TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
IN THE 1992 ELECTION !!

M/M J. F. NIK

1/4/92

Dear Mr. Card;

I would be against a unilateral declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico. I hope President Bush is not considering such a move.

Sincerely yours,
Howard Walton

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The Honorable Andrew Card
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mister Card:

This letter is to let you know that I am opposed to any attempt to declare Puerto Rico a state whether by executive order or by any other means. I will actively campaign against and not vote for anyone who is in favor of Puerto Rican statehood. I am particularly incensed that President Bush would attempt a piece of political criminality to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state through executive order.

Yours truly,


Harold R. McKeen

Andy,

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The Honorable Andrew Card - we do not want a state (Puerto Rico) that will allow only Spanish as its "official language"! we do not need them as a state

Bush to Declare Puerto Rico a State?

Meriam Hart

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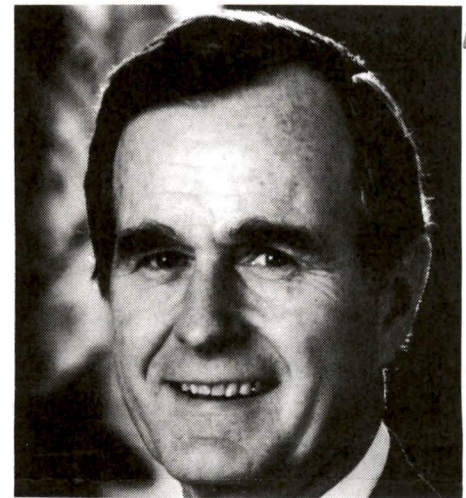
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California Anti-English Law Defeated

After many long months of work and thousands of letters from English First members, we are pleased to announce another major setback for the anti-English crowd in California.

State Senator Milton Marks, a Republican-turned-Democrat from San Francisco, has been trying for years to launch an anti-English drive to terrorize the private sector. His vehicle has been a "simple" bill to stop discrimination in the work place based on language.

'Simple' Bill Guarantees Jobs for Lawyers

What this "simple" measure is in reality is a lawyer's full employment act. It would result in hundreds of law suits, brought by government-funded special interest attorneys, to prevent any sort of restrictions on the use of foreign languages in the work place.

Senator Marks and his anti-English friends deliberately framed this as a "discrimination" issue as a tactic to

scare away the natural opposition from the business community. After all, no good business lobbyist wants to be "for" discrimination!

Marks was successful in getting the bill to the governor's desk in 1988 and, after intensive lobbying from our California lobbyist John Stoos and the members of English First, then-Governor George Deukmejian vetoed the bill. He simply said it was unnecessary.

Anti-English Legislator Waits for Sympathetic Governor

In 1989, Senator Marks reintroduced the bill. After we again began to lobby against it, Mr. Stoos was told by Marks' office that they were dropping the bill and would "wait for a governor to take office that was more sympathetic." After the 1990 election of Pete Wilson, Marks reintroduced his bill as SB 834 and the game was afoot once again.

At first, Governor Wilson's Admini-

stration appeared to show some strength and opposed the bill through his Office of State Personnel. Senator Marks kept up the heat and, using the discrimination issue as a cover, was able to drive them to a "neutral" position as the bill moved from the Senate to the State Assembly.

English First Members Raised Outcry

This is where the work of English First really came into play. Our California members began to write thousands of letters to their Assembly members and Mr. Stoos was able to provide key testimony at the Assembly committee hearing.

At this hearing the Office of State Personnel stated it no longer opposed the bill because the author had assured them it only codified existing regulations to prevent discrimination in the work place. Stoos pointed out that if existing regulations were already in

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John Stoos, Western Field Representative for English First

place to prevent discrimination, then the bill was completely unnecessary. The bill's supporters even failed to bring up any problems that SB 834 could possibly solve.

Then came the revealing testimony from the lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) which often supports measures that increase the amount of litigation in our courts. She told the committee that "it was essential that we give this the full force of law."

The anti-English lobby obviously had no interest in keeping the status quo. Rather, it was looking for ways to bring additional law suits to stop any sort of language regulations in the work place and to launch a national effort based on its success in California.

Midnight-Hour Veto

Thanks to the efforts of our members, SB 834 passed out of the Assembly with only the narrowest of margins. We then began an intensive lobbying effort of the Governor's office. Again, thousands of our members responded to our legislative alert and wrote to Governor Wilson to request a veto. Stoos worked with the California Commerce Department and convinced it to request a veto from the Governor.

On October 13, just one day before SB 834 would have become law without the Governor's signature, we received word that Governor Pete

Wilson had in fact vetoed the measure. This may set back the work of Senator Marks and the anti-English crowd for some time on this issue, but we can be sure that they will be back whenever they can find a way to push their agenda forward. □

English in the Work Place?

Below is a reprint of a letter from John Stoos, English First Western Field Representative, to the Honorable Terry Friedman, Chairman, California Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment. The letter states the position of English First on Senate Bill 834, a bill to abolish the right to require the use of English in the work place.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

The members of English First are opposed to SB 834 by Senator Marks.

This legislation is similar to SB 1154 which was vetoed by then-Governor Deukmejian in 1989. His message was simple: "This legislation is unnecessary." This would still be the primary reason to reject this bill in your committee.

The proponents have failed to show any need for this measure. Any cases that have been discussed, such as discipline for private discussions on the telephone, are clearly covered by current law.

The language used to define "business necessity" would invite lawsuits and cause no end of confusion for employers. What is an "overriding legitimate business purpose"? How do we determine when a practice "effectively fulfills the business purpose it is designed to serve"? The lawyers could really have a good time proposing alternate plans that "accomplish the business purpose equally well with a lesser discriminatory impact"!

English First is repulsed by and opposes discrimination in the work place. However, we recognize the right of employers to function effectively and would oppose all types of discrimination. This bill addresses only regulations that affect English and not other languages. There are times where safety of efficiency might require the use of another language in the work place and the same discrimination standards should apply. We believe that the singling out of English in this legislation may reveal a hidden motive on the part of the sponsors.

Neither the State of California nor the business community need any additional financial burdens at this time. Since the proponents have failed to show even a modest need for this legislation we would urge a "NO" vote.

John E. Stoos
Legislative Advocate

Also in California

Earlier this year the California State Assembly paid special homage to several prominent California Hispanics. A series of resolutions were presented to the honorees who each gave a short acceptance speech to the Assembly.

One honoree, a rock star, graciously accepted the recognition and told the Assembly Members that it was his hope that "in California we will start *mandatory* Spanish as a second language." So much for freedom of speech. □

Crime Bill 'Sneak'

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amendments. And, President George Bush, the most powerful Republican in America, is still pushing to make Spanish-speaking Puerto Rico a state, even after Puerto Rico declared its official language to be Spanish.

Nor can we say that every Democrat who voted for the amendments hates English. But every vote for the package of amendments was a vote against English. And that package of amendments was approved by the leadership of the House of Representatives—and those people are Democrats.

The leaders of the Democratic Party are clearly out of step with the rest of America on this issue. At the 1988 Democratic National Convention, Rev. Jesse Jackson asked, "What makes New York so special?"—and he answered his question: "Not restricted to English only." The *Official Proceedings of the 1988 Democratic Convention* reports that remark caused

Rev. Jackson's speech to be interrupted by applause.

It's Time to Demand the ELA

If your Representative in Congress voted for this further step into Canadian-style national bilingualism, he or she needs to hear from you right away. It is time Congress heard the vast majority of Americans who favor the language policies that allowed generations of immigrants to become a vital part of the great American dream.

A Congress whose leadership refuses to allow hearings on the English Language Amendment has no business allowing an anti-English minority to accomplish its goals with parliamentary trickery.

Your Representative needs a letter from you today. Particularly if he or she voted for this anti-English bill. And if you get a reply, we'd welcome a copy for our files. □

senbrenner argued, "When the Commission was reauthorized two years ago, it was put on strict probation. And if any criminal spent his probationary period like this Commission spent its probationary period, the probation officer would revoke the probation, and that would be the end of the matter."

