

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Institute of Puerto Rican Culture

and

The National Archives and Records Administration

WHEREAS, the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture is a governmental institution of the Government of Puerto Rico responsible for the establishment of the cultural policies required in order to study, preserve, promote, enrich, and diffuse the cultural values of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the National Archives and Records Administration has a substantial collection of materials reflecting the rich historical and cultural connections of Puerto Ricans within the United States, as well as materials documenting and celebrating Puerto Rican life and the territorial relationship of Puerto Rico with the Federal Government,

NOW THEREFORE:

FIRST, the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture intends to digitize selected National Archives accessioned holdings related to Puerto Rico. These accessioned holdings include textual and special media records in the custody of Office of Research Services custodial units.

SECOND, the National Archives Records Administration intends to support the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture's efforts to digitize and provide access to records in NARA's holdings.

THIRD, the National Archives' holdings contain invaluable items which bear witness to interactions of the residents of Puerto Rico and the local government of Puerto Rico with the United States Federal Government and the history and administration of Puerto Rico as an unincorporated, organized territory of the United States.

FOURTH, as resources permit, the National Archives and Records Administration intends to make available records for digitization by the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture.

FIFTH, the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture intends to share certain materials digitized under this Memorandum of Understanding with the National Archives and Records Administration, and the National Archives and Records Administration intends to share with the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture certain related materials it intends to digitize and make available in NARA's online catalog, with specifics to be worked out accordingly.

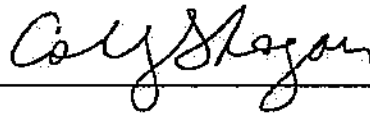
SIXTH, the National Archives and Records Administration and the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture intend to establish points of contact to accomplish the goals of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Each participant intends to bear its own expenses, and all activities are subject to availability of resources.

Signed, this 18th day of Jan. 2024.



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