

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON.

July 8, 1918.

My dear Governor:

Under date of April 30, 1918, Santiago Iglesias, President of the Free Federation of Laborers of Porto Rico, presented, through the President of the American Federation of Labor, to the President certain charges against you.

These charges were made public in Porto Rico. It is, therefore, unnecessary to recite them.

With such expedition as was possible in view of the urgent demands of the war on the time of every officer of the government, these charges have been examined.

In view of evidence at hand, it is unnecessary to make further investigation. The charges, in so far as they reflect on you personally or on the conduct of your office, have no foundation. To go through the forms of an investigation in view of available evidence would at such a time as this be a severe reflection on this Department.

Very sincerely,

(Sgd.) Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War.
Honorable Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P. R.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington

March 3, 1921.

Dear Governor Yager:

I am preparing now to leave the War Department.

As one of my final acts I desire to tell you how much I have appreciated your work in Porto Rico and how great has been my satisfaction at the way in which you have handled the difficult and annoying problems arising there. What would normally have been a heavy responsibility for the War Department will be, due to your efficient management of the affairs committed to you in Porto Rico, one of the most pleasant memories of my service in this office.

With best wishes to you, and with kindest regards to each of the members of your family, I am,

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Newton D. Baker

Secretary of War.

Honorable Arthur Yager,
Governor of Porto Rico,
San Juan, P. R.