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Mr. M. D. Taracido
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Dear Mr. Taracido:

Your letter dated February 20, 1980 to Attorney General Civiletti has been referred to the Civil Rights Division for a response. Please excuse our delay in answering your letter concerning the detention and deportaion of Mr. Norbetto Gautier.

Please be advised that this matter is presently under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of that investigation will be reviewed by this Section. If evidence of a federal criminal civil rights violation is disclosed appropriate action will be taken.

Your concern with the ability of American citizens to travel freely between Puerto Rico and the United States is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Mr. M.D. Taracido President & General Counsel Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. 95 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016

Dear Mr. Taracido:

Your recent letter to the Attorney General, about Norberto Gautier, who was detained in San Juan, Puerto Rico, has been referred to this Service for reply.

Your comments concerning the detention of Mr. Gautier have been carefully noted. The District Director of our San Juan immigration office has jurisdiction over his case. We are sending your letter to him, for appropriate attention and direct response to you.

You may be assured that you will be hearing from him in the near future.

Sincerely,

James A. Kennedy

Associate Commissioner

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