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Mr. Daniel Lopez Romo  
United States Attorney  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Danny:

I call to your attention the truly remarkable work of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Ricardo Pesquera in the prosecution of five separate investigations, all of which centered on Martin George Thuna, possibly the most significant "fence" of property stolen in Puerto Rico during the early 1980's. Mr. Pesquera became the Chief Prosecutor for these cases in March of 1984 upon the filing of a criminal complaint against Thuna and others for their part in the possession and interstate transportation of a stolen van of Tic-Tacs candies. Mr. Pesquera continued his outstanding efforts through May of 1986 when Thuna pled guilty to various counts of interstate transportation of stolen Tagament pills and to the obstruction of justice in the Federal Grand Jury's investigations of these matters.

After two years of hard work, Mr. Pesquera had obtained 13 felony convictions, fines totalling over \$60,000, and court ordered restitutions of \$492,506.88. In terms of the economic community of Puerto Rico, the results have been even more impressive, as reported thefts of airfreights at the international airport have fallen from over \$2,000,000.00 in 1983 to less than \$5,000 in 1986.

In order to accomplish these results, Mr. Pesquera made innovative use of many prosecutorial tools. He negotiated plea agreements with two individuals who became key cooperating subjects. Mr. Pesquera also authorized and followed numerous consensual recordings by the cooperating subjects. Mr. Pesquera also coordinated with the United States Attorney's office in Atlanta and in other districts for the possible testimony of an individual cooperating in FBI investigations in Atlanta. Throughout the two years, he conducted extensive, thorough Federal Grand Jury work, filed criminal

informations, obtained superseding indictments and conducted three separate trials, the last of which required the calling of over 30 government witnesses and the presentation in evidence of over 400 documents, summary charts and diagrams. Furthermore, in this last trial, Mr. Pesquera became the first prosecutor in the District of Puerto Rico to convict under Section 1512 (a) (2) (A) of Title 18 of the United States Code.

Mr. Pesquera's efforts and the mutual respect generated between him and SA George B. Parks stand as yet another fine example of the kind of impact a team effort can make on a serious crime problem.

My personal congratulations to Mr. Pesquera and to the Office of the United States Attorney for a truly outstanding performance.

Warmest regards,

James C. Esposito  
Special Agent in Charge