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Dear Luca:

I hope the enclosed Statements meet your requirements. I have also sent one for June so you will have plenty of time.

Finally got home after a fairly routine trip -- my plane from London was grounded in Boston a/c fog in New York, but eventually managed to get a connection to LA and SFO. Next time, Esther and I hope we will be able to see more of you.

Have you been able to start on the fluorinations? I found a two-volume monograph, edited by J. H. Simons, "Fluorine Chemistry", Academic Press, 1954, to be very informative. Direct fluorination may be quite feasible, especially by ~~an~~ electrolysis in the presence of HF .

Joe Lein, from Bristol, visited us last night on his way home from Tokyo. Bristol is setting up a research corporation in Japan which seems very much like Interist. I think they would be very much interested to do the same in Italy. I had to tell him that I did not think you at Pavia were open to this, in view of your present connections, but that I would keep my eyes open for any possibility, either with you or with any other groups in Italy. If you have any views or suggestions, let me know -- it might be valuable to keep this in mind when the time comes for your renewal.

I suppose we should start thinking of making more concrete arrangements for your visit, perhaps at least for your visa. Should I apply again for an H-1? ~~When~~ we see you in April we can discuss all this and there should be plenty of time still.

As ever,
H. H. H.