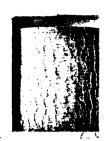
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I AM DIRECTING THE PUERTORICO NATIONAL GUARD TO FLY OUR FLAG AND PLAY OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE RECEPTION CEREMONIES I WOULD APPRECIATE SIMILAR

INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR BEHALF DIRECTED TO MR GOODWIN

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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THE HON. GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE WHITE HOUSE
IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION YESTERDAY THROUGH THE PUERTORICO
STATE DEPARTMENT THAT MR ROBERT GOODWIN THE PRESIDENTS REPRESENTATIVE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CHARGE OF MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
SUMIT MEETING TO BE HELD AT DORADO HAS INFORMED THAT LA BORINQUENA
PUERTO RICOS ANTHEM CANNOT BE PLAYED ALONG WITH THE STAR SPANGLED
BANNER AT THE RECEPTION CEREMONIES FOR FOREIGN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
IT APPEARS THAT SUCH A DECISION IS BASED ON THE FALSE PREMISE THAT

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE CEREMONIES PUERTORICO MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A STATE OF THE UNION AS A COMMONWEALTH OR FREE ASSOCIATED STATE PUERTORICO IS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY ITS FLAG AND PLAY ITS ANTHEM ON ALL OFFICIAL OCASSIONS TOGETHER WITH THE FLAG OF THE U.S. AND WITH THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL AND IT IS REQUIRED UNDER PUERTO RICAN LAW TO DISPLAY OUR FLAG AND PLAY OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM WHEN CHIEFS OF STATE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE VISITED THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO IN THE PAST