Sensenbrenner summed up his argument neatly: "I do not think that this Congress should buy the notion that if a commission does a bad job it ought to be reauthorized and it ought to be given a raise, and yet that is exactly what this particular piece of legislation does."

The bill did make final passage when the House voted on November 6 to agree to the Senate version. In 1994, the Commission will again be faced with extinction and another battle like this year's will take place. In the meantime, if it oversteps its authority and begins to investigate issues over which it has not been given authority, the taxpayers will be well justified in asking for it to be totally abolished. □

new authority would have given the Commission the green light to do all it could to stop official English, despite the immense popularity and success of official English nationwide.

policies.
The Senate compromise bill extended the Commission's life for only four years and gave it a budget of seven million dollars. The White House had re-

Republicans: **"Do what you are supposed to do and not one bit more. Don't overstep your authority."**

The House and Senate bills went to a

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Anti-English Forces Sneak Bilingual Requirement Onto Crime Bill

One would not think that national bilingualism would be an issue in a debate on crime in the Congress. If anything, people who do not learn English in school may feel they have no choice but to turn to crime. That's why the forces who favor making the United States a two-official language country had to sneak their latest proposal into the Crime Bill, H.R. 3371, without provoking a debate.

An amendment to the bill offered by Rep. Albert Bustamante (D-TX) requires every school with a crime problem that wishes to receive monies from the proposed Safe Schools Act to tell

the government what materials they will develop in Spanish.

The school or school district that needs this money may have no Spanish-speaking students, but it may well have to spend money translating its materials into Spanish anyway. The government must prepare a "written safe school model in English and Spanish" as well.

Bustamante's amendment was part of a package of amendments offered by Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks (D-TX) on the House floor on October 17, 1991. The Bustamante amendment was passed along

with all the other amendments by a vote of 216-207. Ten Congressmen did not vote (this House vote is printed on page 7 of this newsletter.)

No Republican voted for this legislation, but five Republicans did not vote at all. However, 46 Democrats bravely broke ranks with their House leadership and voted against this law.

Does this vote mean that the Republicans are as a party pro-English? Of course not. The united Republican support this time for English demonstrates primarily that the GOP leaders were unhappy with the overall package of

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Is English First Anti-Immigration?

Seldom does a week go by without someone asking English First if we are a racist organization opposed to immigrants. As an English First supporter, you may yourself been asked this question.

We remind people that America is a nation of immigrants, a nation which has served as a beacon of hope for people from every country in the world. English First supports the right of immigrants to be given a chance to achieve everything they are capable of doing by being given a chance to learn English, the language of opportunity in this country and the international language of business.

The opponents of English First want to change a system that allowed our ancestors to achieve a better life for themselves and their children for two centuries. They want to keep immigrants and their children trapped in a linguistic ghetto. That ghetto must de-

pend on the bilingual bureaucracy which provides many well-paying jobs for the advocates of bilingual education and bilingual government services.

The bilingual lobby manages to give immigrants less opportunity to earn their way in society while vastly raising the costs of immigrants to the rest of America. People resent seeing hard-pressed schools having to pack English-speaking children into an overstuffed classroom because the budget must pay for a Khmer-speaking teacher for two Cambodian immigrant children.

English First says come to America and take part in America. Our opponents make a lucrative career out of having the taxpayer pay them to hurt the future of immigrants and their children. Which position is likely to encourage Americans to support immigration? To be pro-English is to be supportive of immigrants. □

1991 Issue Updates

■ Professor Leonard Jeffries, a proven racist and anti-Semite, had his contract renewed by the City University of New York (CUNY) for another school year. The matter is far from resolved. Members of the New York State legislature plan to try to cut CUNY's budget by the amount of his salary. The multicultural curriculum revision Jeffries helped write for New York State remains in place. When a reporter for the Harvard *Crimson* asked Professor Jeffries, "Don't you realize people fear you?" Jeffries replied, "They should." He told that same reporter, "If I see this [another comment] again, I'll kill you." Next year will be an important year for English First in New York.

■ The National Council of La Raza's demands for more bilingualism in Washington, D.C. have been accepted in principle by the mayor of that city, Sharon Pratt Dixon. Rioters burned and looted a Hispanic neighborhood in the city in May of this year. Lobbying

used to mean visiting an elected official. Evidently, lobbying includes trashing a chicken restaurant and burning police cars in Washington, D.C.

■ The taxpayer-funded Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which runs the PBS network, has begun a study of "bilingual simulcasts" (a separate Spanish soundtrack) for its television programming, according to *Hispanic Link*. The American language question continues to be resolved in favor of bilingualism by default.

■ A little-reported aspect of the Civil Rights bill passed by the Senate in October is that it would repeal a court decision used by the Supreme Court to uphold an employer's right to require his employees to speak English while performing their job duties. What the courts will do now is anybody's guess. Expect a flock of new lawsuits demanding that if employers don't understand the language their employees are speaking, employers must hire bilingual supervisors.

■ Diane Ravitch, an outspoken critic of the attempt by New York State Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol to

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You may call this number any day, 24 hours a day. This service also allows you to leave a recorded message. Encourage your friends to use it, too.

rewrite the social studies program, revealed new evidence that Sobol had not even read the curriculum he wanted replaced. Ravitch, now an assistant in the Federal Department of Education, noticed that Sobol urged students to read narratives written by African slaves. Ravitch said: "I've talked to social studies teachers and I've looked at textbooks, and they include slave narratives and I wondered if he's [Sobol] in touch."

■ Washington, D.C. is polling its 80,000 students to see if any children come from homes "in which a language other than English is used." Parents are also asked "what language did your child first learn?" in a transparent attempt to create a "demand" for more bilingual services. A child of two college professors of French who use that language at home would qualify for bilingual services. The survey is being distributed in six languages—English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic and Amharic. □

Education Dept. Pushing Same Old Bilingualism

On June 30, 1991, the long-awaited study of the condition of bilingual education in America was released by Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander. An unbiased reader of the report would conclude that it could have come straight off the word processor at the National Education Association or the National Council of La Raza.

This report was ordered by Congress in 1988 during its renewal of bilingual education funding. Reports of this sort are often hijacked by activists who wish to score political points. And this report is as interesting for what it does not say as for what it does say.

Facts in Report Are Misleading

The report's introduction emphasizes that there were bilingual schools in many states prior to 1917. It does not mention, save for the period prior to 1800, that these bilingual schools were for the most part private institutions.

Primary, or elementary public school programs were not "prevalent" in this country prior to 1860, while public high schools were not "mass institutions" until after the start of the 20th century. Nor does the report add that school attendance was not compulsory in each state until 1918.

With these figures in mind, it appears that more than a "language barrier" created the statistic mentioned by the report:

Contrary to the widely accepted myth that earlier immigrant groups managed without special programs, most of these children who entered schools were more likely to sink than swim in English-only language classrooms. In 1908, for example, just 13 percent of the twelve-year-olds enrolled in New York public schools, and whose parents were foreign-born, went on to high school, compared with 32 percent of white children whose parents were native-born.

Clearly, only one out of three children of native-born parents were moving on to high school. The economy of that era allowed young men and women to find work at young ages, work that produced wages which their families very much needed. High school education was seen as a privilege for most Americans, whether their parents spoke English or not. The children of immigrants would obviously be more likely to be driven by economic pressures into the work force even if their English skills might have allowed them a high school education.

Careful reading of the report also sug-

gests that the DOE's Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs will push bilingual education no matter who is president or what he says.

The report quotes President Bush's goal that "American students . . . leave grades four, eight and twelve having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, history, and geography . . ." No confusion about what that language means.

The report quotes that language and then states that "the purpose of Title VII [bilingual education] programs is to ensure that all students become proficient in English" (emphasis added). The word "purpose" is essential to this argument because the "result" of these programs is a generation unable to succeed in an English-speaking classroom.

Failure Is Ignored

Supporters of bilingual education have been forced to argue that bilingual education does more than promote English literacy because it has demonstrably failed to do that. The best-known review of this subject, done in 1986, looked at 35 methodologically sound studies of the effectiveness of transitional bilingual education programs conducted between 1960 and 1984. Just eight of those 35 studies found bilingual education was better than "sink or swim" all-English programs in helping students learn English more quickly. Only one of the 35 studies found an improvement in math achievement.

