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MARCH 4, 1961

HONORABLE H.G. CUMMINGS, PREMIER,  
ISLAND OF BARBADOS GOTHEMARE BANK HALL RD.  
BARBADOS, WEST INDIES


DEAR DR. CUMMINGS:

I AM SORRY THAT I HAD NOT WRITTEN SOONER BECAUSE I HAD BEEN VERY FAR BEHIND IN MY WORK. I AM BEGINNING TO CATCH UP AND I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL HELP THAT YOU GAVE ME WHILE I WAS OVER THERE. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND ATTENTION AND YOUR SINCERITY. I AM SINCERE IN STATING THAT I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE FINE LEADERSHIP OF THE WEST INDIES. I BELIEVE THAT YOU AND THE REST OF THE FINE PEOPLE WILL HAVE A LOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEMOCRACY NOT ONLY FOR THE FEDERATION, BUT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.

I HOPE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE AND HONOR TO HEAR FROM YOU VERY SOON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ON MY RETURN TRIP, I HAD A CONFERENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT WHO SENDS YOU REGARDS AND THANKS. I AM VERY SORRY THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO SAY GOODBYE AND YOU KNOW THAT WE WERE CALLED BACK TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT A LITTLE BIT EARLY. I HOPE THAT IF YOU EVER COME TO TEXAS, DON'T FAIL TO COME BY AND VISIT ME. I AM LOOKING FORWARD FOR ANOTHER TRIP TO THE WEST INDIES WITH MY WIFE AND MY FOUR CHILDREN BECAUSE I ENJOYED YOUR HOSPITALITY. PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE REPORT THAT I GAVE HIM AND CERTAINLY, HE IS LOOKING FORWARD IN HIS NEW HORIZON TO INCLUDE THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES. HE CERTAINLY HAS HIGH REGARDS FOR ALL OF YOUR ABILITIES AND ALSO FOR YOUR INDUSTRIOUSNESS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ALTHOUGH I AM NOT A POLITICIAN IN THAT SENSE OF WORD, I HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON, AND MY SINCERE DESIRE IS TO HELP YOU.

GIVE MY KINDEST REGARDS TO YOUR PEOPLE.

YOUR FRIEND AS EVER,

  
HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

CC: PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

April 28, 1961

Mr. Edwin G. Molina  
American Council  
General Port  
Spain, Trinidad

Dear Consul Molina:


I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your staff for the wonderful job that you are doing in the West Indies. Please give my regards to your very lovely wife and thank her for all the courtesies and attentions that were shown to me and the rest of the Delegation when we visited Port Of Spain.

I certainly think that you have a wonderful group of people there and I hope that they will keep on working for such a wonderful Consul as you are.

I would appreciate very much the pictures that you mentioned and any other souveneer that you can send me concerning the signing of the treaties. I am back at my regular work of trying to be a Doctor, but to me this was a great experience. I have learned very much and now I have great faith in the foreign service and also I have great faith in the administration.

My regards again to you and to your family and thank you again sincerely for all the very nice things that you have done.

Respectfully yours,

  
Hector P. Garcia, MD

HPG:ag

MAY 30, 1961

MR. EDWIN G. MOLINE  
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL  
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, W I

DEAR MR. MOLINE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF MAY 18, 1961,  
AND FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH, WHICH HAS BEEN THE BEST PICTURE  
I HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR.

I AM VERY PLEASED WITH THE REPORT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN  
THE WEST INDIES. I AM CERTAIN THAT PRESIDENT JOHN F.  
KENNEDY AND THE CONGRESS WILL DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR  
POWER TO ASSIST THE FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES AND  
THEIR ASPIRATIONS IN THEIR WORK.

NATURALLY, I AGREE THAT WE HAVE MADE A GOOD SELECTION  
IN MAKING OUR MUTUAL FRIEND, IVAN WHITE, AN AMBASSADOR. I  
WILL WRITE TO HIM AND CONGRATULATE HIM PERSONALLY.

OF COURSE, I STILL FEEL A LITTLE SAD IN KNOWING THAT YOU  
WILL LEAVE THIS AREA, SINCE YOU, MRS. MOLINE, AND YOUR STAFF  
HAVE DONE A WONDERFUL JOB. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT YOUR  
PRESENCE THERE WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS AND PERHAPS  
THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE, IN KEEPING THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY  
TO US. CERTAINLY, YOU WERE WELL-LIKED, ADMIRER, AND RESPECTED  
BY EACH AND EVERYONE THAT I MET THERE. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL  
DO AN EQUAL GOOD JOB IN CAIRO, EGYPT. I AM VERY PROUD IN  
KNOWING YOU PERSONALLY AND COUNTRY NEEDS MEN OF SUCH CALIBER,  
DEDICATION, AND SACRIFICE SUCH AS YOURS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M. D.

