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President Edward G. Seel,
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My dear Dr. Seel:

I am glad to hear that you have a full house of FRESHMAN students. My prayer and hope is that the Trustees will soon be in Poly and not only make recommendations but so help you to adjust our college into the requirements of the Accrediting Agency.

What moved me to write you today is that Texas has some five years ago passed the Gilmer-Aiken School law, declaring the Texas Mexicans a White race and requiring that no further segregation be made in the Public Schools. Spanish is required in all classes. There are not enough, if any, teachers prepared to teach Spanish in the first three grades. In fact it is a very poor quality of Spanish taught in the High School as a usual thing.

I was talking with a Superintendent yesterday and offered to put him in touch with Polytechnic graduates who have specialized in Primary Grade work, who would do a splendid job here in Texas. The Independent School Districts in Texas place the whole authority of our schools on individual school districts and not on the Commissioner of Education as in Puerto Rico. However you could get the Com. of Education of Texas, Dr. J.W. Edgar, Austin Texas to inform you on the State requirement for a Permanent Certificate to teach in Texas. As far as I know the requirement is to have approved a course on Texas State Constitution. Beyond that only a B.A or B.S degree is required. Teachers can get a provisional certificate which will give them time to take that course after arrival in Texas. But it would be better to have had it before coming. The Placement Bureaus of Texas in the University and any of the various Teachers Colleges handle applications. They are short of teachers every where. I hope this will open the door for many Puerto Rican teachers to find employment here. Salaries are for beginners about \$2500. over a twelve months spread--- teaching only nine months. *They expect to pay more soon.*

I was glad to see the interest now being shown by the Trustees in Poly. During my 25 years they only gave me moral backing mainly, in raising money in USA. New York Synod is the best in USA and I hope you can set fire to potential powers of the Presbyterians in New York State. It will take a lot of propogando and a constant flow of information.

Tell Lydia I shall write her soon. With best of wishes

Sincerely yours, *John W. Harris*