As Professor Walter Secada noted, bilingual education supporters tend to argue that learning English isn't what these programs promote, exactly. Instead, we must look at things like "development of . . . native language skills . . . academic achievement in either language, [and] enhanced student self-concepts . . ." In other words, if a student leaves a school able to read in Spanish better than when he arrived, bilingual education is a "success."

It is also for this reason that the report complains on page 47:

For too many years research in bilingual education has centered on determining whether bilingual education works and which methodologies work best . . . [I]t is unlikely that there will be a single, nationally representative impact study that will provide a single definitive answer to the question of "what works" that would be accurate for every local context.

What the Department of Education is saying here is that we should stop worrying about finding out whether bilingual education, particularly its biggest program, Tran-

sitional Bilingual Education, really does the job for most students.

This is an excuse masquerading as a policy statement. Local conditions vary, yet the Environmental Protection Agency is able to do studies that determine what kinds of pollution controls work. Local conditions vary, yet every taxpayer gets to contribute to these bilingual programs.

This report all but admits that the only thing that we taxpayers are allowed to have affected by local conditions is our expectation that bilingual education students will graduate knowing English well enough to function in an English-speaking society.

No wonder the Department is not interested in general research—the answer keeps coming back that bilingual education is a waste of money that blights the hopes and dreams of students who arrive at school unable to speak English.

The DOE's report admits that in fiscal year 1990, over \$80 million was spent on just 226,000 students by the federal government alone.

When it comes to helping disadvantaged children learn other topics, teachers in the field know exactly what works. *Teacher Magazine* reported this past October that remedial programs that allow students who are weak in math to spend more time on math do in fact work.

Trinity Middle School in Roxbury, Massachusetts, ranked last in the Boston area on standardized test scores five years ago. It began a program that gave all students a "daily double dose of math and reading" and now ranks first.

Dr. Robert Rossier, a bilingual education expert, noted years ago that when it comes to learning something, there is no substitute for "time on task." The more time you spend on a subject, the more you will know about it.

This fact is obvious to most people. That's why auto mechanics generally know more about cars than people who do not work on cars every day. English majors will tend to be better punctuators than math majors, while math majors are able to calculate rings around English majors.

Yet Transitional Bilingual Education programs suggest that the way to learn English faster is to spend more time learning Spanish. This isn't the way the government teaches a second language to soldiers or diplomats. They are immersed in the second language and can learn a basic language in less than six months.

It is time we stopped letting the bilingual education bureaucrats fool us into thinking that common sense should not be applied to their programs nor should we expect results for our money. □

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Verna K. Echols

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Washington, D.C. 20500
(202) 456-2533

*Where are your minds when we are not giving our own women & children nurture, shelter, food?
This makes me SICK.*

The economy of our country is in chaos-

We do not need another welfare state.

We can ill-afford more federal aid to Puerto-Rico.

In checking with individuals that have spent time-working among the citizens of that region, it is evident that all they want from the US is money. They do not want to be a 'gringo'. We protest any move by government to make P.R. a state.

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E. Gibson

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E. Gibson



Gibson
P. O. Box 849
Lapeer, MI 48446-0849



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Hon. Andrew Card
Dep. Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



never get back into
the car.

Leave P.L. as it is
or turn it loose - just
don't add another problem
to the ones we already
have.

Sincerely

Betty Jane Eats

316 S. 97th. P.I.E.

Dulles, Okla. 74128

December 31, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card,
Assist. to Pres., Dep. Chief of Staff
The White House
Wash. D. C. 20500

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Dear Sir:

Under no circumstances do we need
Puerto Rico as another state - and
certainly not as long as Spanish is
their official language. That would
be opening a can of worms with

✓
Dec. 23, '91

Honorable Andrew Card
Asst. to President

If Pres. Bush declares
Puerto Rico a state,
I will not vote
or vote for a Democratic
moderate. 1st time ever
~~voting~~ voting for a Demo.

Sincerely

Mitch Benjamin
957 Elizabeth
San Francisco

LANGDON BARBER
2510 South Second Street
McAllen, Texas 78503

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January 2, 1992

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

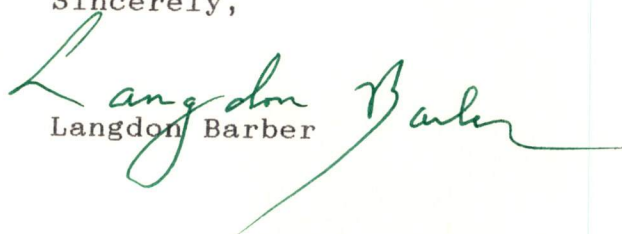
I understand that you're in the process of getting the President to declare Puerto Rico a State. Should this be true, I hope that you will require that Puerto Rico recognize English as the official language of government. Otherwise, I fear we may be heading for real chaos in this country much like what Canada is experiencing.

Puerto Rico is no more Spanish than Louisiana was French when it came into the Union. Why shouldn't the same requirements prevail for Puerto Rico as did for Louisiana?

Obviously, the United States would be better off if this island Commonwealth were to become independent, but that is not likely to happen. So, if they opt to join as a full-fledged State, why not require Puerto Rico to recognize English as the Official language of Government?

I hope you are sympathetic to this point of view. I just returned from Russia and once again, it was made clear to me, how divisive different languages can be.

Sincerely,


Langdon Barber

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8 Brookdale Drive
Doylestown, PA 18901
December 9, 1991

Hon. Andrew Card
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Card,

I am writing to you concerning the reports that the Administration may be considering actions which will result in statehood for Puerto Rico or a status that would be equivalent.

I would like to voice my strong opposition to giving statehood to Puerto Rico under any circumstances since they have taken the action to declare Spanish as their official language. We do not need to go into the trouble waters of bilingualism that plague Canada.

Too many Spanish-speaking immigrants are not actively pursuing the use of English as their primary language. Rather they are choosing to live in self-imposed "ghettos" where there is little need for English and demanding that the rest of the country adapt to their language for school, business, public service, etc.

A reasonable command of the English language should be required for citizenship and any long-term work visa. We do not need government sponsored actions that will further fragment our country. Every other non-English speaking group who has come to the US has worked to achieve assimilation through the use of English over their native language. There can be no exception to this if the US is to survive as a cohesive society.

Again, I am strongly opposed any statehood status for Puerto Rico as long as they maintain a separate language/culture requirement.

Respectfully,



Robert P. Blake

DAVID G. BROWN

56 BARTON DRIVE • SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01776



December 15, 1991

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The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

I was astonished to hear that the Bush administration is considering a unilateral declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico. One can only hope this rumor is unfounded.

In the event it is true, I wish to register my objection in the very strongest terms. My concerns are twofold: (1) the divisive effect on the nation of the official bilingualism that statehood for Puerto Rico would create; and (2) The unwarranted expense for taxpayers associated with such bilingualism in Washington.

From my friends in California, Texas and Florida I am well aware of the growing factionalism there brought about by the large sections of territory which are effectively unilingual Spanish. One needn't look too far for an example of where this situation can ultimately lead - Quebec, quite probably the next new member of the U.N.

America's erstwhile strength, now ebbing, was its homogeneity and unity, derived most of all from rapid assimilation of immigrants into our English-speaking culture.

When the people of Puerto Rico show themselves ready to join America by fully accepting the English language and American culture, which would seem light years off at present, then I would be delighted to support their inclusion.

Yours very truly,

David G. Brown

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173 Coles St.
Jersey City, N. J. 07302
12-29-91

The Honorable Andrew Card
Asst. to the President
& Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Wash., D. C. 20500

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JAN 3 1992

Dear Mr. Card:

We strongly oppose any administration
plan to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico
a state.

Truly,
Mr. & Mrs. M. Sciameri

Dear Sir;

Dec. 20, '91

I wish to protest the ~~move~~ by
the Bush Administration to uni-
laterally declare Puerto Rico a
state.

Thanks for
your attention!

