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Dear Ms. Morrison:

The Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Mildred Chaparro, recently referred your letter dated July 7, 2003 addressed to the Chancellor, Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho, to me for response. Yes, we are fully aware of the contents of the letter dated November 20, 2001, which was addressed to the then Interim Chancellor, Prof. Pablo Rodríguez, in response to the five-year Periodic Review Report, which was submitted by us in June 2001. In this letter, *"The Commission requested a follow-up report by October 1, 2003, documenting (1) development and implementation of a comprehensive institutional strategic plan, and (2) development and implementation of a comprehensive outcomes assessment plan including student learning outcomes."*

We do have institutional teams in place, and it is our earnest goal to provide the requested followup reports prior to the established deadline. While this is one of the established milestones for the UPRM/MSCHE Steering Team, we are also well poised to start working on strategies to complete and submit the Self-Study Report for the upcoming reaccreditation visit in 2004-2005.

If there is anything else that may be required in the meantime from our institution prior to this date, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to a very productive relationship with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Thank you for your reminder letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Jorge I. Vélez Arocho, Chancellor  
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