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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico was established by charter on September 20, 1973, and membership was announced jointly by President Richard Nixon and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Governor Hernandez Colon on September 27, 1973. The Ad Hoc Group was responsible for determining extent of the applicability of federal laws and regulations to Puerto Rico, in light of its commonwealth status. It was co-chaired by former U.S. Senator Marlow M. Cook and former Puerto Rico Governor Luis Muñoz Marín. This Ad Hoc Group was actually the second such group resulting from a 1967 plebiscite on Puerto Rican status. The First Ad Hoc Advisory Group met in 1970 and 1971 to consider the feasibility of granting U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico the presidential vote.

The Ad Hoc Group terminated upon submission of a bilingual final report on October 1, 1975 entitled, Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the United States: Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico. If approved by Congress, the Compact would have revised and made permanent the open-ended relationship established by legislation in 1950 between the United States and Puerto Rico. Following a review of the proposed Compact by his Cabinet, President Ford announced on December 31, 1976 that he was rejecting the Ad Hoc Group's recommendations. Instead, he argued that statehood was a more appropriate step for Puerto Rico and recommended that the 95th Congress enact legislation toward that end. No action was taken on the Compact.

This collection contains the records accumulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico. It documents the development and operation of the Group and development of the Compact of Permanent Union. It also contains citizen, Ad Hoc Group member, and federal agency views on Puerto Rico's relationship with the United States.

The following series have been include in this microfilm publication:

### **Public Record of Deliberations, September 1973 – October 1975**

Minutes, correspondence, memoranda, transcripts, reports, statements, studies, press releases, clippings, and other records that document the work of the U.S. Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico. Included in this series is the Ad Hoc Group's charter, meeting minutes and transcripts, proposals by the Puerto Rican delegation, questions posed by the U.S. delegation, drafts of a compact of permanent union between Puerto Rico and the United States, comments from various federal agencies regarding Puerto Rico, the final report (the compact) of the Group, and written statements of independent views of Group members. Also included are notices of public meetings and hearings held in the United States and Puerto Rico and written statements of numerous witnesses at the hearings. Some of the documents appear in both English and Spanish.

### **Transcripts of Public Hearings and Public Meetings, December 1973 – August 1975**

Transcripts of public hearings held by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico in Puerto Rico in December 1973- April 1974 and public meetings held in Washington, D.C. in June 1974 and July/August 1975. The material contains testimony and question-and-answer sessions by Puerto Rican citizens before the Group on their views of Puerto Rico's relationship with the United

States. This series also documents Group deliberations related to the Compact of Permanent Union between Puerto Rico and the United States, the Group's final report.

**Correspondence File, October 1973 – October 1975**

Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, resumes, notes, testimony, invoices, and reports accumulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico. A majority of this series is correspondence and memoranda between Peter J. Gallagher, Executive Director for the United States delegation, and José Trías Monge (his counterpart for the Puerto Rican delegation), Ad Hoc Advisory Group members (mostly the U.S. delegation), government officials, members of Congress, and the general public. In addition, there is Co-Chairmen Marlow W. Cook and Luis Muñoz Marín correspondence. Topics include meeting agendas and minutes, summaries of informal meetings, publicity about the Group, issues related to Puerto Rico, the development of the compact of permanent union between Puerto Rico and the United States, logistics, trip reports, expense reimbursements, and other administrative matters. Also included in this series are letters from people who would like to testify at the public hearings held by the Group.

**Subject File, 1973–1975**

Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, affidavits, and press releases accumulated by the United States delegation of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico. Files for each Ad Hoc Group member contain copies of outgoing correspondence from Executive Director Peter J. Gallagher, administrative assistant Patricia McNabb, and Administrative Officer William Oxley to members of the United States and Puerto Rican delegations. Many of these files also include biographies and appointment affidavits. This series contains a file of correspondence from the Puerto Rican delegation to the Washington, D.C. office, a copy of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary report on the Bilingual Courts Act, and copies of other legal documents. Also included are published copies of the report submitted by the first Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the Presidential Vote for Puerto Rico (August 1971) and the report of the second Ad Hoc Group, "Compact for Permanent Union Between Puerto Rico and the United States" (October 1975).

## **SOURCE & EDITORIAL NOTE**

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The following is a listing of the folders comprising the microfilm publication entitled *Compact of Permanent Union: Records of the U.S. Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico, 1973-1975*. The Reel Index lists the folder number, folder title, as well as a listing of the major subjects for each folder.