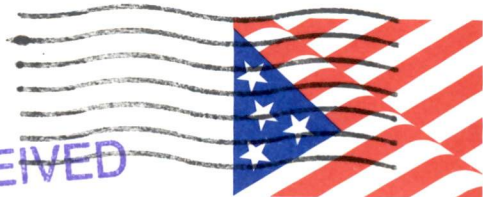
Sincerely

Eileen T. Rogers

55 West Rd

Rye, New Hampshire

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Hon. Andrew Card
Asst. to the President & Deputy
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500



From the desk of . . . ✓
GEORGE ANDERSON

December 14, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

Please add my voice to those who do not want Puerto Rico to become a state. At this point in time, I can not see anything in the way of a postive nature for the United States of America in giving statehood to Puerto Rico.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

George Anderson
2001 Valley View Road
Hollister, CA 95023
(408) 637-5120

✓
Dear Sir

I am very upset to think that President Bush is even thinking of making Puerto Rico a state.

They have made Spanish their official language. I think it is about time United States make English their official language.

Please don't let President Bush do it.

Thank you
Mrs. Carmine

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DEC 24 1991

I AM AWARE THAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION
IS CONSIDERING UNILATERALLY DECLARING PUERTO
RICO A STATE. ✓

I PROTEST THEIR STATEHOOD. THEY HAVE DECLARED
SPANISH THEIR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND REJECT
ENGLISH.

I AM FOR OFFICIAL ENGLISH FOR THE UNITED
STATES & PUERTO RICO DOES NOT FIT THIS.

Fred Schaefer
418 HARRIS CT.
MAUMEE, OH 43537



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THE HONORABLE ANDREW CARD
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
& DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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Seasons Greetings -

I wish to protest
any more to declare
Puerto Rico a state
until they reverse their
Spanish only policy.

I believe English is
and should be the official
language of the USA

Ramona C. Hamilton
50 Pine Ridge Way
Portola Valley CA 94028



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DEC 26 1991

Hon. Andrew Card
Assist. to the Pres & Dep. Ch. of Staff
The White House
Wash DC 20500



Dear Mr. Land

✓ 12-18-91

please do not consider making Puerto Rico a state or any thing else that would change the status quo until the matter of language is settled.

Any state of the United States should have English as its official language with no exceptions. Anything less would be a travesty!

Cilgia Halprin

601 So. June St.
Los Angeles, CA 90005

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DEC 24 1991

Dear Honorable Card:

I have heard that there is a draft memorandum for unilateral Declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico.

We believe this would increase substantially the federal aid to Puerto Rico as well as create language questions for govt operation in the U.S. since Puerto Rico has officially made Spanish their language.

We protest this move!! Sincerely
L. Ryan

Lois Ryan
4233 Mt. Henry Avenue
San Diego, CA 92117



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*The Honorable Andrew Card
Asst to the President &
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.
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✓ 1073 Larkston Dr.
Webster, NY 14580
Dec. 27, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Card:

I have heard reports that the
Bush Administration has been
considering a unilateral
declaration of statehood for
Puerto Rico.

I am opposed to the
unilateral declaration of statehood
to Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Nella Keller

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DEC 30 1991

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar W. Schuchart

123 TURKEY CREEK ROAD

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78231

Dec. 24, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assist to President & Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

This is to inform you that I am strongly opposed to the idea of statehood for Puerto Rico.

When they declared Spanish as their official language they alienated themselves from the U.S. They can only be interested in what monies they can get from us and are not interested in the overall cooperation with the U.S. I do not wish to see my tax money go to anyone who opposes our ways and beliefs.

Sincerely,
Oscar Schuchart

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DEC 30 1991

109 Autumn Hill Dr
Jackson, MS 39211
December 27, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir,

There are reports that Charles Untermeyer, before his departure, developed a draft which the President could sign making Puerto Rico a state unilaterally. The matter is now in your hands, reportedly.

Your boss is in enough trouble as it is. Should he pull such a shenanagin as making Puerto Rico a State by executive order he'll further diminish his chance of re-election. The issue is too important for one man to decide. It should be decided in Congress.

I hope you will use your influence to dissuade the President from issueing such an order. Admitting Puerto Rico would make the U.S. a bilingual nation, and you have only to look at Canada to see what problems that would cause.

When Louisiana applied for statehood they were required to declare English as their official language. No less should be required of Puerto Rico. Please consider the disadvantages of having Puerto Rico as a state.

Marvin F. Strum
Marvin F. Strum

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22 December, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

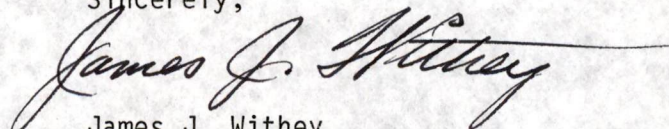
Dear Sir:

Please be informed that I vigorously protest any moves to make Puerto Rico an American State. Puerto Rico has expressed the view that if they are made a state that they will have the right to speak only Spanish and we will have to accomodate them. This would be a grave error as then this country would have to give in to demands that all other languages be represented legally in the courts, in government, in schools, in the workplace and anywhere else at their whim.

The absolute foolishness and crushing expense of this happening is a total horror that Washington does not seem to realize would happen. Please consider carefully the ramifications of supporting this ill advised executive order.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



James J. Withey
2325 Columbia Way
Carson City, NV 89706

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Norman Lawson
15590 Irene Wy.
Westminster, Ca
92683

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DEC 27 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
The White House

Dear Mr. Card

I wish to communicate my extreme displeasure that serious consideration is being given toward making a unilateral declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico. This is incredible! What are you people thinking of in Washington anyway!?

With severe economic problems and an ever increasing Federal deficit, our country can not afford to make the same mistakes that our neighbors in Canada have done.

Our country can not survive a sustained multi-cultural or multi-lingual drive. Keep America great. Give Puerto Rico their independence and make English our official language!

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Dec 20, 1991

Mr President,

I can not imagine your being in favor of making Puerto Rico a state. Particularly after Puerto Rico declared its official language to be Spanish.

We have enough problems with people who refuse to learn English in the fifty states. You should make every effort to make English our national language by constitutional amendment.

Sincerely

Robert E. Taylor Sr.

Robert E. Taylor, Sr.
President

G.W. Webb
Vice-President
Marketing

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26269 Mesa Place
Carmel, CA 93923-8921
December 18, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Card,

I have been informed that President Bush intends to declare Puerto Rico a State. The purpose of my letter is to advise President Bush that, unless Puerto Rico makes English its official language, this would be unwise. Therefore I oppose his decision at the present time since Puerto Rico recently made Spanish its official language.

We do not need the same situation that exists in Canada, between English and French.

Sincerely,


Wilson G. Smith

Member of President Bush's Task Force.

5418 La Jolla Hermosa Ave
La Jolla, CA 92037
December 16, 1991

Hon. Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
& Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

I hope President Bush will not further
"blot his copy book" and declare Puerto Rico
a State.

Surely he must be aware it is 100% a
Spanish speaking commonwealth.

One only needs to consider the mess that
Canada is enduring because of French speaking
Quebec!!

The U.S.A. has enough problems without
voluntarily creating another.

Yours Truly

Charles F. Hart

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December 16, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

It was a shock to learn that English is not the official language of the United States and I hope you will do your utmost to pass laws confirming English as our common language.

Puerto Rico confirmed Spanish as their official language and if it becomes a state, we will have chaos just as Canada is having with French speaking Quebec. As an American I resent seeing so many signs in Spanish everywhere I go.

All new immigrants should learn English just as my parents, who came from Europe, learned to speak, read and write English on their own. It seems we are bending backwards to accommodate the new immigrants by changing to their ways instead of them learning the American way.

Foreign languages should be taught in the junior and senior high schools, but elementary school students should learn English first. Students in other foreign countries look forward to learning English, but this country does nothing about making English our Official Language.

Your help in making English our Official Language will deeply appreciated by all Americans.

Sincerely,

Eugenia Dlubac

Mrs. Eugenia Dlubac
1390 Gaston Street
Wantagh, N.Y. 11793

Dec. 16, 1991

Well, Mr. Card,

Is it just a rumor — or — is it a fact — that the Bush Administration has been considering a unilateral declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico?

If Puerto Rico does not declare its official language to be English — it should not be given statehood.

