



**REMARKS BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
HONORABLE RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON
AT TIMOTHY DWIGHT COLLEGE, YALE UNIVERSITY**

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Good evening:

I wish to thank Master Thompson for this warm reception. I am deeply honored to be at Timothy Dwight College, among so many distinguished persons, such as Governor O'Neill and Mayor Dilieto to whom I extend special greetings.

I come to Yale in a very special moment. I've just begun my third term as Governor of Puerto Rico in a time of new challenges and expectations. The spectacular economic take off of the last four years has prepared the ground for reaching new peaks. We are entering a new phase in which Puerto Ricans are determined climb and excel; moving far from narrow insular perspectives, beyond the region in which we live. We are determined to strengthen our leadership in the Caribbean Region. As part of our opening to the world, we will intensify our efforts in diversifying our sources of investment, trade and tourism. We see new markets and economic opportunities arising in the coming decade. And, most important, we are ready to scale new heights

in our political relationship with the United States.

I am proud of my people, of its will to struggle, of its achievements, of its history, of the richness of our traditions and of our culture. As a Visiting Chubb Fellow I hope to provide a broad picture of the issues that are presently shaping the life of my people; as well as to discover, with students and faculty, new dimensions to the topics we discuss during my stay.

As for Master Thompson, an expert in Puerto Rican music, I will be glad to discuss the latest developments in "salsa" music --as long as he doesn't ask me to show him the latest dancing steps!!!!

Thank you again.