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### Public Record of Deliberations

- [1]       **Volume 1 Folder 1.**  
*Major subjects:* Plebiscite, 1967; Statehood movement; Independence movement; Self-determination; Presidential vote; Commonwealth status; Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act; Economy; Trade; Citizenship; Federal property; Immigration; Shipping; Banking; Transportation.
- [2]       **Volume 1 Folder 2.**  
*Major subjects:* Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act; Judicial review; Industry; Economy; Taxation; Markets; Commonwealth status; Federal laws/regulations; UN; Independence movement; Watergate scandal; Autonomy movement; Independence movement; Self-determination; Labor.  
*Principle correspondents:* Arraras, Jose Enrique; Colorado, Antonio J.; de Mostos, Adolfo; Colberg, Severo E.; Terpe, Keith.
- [3]       **Volume 1 Folder 3.**  
*Major subjects:* UN; Commonwealth status; Federalism; Presidential vote; International affairs; Self-determination; International organizations; Economy; Development, industrial; Federal aid/assistance; Taxation; Markets; Federal laws/regulations; Immigration; Employment; Labor; Navigable waters; Trade; Shipping.  
*Principle correspondents:* Barton, H. C.; Villahermosa, Gloria; Tio Montes de Oca, Salvador; Mathews, Thomas; Passalacqua, Carlos M.; Castro Molina, Jesus; Passalacqua, Juan M.
- [4]       **Volume 2 Folder 1.**  
*Major subjects:* Commonwealth status; Nationalism; Colonialism; Economy; International affairs; Statehood movement; Trade; General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT); Independence movement; Language.  
*Principle correspondents:* Sabater, Julio E.; Passalacqua Christian, Luis; Jimines, Jorge J.; Flenn, Karl; McDougald Marcos, Jorge; Lastra, Carlos; Pieras, Jaime; Gallisa, Carlos; Benitez, Jaime.
- [5]       **Volume 2 Folder 2.**  
*Major subject:* Independence movement.  
*Principle correspondent:* Rodriques, J.

- [6] **Volume 2 Folder 3.**  
*Major subjects:* Labor; Language; Culture; Independence movement; Statehood movement; Commonwealth status; Federal Relations Act.  
*Principle correspondents:* Perez Aponte, Francisco; Agrait, Guatavo; Cancio, Hiram.
- [7] **Volume 3 Folder 1.**  
*Major subjects:* New Progressive Party; Citizenship; Plebiscite, 1967; Commonwealth status; Defense; Statehood movement; Economy; Medical Association of Puerto Rico; Transportation; International organizations; Federalism; International affairs.  
*Principle correspondents:* Ferre, Luis A.; Torres, Frank, Jr.; Rios Esquire, Carlos; Cordova Diaz, Jorge L.; Ramos, Oreste, Jr.; Perez Gonzalez, Abelardo; Corrada del Rio, Baltazar; Hernandez Sanchez, Jesus.
- [8] **Volume 3 Folder 2.**  
*Major subjects:* Federalism; Labor; Economy; New Progressive Party; Statehood movement; Commonwealth status; Popular Democratic Party; Defense; Immigration; Federal property.  
*Principle correspondents:* Planas, Dimas; Rivera de Vincenti, Julia; Romero Barcelo, Carlos; Hernandez Agosto, Miguel; Duffy, Lawrence E.
- [9] **Volume 3 Folder 3.**  
*Major subjects:* Citizenship; Constitution, Puerto Rico; Culture; Commonwealth status; Federalism; Immigration; Trade; Ecology; Labor; Military; Imperialism.  
*Principle correspondents:* Bothwell, Reece B.; Santos del Valle, Rafael; Garcia Martinez, Alfonso L.; Gonzales Mangual, Osvaldo; Santiago-Vasquez, Antonio; Dilworth, John J.; Ramos de Santiago, Carmen; Cabranes, Jose A.

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- [10] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico: Public Record—Volume Four.**  
*Major subjects:* Commonwealth status; Constitution, Puerto Rico; Citizenship; Defense; Currency; Markets; Economy; Trade; Ecology; Federal aid/assistance; International affairs; International organizations; Independence movement; International law; UN; Development, industrial; Labor; Education; Agriculture; Immigration; Federal laws/regulations; Aqueduct and sewer authority.  
*Principle correspondents:* Cook, Marlow W.; Reisman, W. Michael; Gonzales Chapel, Antonio; Silva Recio, Luis F.; Jimenes Barber, Carlos M.; Hernandez Vega, Pedro; Letter, Mendez.

- [11] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico: Public Record—Volume Five.**  
*Major subjects:* Federalism; International affairs; Water regulations; Defense; Federal laws/regulations; Navigable waters; Economy; Citizenship; Defense; Currency; Markets; Plebiscite, 1967; Commonwealth status; Self-government; Immigration; Industry; General Services Administration; Trade; Tariff Commission, U.S.; Ecology; Labor.  
*Principle correspondents:* Friedrich, Carl J.; Badillo, Etienne; Chardon, Carlos; Jimenez, Nicolas; Rivera de Vincenti, Julia; Alvarez Pont, Victor; Passalacqua, Carlos M.; Gallagher, Peter J.; Cook, Marlow W.

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- [12] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico: Public Record—Volume Six.**  
*Major subjects:* Citizenship; Defense; Ecology; Economy; Navigable waters; Federalism; Plebiscite, 1967; Commonwealth status; Currency; Markets; Immigration; Taxation; Development, industrial; Trade; Constitutional law, U.S.  
*Principle correspondent:* Cook, Marlow W.