It should not be considered as having all the rights of a state in granting it Federal assistance.

Sincerely,
Sula White

THE WHITE'S HOUSE
ATTN: SULA WHITE
2302 PEPPERMINT LN.
LEMON GROVE, CA. 91945-3442



The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President - and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

Hon. Andrew Card.
asst to The President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, Dc. 20500

12/16/91

REGINA BEAUMONT
8800 ETON, SP. 15
CANOGA PARK, CA 91304

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Dear Sir:

I wish to state I believe making Puerto Rico
a state would be a big mistake and
injurious to the people of the U. S. because of
the added tax + welfare burden that
would ensue—

Respectfully,
Regina Beaumont

December 17, 1991

TO: The Honorable Andrew Card
The Higgins family loudly
protests the move by the Bush
Administration to unilaterally declare
Puerto Rico a state.

This should be decided by
the people of Puerto Rico and
only if they accept English
as the official language of
government.

Please respond.

Sincerely Yours,

Arthur B. Higgins

Mr Arthur B Higgins
5764 Roanoke St
San Diego CA
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December 17, 1991

Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Card:

I understand that President Bush is considering an executive order requiring that Puerto Rico is to be dealt with in a manner "consistent with the basic structure and principles of the Associated Free State." Should this action be taken it would result in acceptance of Spanish as the official language of Puerto Rico, and would be a major step in committing the other 50 states to a Canadian style of legal bilingualism.

Dade County (Miami) is composed 56% of persons of Spanish speaking heritage. Even though Florida's constitution was amended in 1988 by an overwhelming 84% plurality to declare English as our official language, there is a consistent, strong undercurrent to make Spanish co-equal and co-legal, if not the defacto language in our county. The admission of Puerto Rico as an officially Spanish language commonwealth and later as the 51st State would inflame this part of Florida in a bitter ethnic divisiveness.

Those of us here also fear some remote Federal Judge may open the gates to official bilingualism or multilingualism under the cloak of the First Amendment. This is another reason why there is a push for a U.S. constitutional amendment to make English the official language of the U.S.A. Otherwise, I perceive a future when our nation will be balkanized into a Tower of Babel. Take a look at Yugoslavia, Belgium, and Canada, as quick examples of what such a course would create.

I trust you will consider this letter most seriously and receptively. May I have the courtesy of a reply with your position on the Puerto Rican matter, as well as multilingualism in general?

Sincerely,

Phillip A. Thomas

Phillip A. Thomas, SIOR

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ROBERT B. ALLAN
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17 December 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir;

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the very strong opinion held by one who, in my opinion, provided very strong financial support to President George Bush in the last election. There are many reasons against making Puerto Rico a state but let me limit myself to the two strongest.

1. Their public statements make no secret of the fact that their interest in statehood is based almost exclusively on getting the welfare benefits which will accrue to them.

2. Their formal election of Spanish as their language makes it clear that they are unwilling to join the USA as an equal partner with the other states. Also the divisiveness of separate languages has been proven in Canada and is being demonstrated dramatically in the break up of the Soviets!

In my opinion, making Puerto Rico a state, with all the associated problems, whether it is by executive order or act of Congress will just exacerbate our federal deficit problem! When will we recognize that we can kill the goose that lays the golden eggs?

It is my fervent hope that you will be able to persuade President Bush that Puerto Rico statehood is not in the best interest of the electorate which put him in office!

Hopefully,

RB Allan

378 Bentleyville Rd
Chagrin Falls, Oh 44022
December 16, 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr Card :

It has been a great disappointment to me to read that President Bush is about to declare Puerto Rico a state.

Since Spanish is the official language on the island this would open a real "can of worms" and set a precedent. We should have learned from the Canadian and Belgian experiences, among others, that bilingualism creates more problems than it solves. And, once we have multiple official languages, the trend will be difficult to reverse. The seed will have been sown for the crumbling of the United States, similar to that of the Soviet Union, and we are even now being invaded.

Please use your influence to work against admitting Puerto Rico as a state. I am in favor of cutting all ties between the U.S. and the island.

Sincerely yours
George E. Will

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DEC 23 1991

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff

Dec 17 1991

The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Sir:

We understand that you and the President are considering a unilateral declaration of Statehood for Puerto Rico.

We believe that would be a mistake.

The only thing that can truly unite a country is a common language. The history of this country was that way. Many cultures came here, kept much, or all, of their culture and language, but they united in the common language of this country.

Puerto Rico's adoption of Spanish as their official language, means they have no intentions of becoming an integral part of the United States.

Yours truly,

Herbert F & Aileen J Maden
3800 W Wilson St., Sp 302
Banning, Calif. 92220

H F Maden
Aileen J. Maden

Dec 11, 1991

The Hon. Andrew Caro.

Assistant to the President - Deputy Chief of Staff
'The White House'

Washington, D.C. 20500.

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Dear Mr. Caro:

Puerto Rico a state? → think not.

Puerto Rico should become an independent,
Spanish speaking + culture nation. It
would be a disaster for both Puerto
Rico and the United States otherwise.

The pressure from Hispanics -
native and illegal + legal immigrants
threatens to tear the U.S.A. apart. Making
Puerto Rico a state would not make
Puerto Rico American and "English"
language + culture; rather it would
necessitate bi-lingual - bi-culture status
for the rest of the country.

thus bi-meaning divisive and
eventually going the way of Canada.

No! Please don't do what is
not in the best interest of this nation
and this people.

Sincerely,

John A. Logg

John Logg

P.O. Box 398

Strova, N.Y. 14851

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Dec.8,1991

Dear Sir:

I can not understand why this government would want to make Puerto Rico the fifty first state.It seems we have enough problems here already. I understand that half of Puerto Rico is already a welfare state.I just wish the government would start looking out for the people of this country instead of looking out for other countries around the world.

Jim Hamilton

5713 Keithley Rd.

White Marsh,Md.21162

Dec. 16, 1991

Honorable Andrew Card
Assist. to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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DEC 19 1991

Dear Sir,

Puerto Rican newspapers have carried reports that the Bush Administration has been considering a unilateral declaration of statehood for the island, also that the Bush Administration has been considering issuing an executive order that would govern all federal agencies. Under the order the Executive Branch would be required to treat Puerto Rico as if it were a state and would increase substantially the federal aid being sent to the government of Puerto Rico and its citizens. There have also been newspaper reports that such admissions have been made by the administration to Congress.

I hope this is not true. For 89 years Puerto Rico has had English and Spanish as their official languages. Last year when statehood was being considered, the Puerto Rican Congress rushed an amendment to their Constitution making Spanish only their official language and discarded English

They struck at the very heart of American Culture

For over two hundred years we have used English. It was always just good old plain common sense, sound economics (it kept the cost of government down), and a bond of communication between all Americans. There are 140 different nationalities and 140 different languages spoken in the U.S.A., one common language has always been needed and it has always been English.

What would have happened in the Gulf War if everyone in the Armed Forces of the United States spoke only the language of their ancestors instead of English? It would have been chaos. How many would have been killed by a misinterpretation of a command.

How would Congress function if they did not all speak English?

As I said before it is just good old plain common sense that any state being admitted to the United States should understand the importance of English and a stipulation on the English Language should be strictly enforced, as the United States did when they purchased Louisiana in 1803.

I have no objections to Puerto Rico becoming a state, but I do have objections to it coming in as a Spanish only state. I am hoping that you will consider my views.

Sincerely,

Jean Brunton
79-18 60 Lane
Glendale, N.Y. 11385

✓
Robert W. Edwards
4049 Taylor Avenue
Ogden, Utah 84403

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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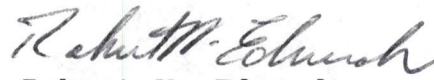
Dear Mr. Card:

I understand that there is a Presidential effort afoot to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state by executive order.

I am totally opposed to such an action by whatever machinations or methods anyone uses. Puerto Rico recently passed legislation making Spanish the official language of their Commonwealth. This, at the very least of the many problems involved in the statehood process, goes along with a severely split vote and ambivalent feelings by Puerto Rican citizens themselves marks statehood efforts as a seriously flawed plan.

