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Dear Chancellor Kibbee:

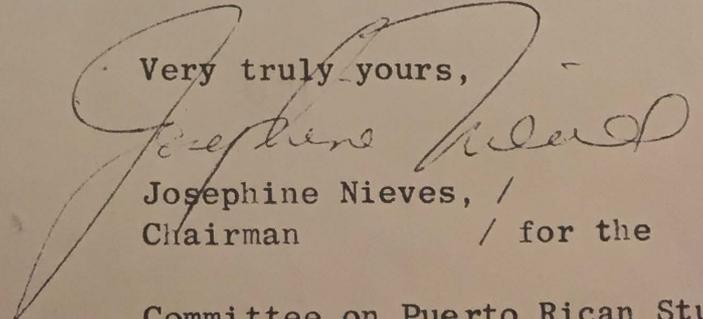
Since our last meeting with you in November, our committee has continued working on the development of a feasible plan for the creation of a Puerto Rican Research Center at CUNY. As you recall, we agreed that it would take us at least six weeks, until after the holidays, to finalize our proposal.

I am pleased to report that we are at the final stages of the "process" in the development of our plan and should have a proposal in to you sometime in February. Unfortunately, the holidays took their toll in absences of members of the committee, thus delaying our work by some weeks. Our apologies for the delay.

We have been particularly careful to follow a process of involvement of representatives of the academic community--a process which we feel is essential and basic to the development of a successful plan or a viable program. Our intent is to avoid the drawbacks of earlier proposals and to include the thinking and recommendations of students and faculty in existing programs of Puerto Rican Studies as well as the recommendations of social scientists and educators knowledgeable about Puerto Rican society. Thus we hope to emerge with a plan that clearly meets the needs of Puerto Ricans and that also fulfills the academic goals of CUNY. We expect to complete this process by the latter part of February.

Your patience and cooperation have been most appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Josephine Nieves, /
Chairman / for the

Committee on Puerto Rican Studies
and Research

cc: Marshall Robinson, Vice President
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