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Dr. J. Will Harris
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Your splendid letter of October 10th is very much appreciated.

It has been thrilling and supremely satisfying to return to Puerto
Rico and to take up the work which you so ably commenced. In so
many ways, it has meant a reunion with old friends among the faculty,
townspeople and the Alumni. We received a very gracious and kindly
reception and we are completely at home in Casa Maria at the Poly-
technic Institute and in Puerto Rico. Enrollment this semester is
775 students, a total of 150 more than have been enrolled in any
previous fall semester. The faculty has grown also, and the new
Torres Arts Building is a great asset to the campus. Of course, we
need many more facilities. We are beginning to develop plans which
we hope with God's help will enable us to get them.

In our planning, we are taking into consideration the background
of the institution, including your great hope and ideals for it, the
present situation within the institution and in Puerto Rico as a whole,
and our best estimate of the potentialities for the future. It is a
very stimulating experience. All of your old blue prints for grounds
and buildings are being looked at along with some of the plans which
have been drawn in more recent years. Some of our blue prints are in
terrible condition; however, I am having them straightened out, repaired
and filed near the president's office, in a suitable blue print file.
Among many other services, you rendered an invaluable one on your last
visit to the institution, when you gathered all of the blue prints you
could find.

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do my very best. As you have so rightly said, "being president of the Polytechnic Institute is no easy job" but it is and immensely satisfying and useful one. I hope I can stimulate the development of this great institution and help in whatever way possible to enable it to make its widest possible contribution to the advancement of God's kingdom here on earth. Your great vision for the institution is a source of stimulation. I hope very much that it will be possible for you to visit Polytechnic and Puerto Rico during the 1956-57 academic year. Your host of friends here would love to see you and your presence would be of great value to all of us. Your prayers are very much appreciated. I shall need God's guidance and the prayers of many friends in the days to come.

I look forward to seeing you in the very near future. In the meantime, may God bless you and keep you. Sincerely yours,
Ronald C. Bauer
President

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