Please convey this to President Bush.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Edwards

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DEC 20 1991

Iron Mountain, MI

12-12-91

The Honorable Andrew Card

Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff

The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

In order to allay further lingual problems, and to foster a homogeneous and workable society, I would propose that a Constitutional amendment be passed establishing English as the official language of the United States. The American people overwhelmingly desire that. I would further suggest that Puerto Rico, by a vote to retain the Spanish language, places itself out of consideration for statehood within this Confederation. The same should apply to all future non-compatible requests.

Please give these important matters your careful consideration.
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Higgins

300 W. Ludington St.

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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1103 Chamise Ct-
Hemet, CA 92545
12-12-91

The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
Washington, D. C.

I oppose any action to declare
Puerto Rico a state by the
Administration. We do not need
more Spanish speaking people
here nor do we need more
people that have so little
respect for our laws.

Sincerely

Norman D. Thompson
Retired Judge

Judge Norman D. Thompson
1103 Chamise Court
Hemet, CA 92343

12-8-91.
Honorable Andrew Card: ✓

We have enough of grief
without adding Puerto Rico
as a State, leave it as a
Commonwealth Nation

I wish you would support
English as our language - Please.

Merry Xmas

Just a tax payer
Lucian J. Ludwin

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DEC 12 1991



Lucian J. Ludwin
1709 N. Raynor Ave.
Union Grove, WI
53182-9648

December 9, 1991
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The Honorable Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
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Dear Mr. Andrew Card,

I am very upset to learn President George Bush plans to declare Puerto Rico a State.

I wish to strongly object to this matter. In so objecting I wish you would inform President Bush I'm withdrawing financial support.

Thank you.

Yours in better government:

James A. Lindemann
James A. Lindemann

✓
Alice P. Driver
184 S. Allentown Road
Telford, Pa. 18969-1309

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RE: Statehood for Puerto Rico

Please do not unilaterally declare Puerto Rico
as a state as is being considered.

We must be sure that English First be a requirement.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Alice P. Driver
Alice P. Driver

I wish to oppose that the
Bush administration unilaterally
declare Puerto Rico a state.
First we need only one language
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Norm Weaver



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Dear Sir:

I object to the
move by the Bush admin-
istration to unilaterally
declare Spanish Speaking
Puerto Rico a State.

The likely impact
of such an order would
be to increase substan-
tially the federal aid to
the government of Puerto
Rico + its citizens.

I hope you oppose
this draft.

Sincerely,

RJ Hunt



Richard J. Hunt
11617 Dune St.
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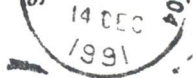
Dear Sir

We wish to go on record as absolutely and unequivocally be opposed to granting statehood to Puerto Rico. There are many, many reasons this should not be permitted.

One major reason is they recently voted to make Spanish their official language. This would result in our country to become a bilingual nation. — English is our language and is fast becoming the language of international usage.* Sincerely
Mr & Mr. Warren J. Heck



Mr Warren J Deck
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Dear Mr. Card,

I sincerely protest against ✓
the move ~~to~~ declare Puerto
Rico a state. It should be
admitted under the same rules
and regulations as all other
states of the union with ~~no~~
concessions. They are playing
us for easy marks - don't
fall for it!! Sincerely.
Please reply Wm Phillips



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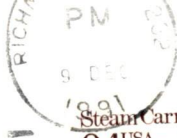
Deputy Chief of Staff Andrew Coard ✓

We wish to protest the Administration
move to declare Puerto Rico a State

The welfare rolls now are too much
to carry and making Puerto Rico a state
would be a disaster to the Taxpayers
of this Nation Think of the Citizens
who supported this administration, and
protect them from further taxation.

Very truly yours
Helen Charles Wippen

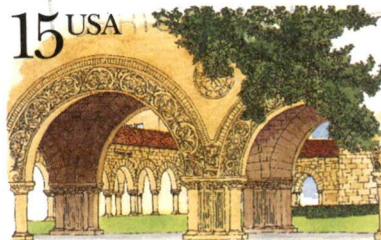
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Dear Honorable Andrew Card:

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I don't think it's wise either for Puerto Rico or for the United States for the Bush Administration to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state. There will be a lot of trouble because of separate languages and for economic reasons. Truly,
A Concerned Citizen & Voter

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Dear Mr Card,

I am appalled by reports that
the Bush administration might
"unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state".

I feel this move would be in
violation of democratic processes of
government.

In addition, a territory which
has declared a language other than
English to be official should not be
admitted as a state or treated as one.

Please urge that this contemplated

Directive not be issued.

Thank you,
(Mrs) Nancy C. Davis

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Dear Mr Card;

This is to protest the Bush move
to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a
state.

The United States is becoming poorer
and poorer because we are too eager to
"give" away our resources. English is
not being afforded enough credence in
our country as it is, so let's do more
teaching of our own language. I have
made several trips to Mexico and they
aren't eager to use English, as some
Canadian cities are not.

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I believe the time has come for Americans to preserve and protect some of those God given rights our forefathers worked to obtain.

Please convey my concerns. The United States is too much of a welfare country as it is.

I worked hard all my life (I am 63) and "retired" from the State of Ohio in 86 due to politics. My Health Insurance costs \$1,084 every 3 mos (for me only) yet would not cover necessary physical therapy for a "frozen shoulder", so I had to put out almost \$2,000 of my retirement slated funds. Meantime, the person down the street, who saved or even worked very much, can get his entire treatments free (because I tried to be frugal and am now penalized by paying his share).

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It's time for taxpayers to be given consideration for keeping this country. Let's not try to support the world until Americans are all treated equally! Because of the Welfare states, I have to continue to work to stay alive because I had a couple of heart problems before leaving my state employment, so can't change insurance companies.

My pride would not let me live on Welfare, but my anger over having to support those who do is increasing day by day.

I urge President Bush not to make Puerto Rico another welfare state. That could change me to a Democrat.

Sincerely,
Helen F. Haigum

From the Desk of...

JAMES B. RAMAGE, C.L.U.

Dec 9, 1991

The Hon. Andrew Card.
Assistant to the President
The White House

Dear Mr. Card,

I would like to express my
opposition to having Puerto Rico
given a statehood. Also I oppose
any Executive Order requiring that
Puerto Rico be treated as if it
were a state.

The island voted to have
Spanish as its official language.
We don't need to ask for the
kind of trouble that bi-
lingualism has created for
Canada.

Yours truly,
James B. Ramage

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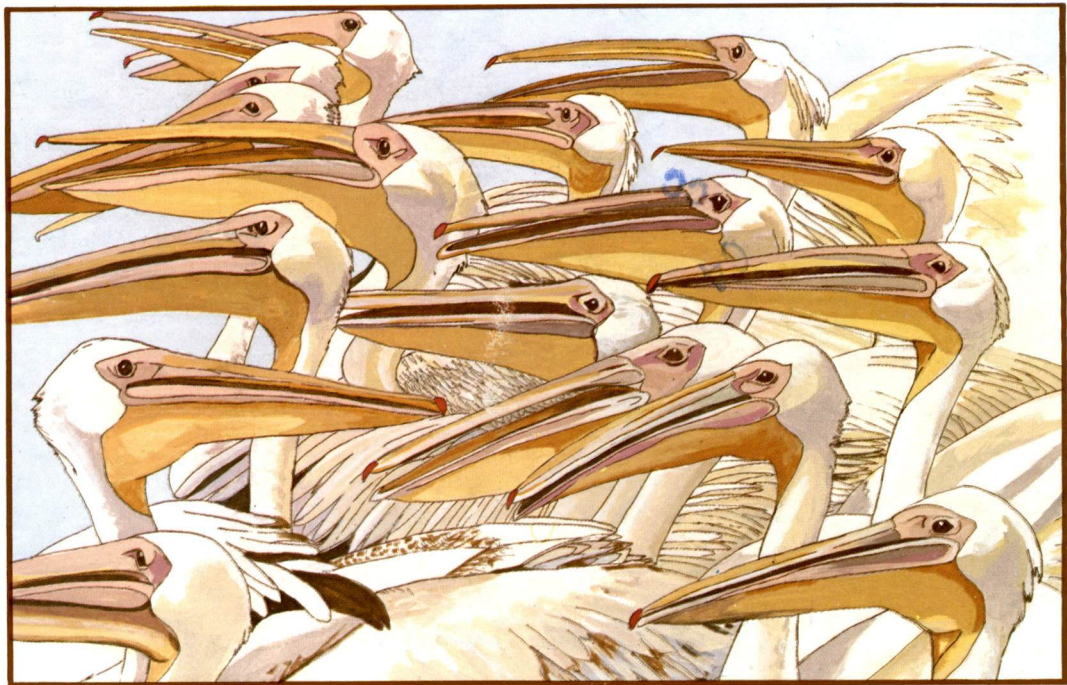
As an English
First member, I wish
to protest the move
by the Bush Admin.
to help Puerto Rico
become a state, while
not declaring English
as the 1st language.
Sincerely, D. Deane

