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Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,
63 Briarcliff Road,
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop Ferrando:

Since Sept. 26th things have been so upset and our minds have been so confused that it has been almost impossible to do anything consecutively and I am writing you now that there is a moment of calm to tell you that we are getting along nicely after the storm and to say also that Ponce, Quebrada Limon, Peñuelas, Mayaguez and the Virgin Islands were unhurt. St. Thomas suffered slightly from the effects of the storm but very little.

Dr. Wood assured me that he was sending a copy of my report to all members of the staff and to the families of our people in the States so I have not attempted to write to anyone other than Dr. Wood and my wife. I am running out every day to some mission trying to estimate the extent of the damages or to take some kind of assistance here and there.

I very much hope that our damages will be less than I estimated at the beginning but suppose that we will require at least \$15,000. to put things back where they were before.

Mrs. Modesto Rivera had a very narrow and miraculous escape from very serious injury. Two splinters went into her eye below the eye ball and of course the wound became badly infected. She is in the Presbyterian Hospital and is being well taken care of. She is much more cheerful now and the eye is not affected. There will be considerable disfigurement on her lower eyelid but aside from that she will be able to see perfectly well.

Assuring you of my thought of you and that my silence has been entirely due to our being so busy with repairs and looking after people, and with warm regards and all best wishes to all of you, believe me ever,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

Thomas B. Calumet
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