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I AM DIRECTING THE PUERTORICO NATIONAL GUARD TO FLY OUR FLAG AND PLAY
OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE RECEPTION CEREMONIES I WOULD APPRECIATE
SIMILAR
INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR BEHALF DIRECTED TO MR GOODWIN

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO



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10 THE HON. GERALD FORD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE WHITE HOUSE
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12 IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION YESTERDAY THROUGH THE PUERTORICO
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14 STATE DEPARTMENT THAT MR ROBERT GOODWIN THE PRESIDENTS REPRESENTATIVE
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16 FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CHARGE OF MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
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18 SUMIT MEETING TO BE HELD AT DORADO HAS INFORMED THAT LA BORINQUENA
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20 PUERTO RICOS ANTHEM CANNOT BE PLAYED ALONG WITH THE STAR SPANGLED
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22 BANNER AT THE RECEPTION CEREMONIES FOR FOREIGN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
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24 IT APPEARS THAT SUCH A DECISION IS BASED ON THE FALSE PREMISE THAT
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8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE CEREMONIES PUERTORICO MUST BE CONSIDERED
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10 AS A STATE OF THE UNION AS A COMMONWEALTH OR FREE ASSOCIATED STATE
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12 PUERTORICO IS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY ITS FLAG AND PLAY ITS ANTHEM ON ALL
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14 OFFICIAL OCASSIONS TOGETHER WITH THE FLAG OF THE U.S. AND WITH THE
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16 STAR SPANGLED BANNER

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18 IT HAS BEEN TRADITIONAL AND IT IS REQUIRED UNDER PUERTO RICAN LAW TO
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20 DISPLAY OUR FLAG AND PLAY OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM WHEN CHIEFS OF STATE OF
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22 FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE VISITED THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO IN THE
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24 PAST
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