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## Visit of Governor of Puerto Rico to France

The question of the official portion of the visit to Paris of Governor Mimos Marin of Puerto Rico was discussed with M. Philippe Benoist, American Desk Officer at the Foreign Office, yesterday. The following emerged in a preliminary way:

- 1) The Foreign Office, which has the highest regard for Governor Mimos Marin and stated he has been consistently most helpful when any problems of mutual interest have arisen, has asked that the President of the Republic receive the Governor during the latter's stay in Paris. There has as yet been no response to this request.
- 2) It is planned to have an official luncheon for the Governor at the Foreign Office with either Foreign Minister Pinay or the Secretary-General, M. Massigli, as host, depending upon the availability of the Foreign Minister. A date has not yet been set. *Esteban*
- 3) The Governor's interest in meeting Jean Monnet was conveyed to the Foreign Office, which believes that an appointment can easily be arranged if M. Monnet is in town.
- 4) It is planned to confer a French decoration (Légion d'Honneur in a degree not yet named) upon Governor Mimos Marin.
- 5) Other appointments suggested are with the President of the Council of the Republic, M. Monnerville, a native of French Guiana and one of the highest officials in the country, and possibly with Prefect Ravail of Guadeloupe who may be in Paris then. *No*
- 6) M. Jacques de Besson, Director of American Affairs of the Foreign Office, and M. Benoist, his assistant, also hope to have a conversation with the Governor on matters of mutual interest.
- 7) The French Consul in San Juan has been in communication with the Governor's office, and much, if not all, of this information may already have been available to him.

*Visit to Chamber de Deputes?*



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8) The Governor's desire to have as much as possible of the official part of his visit concentrated on a single day, July 6, has been made known to the Foreign Office, and every effort will be made to make the official schedule as compact as possible.

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1. Press Conf.
2. Anglo American Press Ass - luncheon