HPG:AG  
CC: IVAN WHITE  
SEC. DEAN RUSK  
PRESIDENT ROBERT F. KENNEDY

MARCH 4, 1961

DR. MILTON MAHABIR  
MINISTER OF HEALTH  
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

DEAR DR. MAHABIR:

I HOPE THAT YOU DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE FORGOTTEN YOU AND YOUR VERY CHARMING WIFE AND FAMILY.

UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN I CAME BACK, I WAS SO FAR BEHIND WITH MY WORK THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO TAKE UP MY LETTER WRITING RIGHT AWAY. ON MY WAY BACK I HAD THE PLEASURE AND HONOR OF TALKING TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO MY GOOD FRIEND, VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY. THEY WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE FINE REPORT THAT I GAVE CONCERNING THE WEST INDIES FEDERATION.

I WILL WRITE TO YOU A LITTLE LATER OR AS SOON AS I CATCH UP WITH MY WORK. HOWEVER, I DID NOT WANT TIME TO GO BY WITHOUT MY TELLING YOU THAT I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS AND ATTENTION VERY MUCH. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR BEAUTIFUL ISLAND AND YOUR FEDERATION AGAIN. I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD. I AM SINCERELY SAYING THAT THIS NEW BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY IS A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

I WISH THAT I HAD HAD MORE TIME TO SPEND WITH YOU, BUT I WAS DEFINITELY OBLIGATED TO STICK WITH THE DELEGATION TO FINISH THE BUSINESS. THE PRESIDENT CALLED US A LITTLE AHEAD OF TIME SO I DID NOT HAVE TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS. HOWEVER, I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

*of me*

I WISH TO COMPLIMENT YOU FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL HOME AND THE BEAUTIFUL ~~STREET~~ <sup>SITE</sup>. MAY THE GOOD LORD BLESS YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR PEOPLE.

I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS A LOT OF RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE WEST INDIES. HE WILL BE WELL AQUAINTED WITH THE PROBLEMS. MY JOB NOW IS TO KEEP ON REPORTING AND TALKING TO HIM TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS DONE TO HELP THE FINE PEOPLE OVER THERE.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU VERY SOON, I REMAIN SAYING " QUE VIVA LA FEDERACION DE LOS WEST INDIES!"

YOUR FRIEND AS EVER,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

MAY 8, 1961

HONORABLE HUGH FRASER MBE MP  
UNDER PERMANENT SECRETARY OF STATE  
CHURCH HOUSE  
GREAT SMITH STREET  
LONDON S W 1, ENGLAND

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I HAD INTENDED TO WRITE TO YOU SOONER, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET YOUR EXACT MAILING ADDRESS UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO. I WANT AT THIS TIME TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND COMPLIMENT YOU FOR THE FINE WORK THAT YOU DID DURING OUR CONFERENCE IN TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES. TO ME YOU ARE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT, BECAUSE NOT ONLY OF YOUR GOOD EFFICIENCY AND ABILITY, BUT BECAUSE OF YOUR SINCERITY AND WONDERFUL PERSONALITY. I WISH TO COMPLIMENT THE COLONIAL OFFICE AND BRITISH GOVERNEMENT FOR THE FINE WORK THEY DID IN DEVELOPING THE LEADERSHIP AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE WEST INDIES. THIS TO ME MEANS VERY MUCH.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO MOST OF THE LEADERS OF THE WEST INDIES FEDERATION AND I ALSO HAVE COMPLIMENTED THEM. OUR GOOD FRIEND, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE REPORTS. THE EXPERIENCE WAS WONDERFUL TO ME. I MADE SEVERAL FRIENDS. AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SINCERELY THAT YOU ARE TOPS. I AM SENDING YOU A COPY OF THE PICTURES THAT I TOOK OVER THERE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL LIKE THEM. THIS CERTAINLY WILL BE A GOOD SOUVENEER OF THIS TRIP. PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN AND CERTAINLY HOPE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU SOMETIMES HERE IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS OR ANY WHERE IN TEXAS. I CERTAINLY WILL BE GLAD AND HONORED IN TAKING YOU ON A TRIP TO SOUTH TEXAS OR NORTHERN MEXICO.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU VERY SOON, I REMAIN

YOUR FRIEND AS EVER,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

HPG:AG  
CC: MR. ROCKWOOD FOSTER  
ENCLOSURE: PICTURES