Hotel Italie
Florence, Italy
August 25, 1926

My dear Madame Agrosti:

How rude you must think me, and what luck I have had in my efforts to see the Case Popolari. Your note of the 13th reached me at the hotel, but it found me in bed. I was laid low the day after I saw you with a chill and fever. I had promised to be in Siena on the 15th and I was there, but still very seedy and, as a matter of fact, I am only just beginning to get out of my difficulty. I had a good physician here and I shall be all right in a day or two, I know. I should be all right now if I had been wise enough to call in a physician in Rome.

Of course that prevented carrying out your suggestions about the visit to the houses, but I am keeping your letter, for my present plan is to return to Rome early in October to finish up some unfinished matters and to get certain extra information I am promised. Several people I wanted to see are out of town but will be back by October.

I hardly think now that I shall get to Geneva, though I may go for two or three days. I should very much like to find out how they feel there about Mussolini's attitude towards the League. I think the real way would be to go to Sir Eric Drummond himself, and perhaps to talk to Salandra whom I met in America at the time of the Conference on the limitation of armaments, though of course he would not remember me. If I did go over there, it would be from Milan directly after the 15th of September and only for three or four days. I shall certainly try to get in touch with you as soon as I arrive, for I am sure your judgment on the attitude there would be very valuable to me.

I am off on Friday morning for the trip to the Romagna. I only wish that you were going along.

With all good wishes and the hope that I may see you before I sail for America, believe me, my dear Madame Agrosti,

Very sincerely yours,

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