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Dear Mr. Burton,

I am sending you enclosed about 4,000 words, as a starter for the first article. I have been seeing here various people who have studied the situation in Italy and have picked up some more letters of introduction. As far as these letters are concerned, I am rather overloaded, I think, both for Rome and Milan.

When I left New York, I thought that my wisest plan would be to go first to Milan, but I have now concluded I was wrong, and am going at once to Rome, where my address will be the one my secretary sent you, the Banca Commerciale Italiana. Please keep that until further orders.

I am a trifle uneasy about getting copy out of Italy - I have been warned that it might be interfered with, although the best advice that I get here laughs at that. Because of this uncertainty, will you be good enough to cable me after the receipt of all copy. I will send you the rest of this article - 8,000 or 9,000 words - not later than the 20th. July, and I will send photographs if I can find them. So far, I have seen nothing here that was worth your while. I rather think that you will do as well, or better in New York.

There is strong feeling here at the moment against Mussolini, and you find no books on him displayed, and no photographs. There is a combination of alarm and of envy in this feeling. Poor France is terribly disorganized at the moment, and, if she does not pull herself together, nothing but a Mussolini will pull her into shape. The

Politicians feel very uncomfortable because of the effect on the people of what is going on over the border - at least, that is the way I read things here.

If I feel uneasy about your getting copy, I shall simply come out to France or Switzerland and mail it. Of course, I will get the advice of our Embassy in Rome on this.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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