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In the succeeding months, contacts between the neighboring islands increased, particularly at the technical level. The Puerto Ricans reportedly wanted to do something that went beyond the efforts of the Federal Government itself,^{69/} while the Dominicans sought additional assistance to bolster their budding development efforts.

On October 6, 1967, Sanchez visited President Johnson to propose an early announcement of the willingness of the Commonwealth to extend technical assistance to and seek closer commercial relations with the Dominican Republic through the Caribbean Economic Development Corporation

^{69/} Memorandum from Santo Domingo Embassy AID Director Firfer and Economic Counselor Taylor to Ambassador Crimmins, September 4, 1967, concerning their August meeting with Puerto Rican officials. (Not marked, should be (CONFIDENTIAL)).

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