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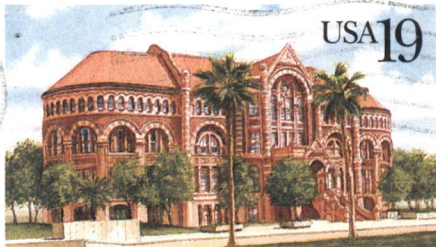
TO THE HONORABLE ANDREW CARD

SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO STATEHOOD

PLEASE ALERT PRESIDENT BUSH THAT WE
ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO STATEHOOD
FOR PUERTO RICO. I CAN'T BELIEVE
THE PRESIDENT WOULD FLIP-FLOP ON
THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, ~~AL~~ ALSO.
WE TRULY HOPE NOT!



MR. & MRS JOHN OMARA
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Dear Sir:

I understand that President Bush is considering statehood for The Island of Puerto Rico. Since Puerto Rico has declared it's official language to be Spanish I do not feel that it should be admitted until they are willing to use English. I strongly feel that English should be the official language of our country and that all people of various languages who choose to come here to live should be required to learn English before they become citizens. How else can we blend all peoples into a united group and keep educational costs down?

Thank you,
Winifred Wilson

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Dear Sir: -

In regards to Puerto Rico becoming a State, that, I am definitely opposed to now or ever.

We don't need a country to become a state who refuses to use English, I think one of the big problems of our Country now is all the various nationalities who have come to the U.S. and refuse to learn English.

You know certain people want to make Washington, D.C. a State too. That would be against the original laws of our Country. I'm against making any more States for any reason at all.

Enclosing the latest report on the vote taken in Puerto Rico. Let well enough alone. Relay this to the President.

Sincerely
Mrs. Dorothy M. Rice

The Tulsa Tribune

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1991

Anti-statehood bill rejected

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — In a victory for pro-statehood forces, voters have rejected a bill of "democratic rights" that would have asserted the Spanish-speaking Caribbean island's distinct cultural identity.

The hotly debated measure voted on in Sunday's referendum also proposed new rules for any future vote on the island's political status.

The pro-statehood New Progressive Party, led by Pedro Rossello, had campaigned hard against the measure, warning that it might alienate the U.S. Congress, which oversees the island.

With nearly all ballots counted, returns showed 54.9 percent of voters against the bill and 45 percent in favor.

"No" ballots totaled 641,964, while "yes" ballots totaled 544,325. A total of 26,096 ballots, or 2.1 percent, were blank, void or cast by voters whose registration was pending confirmation.

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One of the problems we face is all the illegal aliens who come into the U.S. - millions every year. We taxpayers are paying for it.

Bush to Declare Puerto Rico a State?

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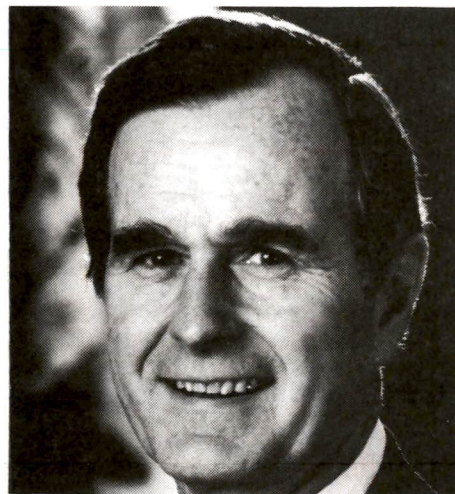
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NO to Statehood for Puerto Rico!

1. We need to cut - not increase
Federal Aid.

2. Puerto Rico has declared Spanish
their official language & will not
accept English as our official
language - which we must make
it!

3. Why? What can Puerto Rico offer us?

Please convey these thoughts to
Pres. Bush.

Mrs. Fred Edstrom

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L J BRENNER
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Dear Mr. Card: DEC 1 6 1991

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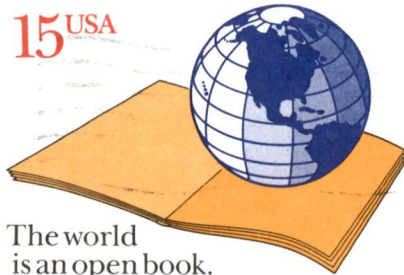
I understand that Mr. Bush may
unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state.
I am bitterly opposed to such an action.

Respectfully,
LJ Brenner

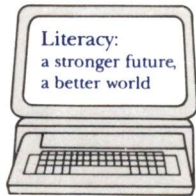




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Dear President Bush

Talking about state
hood for Puerto Rico.

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bunch of people who
is just a drain
on our pocket book.

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is that we are
broke, in the red.

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Rico anything.

John J. Demmy

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Dear Sir:

We understand the Executive Branch of the Bush Administration is considering issuing an executive order that would require Puerto Rico be treated as if it were a state.

We strongly oppose such an order. Puerto Rico has made Spanish it's official language. If they desire the rights and privileges of statehood, they should first be required to make English their official language.

We trust you will find this issue to be a concern favorable to our views.

Sincerely yours

Joseph A. Albano
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I'm writing this letter as a protest to the move by the Bush Administration to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state.

I have had a great deal of experience dealing with Puerto Ricans after having worked for the Hartford Health Dept. and the W.I.C. program in particular. I found the majority of these people to be irresponsible and a burden to our society. Many had no desire to learn the English language except for the word welfare. The only thing these people do is create more mouths to be fed by my tax dollars.

Looking at the present economic situation in the U.S., we certainly do not

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need these freeloaders to put more stress on the economy. I strongly believe that granting Puerto Rico statehood would be a terrible mistake.

Yours truly,
Kathleen H. Kelley, R.D.



S. B. Garrett
P. O. Box 112
St. Anthony, Idaho 83445

Dear Sir :

Please advise against
declaring Puerto Rico
a State. We do not need
any more States and
especially one with an
official Spanish language.

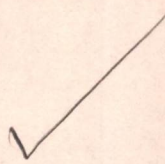
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or its Citizens in
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Panama, or the District
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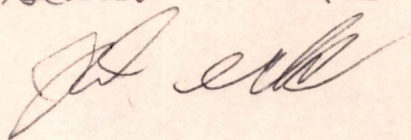


Dear President Bush

Puerto Rico is a Spanish speaking country. Why do you want to make it a state? This will increase substantially the federal aid sent to Puerto Rico.

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Sincerely,
Rae Starin Beck



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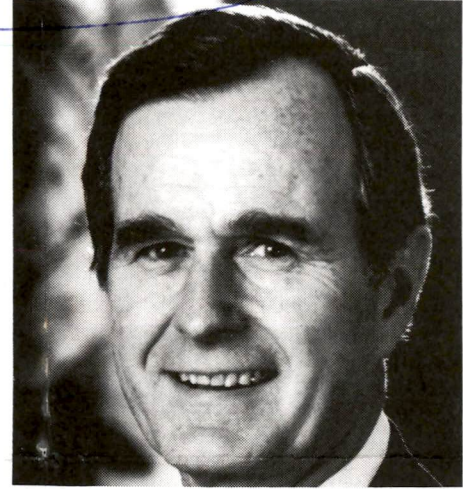
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While I am a
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Rico there are cogent
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Dear Mr. Card,
Say it ain't so, Andrew!

