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Dr. Charles W. Cole, Vice President
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
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Re: Villa Serbelloni

Dear Charlie:

The enclosed material from Rome, while not unexpected, certainly brings good news. In my acknowledgment to Mag I have included your best regards to him.

The letter from Biamonti, of which a copy is enclosed, also contains a message which I have duly acknowledged and reciprocated in your behalf.

Sincerely yours,

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Note Verbale attached

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Dr. J. George Harrar
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111 West 50th Street
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Re: Villa Serbelloni

Dear George:

I take pleasure in sending you herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Mag, of the American Embassy, Rome, dated June 6, with a copy of the translation of the Note Verbale of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated May 31, referred to in Mr. Mag's letter.

I think you will agree that the Note Verbale gives the Foundation exactly what our Embassy asked for in the Foundation's behalf. The prompt and favorable action on this request may perhaps be a good augury for a further application for tax exemption.

Sincerely yours,

Chauncey Belknap

Enclosures

Copies with enclosures to:

Dr. Cole ✓
Mr. Debevoise



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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
AMERICAN EMBASSY
Treaty Claims Section
Rome, June 6, 1961

Mr. Chauncey Belknap
One Wall Street
New York 5, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Belknap:

The Embassy has received a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated May 31, 1961 recognizing that the Rockefeller Foundation is a non-profit entity organized under the laws of the State of New York and entitled to recognition as a juridical person in Italy under the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Italy. Enclosed herewith is a thermo-fax copy of the Ministry's Note Verbale and an English translation thereof, which was prepared in my office.

I believe this fills your initial request. The Embassy will await your advice with respect to your possible request that the Italian Government enact legislation concerning tax immunities for the Foundation.

With best personal regards to you and Mr. Cole, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Mag
First Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

As stated above.

cc: Avv. Enrico Biamonti
3, Piazza Borghese
Rome

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Office of the Director General
for Foreign Cultural Relations

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to refer to its Note F.O. No.1053 dated May 5, 1961 regarding the juridical status in Italy of the Rockefeller Foundation.

In this connection it is stated that without any special procedure for legal recognition being necessary, foreign juridical persons enjoy in Italy the same civil rights of Italian juridical persons, on condition of reciprocity (Art.16 of the Preliminary Provisions of the Civil Code), which condition is fulfilled in this case by Art.2 of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between Italy and the United States of America, signed in Rome on February 2, 1948.

In the instant case the Ministry of Foreign Affairs recognizes that the Rockefeller Foundation is a non-profit entity, endowed with juridical status, organized under the laws of the State of New York and it is therefore recognized as a juridical person in Italy under the provisions (and in particular Art.2) of the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between Italy and the United States of America

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signed in Rome on February 2, 1948 and implemented by Law No.385 of June 18, 1949, published in the ordinary supplement of Official Gazette No.157 dated July 12, 1949, which came into force on July 26, 1949 and was ratified on the same day in Rome by an Exchange of Notes. The Treaty is still in force.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this occasion to convey to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Rome, May 31, 1961

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EB/s

Roma, 9 Giugno 1961

By Air Mail

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(U.S.A.)

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

Dear Colleague,

I have received your letter of June 5th and Mr. Mag sent to me the copy of his letter of June 6th addressed to you, with its enclosures. I am very glad to see that our Ministry of Foreign Affairs has answered in a quite satisfactory way.

I sent copy of the "Note Verbale" and of the Embassy's letter to Braschi and hope that everything can be arranged in Milan with the Italian Authorities. Sereni has been dutifully informed.

Very glad to have been in touch with you, please present my best regards to Mrs. Belknap and Mr. Cole.

Sincerely

(Avv. Enrico Biamonti)