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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. MANUEL MIRABAL

SUBJECT: URGES PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE A POSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATION FOR PUERTO RICO AFFAIRS

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**National
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The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc. (NPRC), a national organization representing the social, economic and political interests of seven million Puerto Rican U.S. citizens on the mainland United States and the island of Puerto Rico, I am writing to congratulate you on your inauguration. I look forward to working with you on matters concerning the island of Puerto Rico and all Hispanic Americans.

Under a directive that was issued by former President Bush, the Office of the President has direct and lead responsibility for policy regarding Puerto Rico within the executive branch. Among other factors, the authority recognizes that Puerto Rico's relationship raises fundamental questions including how the Commonwealth should be treated in economic and social programs, and concerning the jurisdiction of many agencies.

The last administration took two related steps to ensure fulfillment of this responsibility. It created a key staff position under the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs primarily dedicated to advising on and developing Puerto Rico policy and serving as a principal point of contact on such matters. It also established a network of senior executive and agency officials to coordinate policy related to the Island. These measures contributed greatly to the coordination, development, and implementation of policy decisions.

We urge you to continue the position and the President's Interagency Working Group on Puerto Rico. Our concern is underscored by the lack of mention of the Commonwealth in your Education Reform Blueprint and in the description of your Tax Cut Plan released to date. The last administration's education and tax bills included needed, major initiatives for Puerto Rico. We understand that further development or details of your proposals may eventually address these concerns, but there is no indication of this and there does not appear to be anyone in the Administration focused on these questions.

You may decide that you do not wish to make proposals for Puerto Rico in these areas, but we urge your Administration to consider Puerto Rico's needs and proposals as you are developing your domestic and economic policy and programs.

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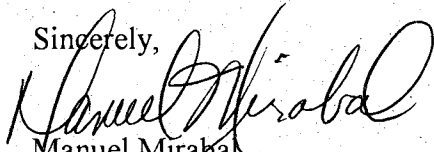
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We, therefore, respectfully urge you to add a staff position to the White House office to focus special attention to the issues related the island of Puerto Rico. We also urge you to continue the interagency coordination structure.

We look forward to working with your Administration to meet the needs of our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,



Manuel Mirabal
President & CEO

Cc: The Hon. Sila Calderon, Governor of Puerto Rico
The Hon. Anibal Acevedo Vila, Resident Commissioner
The Hon. Sylvestre Reyes, Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus
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MEMORANDUM FOR: WH CORRESPONDENCE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: MIRABAL, MANUEL

DATE: 06 FEB 01

SUBJ: NATL PUERTO RICAN COALITION REQUESTS WH STAFF POSITION ON PUERTO
RICAN ISSUES

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY

Send for response

DUE DATE:

COMMENT: POSSIBLE STAFFING TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OR DOMESTIC POLICY?

FOR

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