To the Legislature of Puerto Rico:

I submit to your consideration Reorganization Plan No. 14 of 1950 prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended. After due consideration I have found that every reorganization included in this Plan is necessary to accomplish one or more of the purposes set forth in Section 3(a) of the above mentioned Act. I have also found that by reason of the reorganizations made by the Plan, the provision on the transfer of funds is necessary.

The Insular Emergency Council was created in 1942 and vested with broad powers for meeting the emergency situation caused by the war. The membership of the Council is entirely ex-officio and is composed of the Governor, the heads of the seven executive departments, and the Auditor. The authority held by the Insular Emergency Council is as broad, in many ways, as that held by the Emergency Council, the reorganization of which I have proposed through Reorganization Plan No. 12 of 1950. In harmony with the provisions of said plan, I also consider that the functions of the Insular Emergency Council should be transferred to the Governor.

The functions of the Insular Emergency Council should be performed by a representative elected by the people and responsible to them and to their Legislature, especially when these functions are of an executive nature. Functions of this nature are not suitable for a large body whose responsibility is divided. Moreover, the officers composing the Committee lose valuable time and decisions are delayed because of the difficulties to assemble such a numerous group.

The plan which I am enclosing for you provides that the Insular Emergency Council be abolished and that its functions be transferred to the Governor.

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To the Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto Rico:

Refero a vuestra consideración el Plan de Reorganización Núm. 14 de 1950, formulado de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Ley de Reorganización de 1949, según enmendada. Después de la debida investigación, he resuelto que cada reorganización incluida en este Plan es necesaria para lograr uno o más de los fines expresados en el Artículo 3, Inciso (a) de la mencionada Ley. Además, he determinado que la disposición sobre transferencia de fondos es necesaria debido a las reorganizaciones hechas por el Plan.

El Consejo Insular de Emergencia fué creado en el 1942 e investido con amplios poderes para afrontar la situación de emergencia causada por la guerra. La matrícula del Consejo es enteramente ex-officio, y la componen el Gobernador, los jefes de los siete departamentos ejecutivos y el Auditor. La autoridad que tiene el Consejo Insular de Emergencia es tan amplia, en muchos sentidos, como la que tiene el Consejo Ejecutivo, cuya reorganización he propuesto a través del Plan de Reorganización Núm. 12 de 1950. En armonía con lo dispuesto en dicho plan, también considero que las funciones del Consejo Insular de Emergencia deben ser transferidas al Gobernador.

Las funciones del Consejo Insular de Emergencia deben ser desempeñadas por un representante elegido por el pueblo que sea responsable a éste y a su Asamblea Legislativa, máxime cuando estas funciones son de carácter ejecutivo. Funciones de esta naturaleza no son propias de un cuerpo numeroso en que la responsabilidad está diluida. Además resta un tiempo valioso a los funcionarios que componen el Comité y las decisiones se dilatan debido a las dificultades para reunir un cuerpo tan numeroso.

El plan que les incluyo dispone que el Consejo Insular de Emergencia sea suprimido y que sus funciones sean transferidas al Gobernador.
REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 14 OF 1950

Prepared by the Governor and transmitted on July 21, 1950, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to be submitted to the Legislature pursuant to the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1949, as amended.

INSULAR EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Section 1.—The Insular Emergency Council is hereby abolished and its functions are transferred to the Governor of Puerto Rico, who is hereby authorized to delegate any of said functions to such officer or agency as he shall designate.

Section 2.—The personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds (available or to be made available) of the Insular Emergency Council are hereby transferred to the Governor of Puerto Rico to be used, employed or expended in connection with the functions transferred by Section 1 of this reorganization plan.