I've been hearing a rumor saying that Pres. Bush is considering issuing an executive order requiring that the Executive Branch treat Puerto Rico as if it were a state. SAY IT AIN'T SO !!!

I oppose unequivocally the issuance of such an order. The thing we need is to treat as a member of the United States a country which has declared that its official language is Spanish. Any other state then wishing to have traffic with Puerto Rico would then be required to use Spanish. This would impose a heavy burden for needed translation services, etc.

No. No! NO!! If Puerto Rico wishes to become a state of the United States. let it be only under the condition of making English its official language. **Alice Fick**

Alice C. Fick

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Concerned, a ~~to the~~ bilingual
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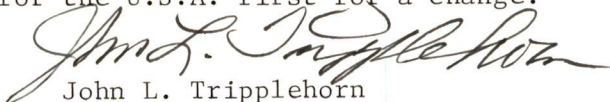
The use of one language,
English, has bound us
to - gather since the start
of our great Country and
I would like to see it
Continued.

Sincerely

John E. Barnett

Dear Mr. Card,

I recently read that you were one of several individuals that ~~were~~ advising the president to support statehood for Puerto Rico. That is extremely poor advice to be giving as they are of a totally different culture and are a Spanish-speaking nation. This country needs a Spanish-speaking state like Los Angeles needs more "smog". You could be of a great service to this country if instead you would counsel the president to move to make English the official language of this country. Be for the U.S.A. first for a change.


John L. Tripplehorn



MR. JOHN L TRIPPLEHORN
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Dear Sir:

Whether true or not, reports continue to circulate that the Bush administration is contemplating the issuance of an executive order requiring agencies of the Executive Branch to treat Puerto Rico as though it were a state.

Since Puerto Ricans appear to prefer Spanish to English as an official language even though English is already the de facto official language of the U.S. -- and should be the de jure official language -- I strongly oppose any official act that would accord Puerto Rico treatment befitting a state.

If Puerto Ricans regard English as a barbarous language and fear being contaminated by it, they are perfectly within their right to continue without the benefits of statehood.

Sincerely,

William J. Chambliss

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Mr. Andrew Card
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Subject: Puerto Rico and Statehood Status

Please inform the President that if he forces the Executive Branch, through an executive order, to treat Puerto Rico as if it were a state he is getting mighty close to forcing me to vote for David Duke next year.

My only hope is that you or the president will be getting a roomful of mail such as this.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Bell
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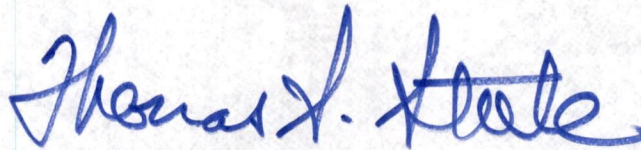
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The Honorable Andrew Card
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Mr. Card:

My understanding is that there is move by the executive branch to unilaterally declare Puerto Rico a state of the United States. I believe this would create a problem for the U.S. similar to that Canada has with Quebec. Puerto Rico should be set completely free of the U.S. to pursue their own interests which are divergent from ours.

Under no circumstances should Puerto Rico be made a state, or to be treated as if it were a state.



Thomas S. Steele

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Dear Sir:

I wish to strongly protest any
move by the administration
to unilaterally declare Puerto
Rico a state.

Respectfully

Warren Ogren

WARREN OGREN
Box 8258 Ogren Road
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Senator J. Bennett Johnston

U. S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Mr. Johnston,

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In these days that I have been reading our local newspapers in relation to the impending Plebiscite, I have been bewildered and astonished by the irresponsible and gibberish attitude of "governor" Rafael Hernandez Colon and his aides.

To begin with, all the troubles, problems and maladies in this country of P.R. are the direct consequence of nearly 50 years of Hernandez Colon political party's maladministrations.

How can this "governor" have the gall to say here in P.R. that "his" political party members WILL NOT VOTE in the Plebiscite if "his" "conditions" are not met? Does he want a State within a Banana republic or a Banana republic within a state?

Is "governor" Hernandez Colon out of his mind?

WHAT is going to be decided in this Plebiscite? The life and well-being of Hernandez Colon, OR the well-being and future of the PEOPLE of P.R.?

We have had 500 years of colonialism and for the last 50 years we puertorricans have been "enjoying" the added "attractions" of CORRUPTION, EMBEZZLEMENT, UNCONTROLLABLE CRIME and STAGNANT government under Hernandez Colon political party! Hernandez Colon and his confederates are the "force" that is keeping P.R. UNMOVED. For the last decades of Hernandez Colon's "Popular Party" "administrations", the rich people are getting richer and the poor, poorer.

We need RADICAL changes NOW !!

photocopy; Pres.G.Bush

Congressmen

Media

Like any citizen speaking against our actual government, we have to stay "incognito" because, believe it or not, we are living here in a repressive political state!

December 8, 1991, copies to Congressmen:

George J. Mitchell, Kika de la Garza, Patrick Leahy, Mathew Martinez, Christopher Dodd, Claiborne Pell, Bill Richardson, and Joseph Lieberman.

We also like to ask these Congressmen How much did "governor" Hdez. Colon paid you for the ADS on puertorican TV stations?

Why don't YOU make your own investigation of the "government" of "your friend" "governor" Rafael Hernandez Colon ????

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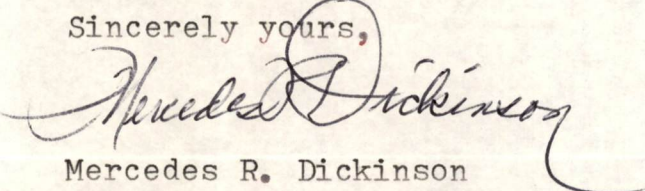
Dear Mr. Card:

I would appreciate your bringing to the President's attention my concern over the proposal that Puerto Rico be declared a state.

In view of the anti-American attitudes of a large number of Puerto Rican citizens, Puerto Rico should either be given its independence or left in its present status. There is certainly no reason to impose a further tax burden on the rest of the United States to fund the statehood of Puerto Rico.

I do regard this matter as extremely important and will be a factor in the way I and my friends vote in the next election.

Sincerely yours,


Mercedes R. Dickinson

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Assistant to the President
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Dear Mr. Card,

I've been a supporter of the Republican Party since I began voting 41 years ago. I was just a poor working stiff, but I always had a good feeling for the principals on which the Party was built. When I reached a position where my income was suitable I began to support the Party monetarily, via my wife's membership to several of the Party programs. Naturally, I supported Mr. Bush, and not only because of the Party. I thought well of his credentials and his promises.

Even when he was forced to go back on a few promises I still felt good about him.

I've long been a supporter of the English First organization and hope that legislation will be forthcoming. When I heard that the President was considering an Executive Order that would treat Puerto Rico as a State, I exploded. I understand that it has now become your responsibility to promote or dissolve a draft executive order, and I urge both you and the President to deny such an order.

I too am concerned with the President's ability to retain his office in the next election, and can assure him that promoting, and signing such an order would remove both my wife and I as supporters for his re-election.

I trust that you will consider my protest, and also convey my concern to the President.

Sincerely,



Melvin L. Both
4633 Ridgecrest Drive
Racine, WI 53403

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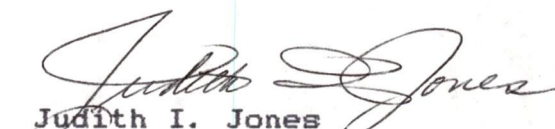
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My wife joins me in objecting in the strongest manner possible to any and all administrative actions toward treating Puerto Rico as a state. We particularly object in principle to the content of a draft Executive Order originated by Charles Untermeyer alleged to have been floating about the White House for some time. This Executive Order would require the Executive Branch to treat Puerto Rico as if it were a state. We feel this is tantamount to a unilateral declaration of statehood for Puerto Rico by the President and is therefore wrong.

We feel that the people of Puerto Rico soundly renounced any desire to be a part of the United States of America when they voted Spanish as the official language of Puerto Rico. The United States was founded as a nation that could be a melting pot of peoples from all over the world under one government speaking one language. We feel any deviation from the one language--English-- concept will weaken this great nation.

Respectfully,


Teddy M. Jones


Judith I. Jones