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Dear Avv. Braschi:

In an effort to bring to a head the tedious negotiations with the tax officials, which Mr. Rusk and I initiated when we were in Rome almost two years ago, Mr. Charles W. Cole, Vice President of The Rockefeller Foundation, and I are leaving for Italy next week. I expect to arrive at the Villa Serbelloni on Tuesday, April 18 and shortly thereafter will telephone with you for an appointment to review the Foundation's situation.

In addition to the tax situation, and presumably related thereto, is the question whether the Foundation should be registered as an "ente morale" under Italian law. We were advised by Avv. Graziadei that this would be inadvisable and that his foreign clients such as the American Academy at Rome had carefully avoided such registration. It has developed, however, that in the absence of some such form of registration the Foundation is encountering obstacles in carrying out such simple commercial transactions as the purchase of a motor truck. Mr. Cole and I shall welcome your advice on this question, as well as any other suggestions you may have to assist us in our negotiations with your Government.

Looking forward to the pleasure of resuming my relations with you and your colleagues, on a personal as well as a professional basis, I am

Yours sincerely,

Chauncey Belknap

Cc. Mr. Cole ✓

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Hon. Outerbridge Horsey
Charge d' Affaires
American Embassy
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Horsey:

Mr. Knight, the Officer in Charge, Italian-Austrain Affairs, in the Department of State, has written me that you have been advised of the prospective visit to Rome which Mr. Charles W. Cole, Vice President of The Rockefeller Foundation, and I are planning for the purpose of renewing the Foundation's efforts to obtain certain tax exemptions in connection with the Foundation's ownership and use of the Villa Serbelloni on Lake Como. When Mr. Rusk and I presented this matter to the Italian Government officials two years ago, we found it most helpful to have the benefit of the counsel and support of our Embassy. The Department has now suggested that, when Mr. Cole and I arrive in Rome, we call on you for a further discussion of the problem and of the best means of surmounting it. We shall indeed welcome this opportunity to review the entire situation with you.

According to our present plans, we shall probably get to Rome early in the week of April 24, and will telephone you immediately for an appointment. Looking forward to the privilege of conferring with you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chauncey Belknap

Cc. Mr. Cole ✓