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"Toward the San Juan
We Dream Of"

Jorge A. Santini
Mayor

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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PP010-02

September 11, 2001
via courier

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. President:

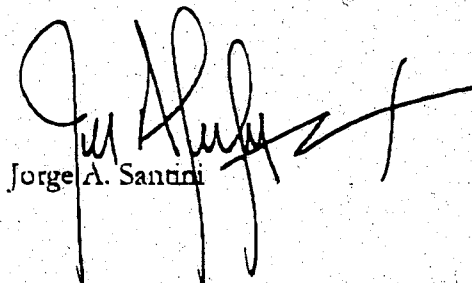
It is difficult to express in words the feelings we experienced when the national media reported the tragic series of events that have unfolded in several parts of the nation this morning.

Our emotions have traversed everything from confusion, helplessness and rage, and frustration. How did these events take place? What led to them? Perhaps we will not know for some time.

The Citizens of San Juan and its Government wishes to express the deepest sorrow for the loss of life and other casualties that has taken place today. In dark moments such as these, the Nation must maintain and remain strong and united, for it is this strength what has preserved this great country of ours through. Your leadership and your government face a daunting, crucial, and unenviable task that will be forever engraved in the annals of our national history.

We wish to say "present". I am placing whatever resources we have at the request of pertinent federal authorities. All of us Americans, from cities close and afar, need to work together during this national emergency.

Sincerely,



Jorge A. Santini



SAN JUAN CIUDAD CAPITAL
Oficina de la Primera Dama

Irma Garriga de Santini
Primera Dama

September 12th, 2001

Mrs. Laura Bush
First Lady
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, DC

Dear Mrs. Bush:

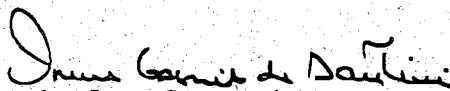
On behalf of the people of San Juan, my husband and myself, I would like to express our most sincere condolences and support to our fellow American citizens in the face of the tragic events that unfolded yesterday, September 11, 2001.

The evil actions undertaken against our Nation, against our democracy, but most of all, against thousands of human beings, is most inexplicable and unforgivable. We Puerto Ricans value concepts such as love, dignity and peace throughout the world. You can be certain that we condemn this nefarious day in the history of humankind.

We are proud to be part of a Nation that defends its citizen rights, peace, liberty and justice. Please accept our most sincere expression of solidarity, but also, our genuine words of sorrow at a time when it will take some time for the entire world to smile again.

May God bless America.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Irma Garriga de Santini