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Dear Madam Agresti:

I always read with interest the monthly report from the Association of Italian Corporations. The report of April 1st, 1932 is particularly interesting.

May I ask you for a little definite information? It is in regard to the action taken by the Italian government towards Guiliani (?) of Turin, the organizer of the international syndicate which caused so much excitement and loss. I never quite understood what the man did but I had all sympathy with the punishment of such an enterprise. We are suffering here from many undertakings, quite parallel if I understand that of your Turin industrial adventurer. I the facts are available I should be most glad to have them.

And while I am writing may I not trouble you in another matter? You know perhaps of my interest in Abraham Lincoln and that I am always working on his life. At present I am busying myself, as I have the leisure, in filling out my little collection of Lincoln books to give to my old college. I want to get hold if possible of a copy of Antonio Agresti's life, printed first I believe in 1909, reprinted in 1913. Could you tell me whether or no it is still in print and if so the name of the publisher? I shall greatly appreciate this information and indeed any information that you may give me about Lincoln in Italy.

I hope, dear Madam Agresti, that you are well and are hopeful about the final success of the Corporate State. To me it is the most interesting experiment in government going on in the world today, and I am certain that out of it there is going to come something from which we can learn if we will. It is a little hard just now in this democracy to keep your faith. But as a matter of fact we have a people

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~~which~~ on the whole believe in the goverment and are steadily working to improve things. The worst of it is on the front page of the daily newspaper and it makes such a hateful noise that there is danger of forgetting that a great body of steady effort continues.

With all good wishes, believe me

Faithfully yours

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