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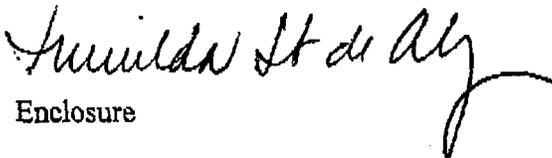
Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549-0609

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find the sworn statements of Popular, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Richard L. Carrión, and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Jorge A. Junquera, as required by the Commission's June 27, 2002 Order 4-460, Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 787-758-7208 if you require any assistance regarding the enclosed items.

Sincerely,



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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Richard L. Carrión, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Popular, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, filed with the Commission on March 21, 2002, of Popular, Inc.;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Popular, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Richard L. Carrión
Chief Executive Officer
August 14, 2002

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2002.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: My Commission is for life

