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Dear Joshua,

I realize that the letter of invitation sent to you by my colleagues of the Department of Pediatrics came to you as a complete surprise.

As a matter of fact the Medical School of Torino has decided to give you the "Laurea in Medicina", honoris causae.

I did not give you the announcement because the decision of the Faculty must be approved by the Ministry of Education in Rome. Usually this agreement is a formality, this time however, probably because of the confusion stirred in Rome by the fightings about the new law on Universities, the Ministry has not yet answered.

However I do not see any reason why the approval should not be obtained.

It is a general rule that the new doctors attend the ceremony, which will be held next October, Tuesday 14. The Faculty is paying the living expenses to you and possibly to your wife while in Torino, but no funds for travel have been yet found. I have spoken however to Luca and he thinks he can manage for that.

Personally I would be very happy and honoured to be your sponsor and to see you in Torino as my "student".

With best regards,

Sincerely Yours,


Ruggero Ceppellini

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P.S. I have learn in this moment ~~by~~ from the Rector that the Ministry has approved your nomination. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will come to Torino and if Luca can provide for the travel