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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 9, 2002

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

NO. 0-13818

NO. 66-0416582

-----(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE

HATO REY, PUERTO RICO

O0918

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (787) 765-9800

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On October 9, 2002, Popular, Inc.(the "Corporation") announced in a news release its operational results for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2002. A copy of the Corporation's release, dated October 9, 2002, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99(a) and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits

99(a) News release, dated October 9, 2002, announcing the Corporation's consolidated earnings for the quarter and nine-month period ended September 30, 2002.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

POPULAR, INC.
----(Registrant)

Date: October 10, 2002 By: S/Amilcar L. Jordan

Name: Amilcar L. Jordan, Esq.

Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller

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