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March 19, 2003

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): March 17, 2003

POPULAR, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

NO. 0-13818  
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(Commission  
File Number)

NO. 66-041658  
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(IRS Employer  
Identification)

209 MUNOZ RIVERA AVENUE  
HATO REY, PUERTO RICO  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

00918  
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(Zip Code)

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

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

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 17, 2003, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Popular, Inc. (The "Company") each submitted the certifications

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required by ss.906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in connection with the filing of the Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 (the "Report"). Copies of the foregoing certifications are attached hereto as exhibit 99.1 and 99.2, respectively. The certifications required pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are being filed as part of the Report, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

### 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  
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(Registrant)

Date: March 19, 2003

By: S/Amilcar L. Jordan  
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Name: Amilcar L. Jordan, Esq.  
Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Certification of Annual Report by Chief Executive Officer, dated March 17, 2003
99.2	Certification of Annual Report by Chief Financial Officer, dated March 17, 2003