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Dear Senator Croce:

It gives me great pleasure to state that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation, January 21, 1949, a grant of \$21,000 was made to the Italian Institute of Historical Studies. The formal notification from Miss Rhind, Secretary of the Foundation, was mailed to you yesterday.

It might be helpful to discuss in somewhat greater detail the nature of the grant and the arrangements for payment under it. In accordance with the request received from you in your letter of December 30, 1948, the sum of \$15,000 has been granted for the purchase of books, periodicals and monographs over the next three years at the rate of \$5,000 per year. You indicated in your letter that you would like the Foundation to undertake the purchase of these materials. I have spoken to Mr. William A. Heins, our Purchasing Agent, and he has made several suggestions which should facilitate the obtaining of the materials you desire. He proposes that if you will make up a list of the American books and journals desired and send it to him with authorization to purchase these for the Institute, he will be glad to obtain these items for you and have them sent. Because of the fact that many books and journals which you might desire are at present out of print and are unobtainable, he further suggests that you make up an alternative list in case items on the first list can not be procured. In the case of books and journals to be purchased in countries other than Italy or the United States, the best procedure would probably be for you to send a list of the books you desire to your agents or booksellers in such countries and send Mr. Heins a copy of this list, along with authorization for the payment of the books desired up to a certain amount. In this way, funds could be kept here and made available for expenditure in countries such as Switzerland or Great Britain where otherwise there might be currency difficulties.

As requested in your letter of December 30, a grant has been made for \$1,000 per year for the next three years for the purpose of fellowships. These would, of course, be awarded by the Institute, but we would naturally appreciate receiving the information which you mentioned concerning the number of fellowships, the names of the individuals receiving the awards, and fields of study and their places of study. Arrangements for the payment of this sum should be made directly through the Comptroller of the Foundation, Mr. G. J. Beal.

The third item requested in your letter, general support to the Institute, was not specified in your letter, but in the grant made by the Trustees was set at the sum of \$1,000 per year for a period of three years.

Arrangements for the payment of this sum should also be made through the Comptroller of the Foundation.

If there are any further questions pertaining to the nature of the grant or arrangements under it, I shall be very glad to attempt to answer them. Since the execution of details may largely fall in the hands of Professor Chabod, I am sending a copy of this letter to him.

I am very happy indeed that it has been possible for the Foundation to be of assistance to your Institute and I earnestly hope that the work of the Institute will develop as successfully as it has begun. According to my present plans, I shall be in Naples on April 25 and 26 and I shall look forward to the pleasure of seeing you and visiting the Institute at that time.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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