### Transcripts of Public Hearings and Public Meetings

- [13] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico Transcript: December, 1973 Public Hearings.**  
*Major subjects:* Commonwealth status; Federalism; Judicial dominion; UN; Labor; Economy; Trade; Shipping; International opinion; International organizations; International law; Federal representation; Immigration; Defense; Presidential vote; Constitution, Puerto Rico; Statehood movement.  
*Principle correspondents:* Enrique Arraras, Jose; Terpe, Keith; Marin, Munoz; Tio Montes De Oca, Salvador.

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- [14] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico Transcript: February, 1974 Public Hearings.**  
*Major subjects:* New Progressive Party; Plebiscite, 1967; Commonwealth status; Citizenship; Self-government; Defense; Popular Democratic Party; Statehood movement; Independence movement; Federal representation; Constitution, Puerto Rico; International organizations; Federalism; Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act; Class divisions; Federal laws/regulations; Federal property; Ecology.  
*Principle correspondents:* Marin, Munoz; Ferre, Luis A.; Cordova Diaz, Jorge L.; Corrada del Rio, Baltazar; Barcelo, Romero; Santiago-Vasquez, Antonio.

[15] **Advisory Group on Puerto Rico Transcripts: Public Hearing—April 27, 1974; Public Meetings—June 10, 11 & 12, 1974.**

*Major subjects:* Commonwealth status; Economy; Self-determination; Self-government; Federal representation; Federal laws/regulations; Culture; Permanent union; Citizenship; Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act; Constitutional law, U.S.; Federal aid/assistance; International affairs; Labor; Ecology; Shipping; Industry; Wholesome Meat Act; Egg Products Inspection Act; Food; Federal laws/regulations; Agriculture; Trade; Immigration; Labor; Taft Hartley Act; Federalism; Civil rights; Federalism; Welfare; Social security; Medicaid.

*Principle correspondents:* Colon Hernandez, Rafael; Cook, Marlow W.

[16] **Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Puerto Rico Transcript of Public Meetings July 10, 11, 12, 1975.**

*Major subjects:* Taxation; Citizenship; Defense; Currency; Federal laws/regulations; Ecology; Navigable waters; Crown lands; Commonwealth status; Statehood movement; Self-government; Independence movement; International organizations; International affairs; Constitutional law, U.S.; Federalism; Immigration; Judicial dominion; Citizenship; Federal aid/assistance.

*Principle correspondents:* Cook, Marlow W.; Johnston, J. Bennett, Jr.; Buckley, James L.

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*Major subjects:* Federal Regional Council; Executive order 11731; New Progressive Party; Merchant marine; Constitutional law, U.S.; Puerto Rico Telephone Company.

*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.

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*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.

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*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.

- [21] **January Correspondence.**  
*Major subjects:* Industry; Development, economic; Economy; Development, industrial; Independence movement.  
*Principle correspondents:* Augusto Perea, Juan; Benitez Rexach, Felix; Gallagher, Peter J.
- [22] **February Correspondence.**  
*Major subject:* Puerto Rico Federal Relations Act.  
*Principle correspondent:* Castillo de Colorado, Delia.
- [23] **March Correspondence.**  
*Major subjects:* Self-government; Citizenship; Defense; Markets; Currency; Trade; Economy; Ecology; Immigration; Federal property; Federal representation; Judicial review; Culture; Economy.  
*Principle correspondents:* Cook, Marlow W.; Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Major subjects:* Jackson, Henry; Independence movement.  
*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Principle correspondents:* Cook, Marlow W.; Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Major subject:* Popular Democratic Party.  
*Principle correspondents:* McNabb, Patricia; Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Major subjects:* Statehood movement; Popular Democratic Party.

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*Principle correspondent:* McNabb, Patricia.
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*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Major subjects:* Statehood movement; Independence movement; Popular Democratic Party; Hernandez Colon, Rafael; Self-government; Autonomy movement.  
*Principle correspondents:* Gallagher, Peter J.; Cook, Marlow W.; McNabb, Patricia.
- [37] **May 1975.**  
*Major subjects:* Federal laws/regulations; Ecology; Federal laws/regulations; Federal aid/assistance; Communists.
- [38] **June Correspondence.**  
*Major subjects:* Ford, Gerald; Federal laws/regulations; Federal aid/assistance; Self-government.  
*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Major subjects:* Statehood movement; Public opinion; Independence movement.  
*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
- [40] **August Correspondence.**  
*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
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*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.

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*Principle correspondents:* Gallagher, Peter J.; McNabb, Patricia.
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*Major subjects:* Caribbean Development Bank; Cook, Marlow W.  
*Principle correspondent:* Gallagher, Peter J.
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- [56] **Ogilvie, Richard B.**  
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*Principle correspondents:* Marin, Munoz; Buckley, James L.; Clausen, Donald H.; Howell, Paul N.; Johnston, J. Bennett, Jr.; Mendez, Justo A.; Pons, Victor M., Jr.; Rivera, Angel M.
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