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Re: Puerto Rican
options, Independence,
Statehood, Commonwealth

Sirs:

I watched Washington Journal on July 4,
Concerning Puerto Rico's options. I lived in
Mayaguez for several years. I really like
the culture of Puerto Rico, as is - its
many Races of Spanish (and Indian). Heritage
are charming. Puerto Rico is a wonderful
place. I say -

Let them have Their independence!
I think many Puerto Ricans really
want independence. OR, if the majority
votes for statehood, then give them Statehood. But This Commonwealth Status over

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seems a poor substitute - I don't
think Puerto Ricans should be forced
to become like Americans who are
not of Hispanic culture -

I live in ^{South} Texas, and I like it,
because in many ways, it reminds
me of Puerto Rico. Texas has a
great Hispanic heritage in South Texas.

I favor strongly - independence
for Puerto Rico, but I would
hope that in time of major crises
(like Castro or other Communist threats)
that the U.S. would come to the
aid of Puerto Rico, in case of a
threat by an aggressor. I would hope
Puerto Rico's independence would not
leave the small nation helpless.

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Respectfully,

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P.S. I am really enjoying
The Alexis Tocqueville
Series. I purchased
Prof Pierson's Tocqueville in
America

C-Span
showed
Chinese
Television
Coverage

P.S. Are there any Vtapes available
for purchase of The Hong Kong events
which was on C-Span on June 30, late
night 1200 Midnight - Central time

I am a retired
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