



*The Governor of the  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*

April 21, 1971

To the Youth of the City of Troy  
Troy Public Library  
Troy, Michigan

It is with great pride and sincere sense of dedication to the youth and future of our country that I take the pleasure of congratulating the City of Troy for its leap forward in providing an institution dedicated to the search for knowledge and understanding.

The youth of Troy in this generation, and in the generation to come, should avail themselves of these new facilities, so as to help them broaden their understanding about the past and present history of mankind. This is very important for, in books we will find recorded all that the human race has produced.

The youth of our nation should read about the civilizations and institutions that man has produced. Among them, they will find the horrors of war, the horrors of destruction, and the beauty of men and women who dedicated their lives for the search for peace and decency, and the construction of institutions dedicated to peace and humanitarianism. They will also find men and women who forged magnificent discoveries and inventions in the sciences, and those who dedicated their lives in order to help the less fortunate of our brothers in the planet earth.

Most important, they will find in books the beauty of the spiritual nature of man. Religion, poetry, art, culture, and the institutions which govern man. In these institutions let not our

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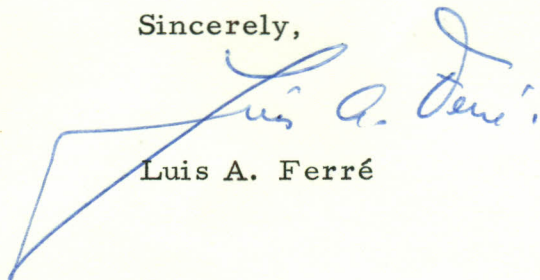
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youth forget that the history of our country, with all the mistakes that have been committed, has been a history of progressive search for the model freedom and dignity of mankind. We all enjoy these freedoms, and it will be up to the generations who use our libraries to learn this lesson well, and to protect and add to the culmination of the great ideals of our Declaration of Rights and our American Constitution.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luis A. Ferré". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Luis A. Ferré