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Dear Orio:

I have just heard from Luca, following his delayed return, and while I was delighted to hear what kind of adventure he was able to have - of course depressed about the tragedy of Roghi - he does tell me that it would be better for me to defer my visit for a little while. So I think you will be able to collect on a bet, although I can pretend that it was not within my own control.

Luca also tells me that the Pavia-Stanford arrangement is Okay again. I hope this means that there is an official approval on the Italian side, and I am going to go right ahead as fast as possible with getting some necessary funds from the NSF. I hope this will inspire you, among others, to come back here and I would be glad to hear of any tangible plans that you might have for that. Sergio has been moving along in a very nice way, as I am sure he has written you, but it would be very nice to have you back here.

I am very grateful for the trouble you have already taken about connecting my column and Il Giorno, and I am perfectly content with any of the arrangements that you suggest or any others that your good judgment would support. Is there anything more that I should do, or will it be possible for the editors now to communicate directly with the Washington Post?

Your remark about the collapse of the arrangements for the Stanford-Pavia axis was very disturbing, but then Luca has written me that it is okay, I hope his is the later statement. I will ask him to keep you in close touch with the information that I exchange with him from now on.

I have a fond recollection of you and Paula whenever I use one of the very brilliant gifts that you arranged for her to send me. I have frequent occasion to be quite grateful for it.

Cordially,

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