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Corozal, Puerto Rico
23 de octubre de 1984

TO: Democratic Vice President Nomenee
Mrs. Geraldine Ferraro,
c/o United Steel Workers of America
International Headquarters
5 Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

I am writting as a Puerto Rican citizen who feels great respect and admiration for the continental democracy and for the rights and responsabilites inherent to that democracy.

I am also a fervent admirer of the venezuelan democracy, deeply touched by the deeds of that noble country, who inspired by the dreams of a Libertador had surpassed all the obstacles that for years prevented that democracy to flourish.

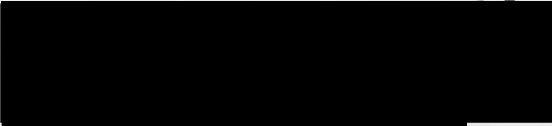
That is why I am deeply hurt by the recent intervention by the government of the Venezuelan Republic in the so called "Case of Puerto Rico" in the United Nations, in which the Venezuelan Ambassador made common cause with and intervned with a determined political situation which I consider offensive to the dignity of the Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico as a political institution real and respectable within the democratic conjunction of the latin american countries.

We Puerto Ricans- american citizens- elected this status (Estado Libre Asociado) within the political situation of the United States, because we understood the by doing this we exalt both countries. We also thought that by aggrandizing both countries we are contributing with a creative solution. Solution that does not make use violence or forse as arms but the dialogue to solve problems. This is how we puertoricans feel not only with respect to latin america but in respect to the United States.

I as puertorican and american citizen take exception to what appears to be the oficial position of your government in regard to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a political order, that we chose in a referendum thirty years ago.

Frankly I rebuked the Venezuelan Government intervention with this matter.

Respectfully yours,


Corozal, P.R.
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