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Dr. Vittorio Macchioro,
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My dear Dr. Macchioro

I have been meaning to wrote you for several weeks but delayed because I hoped to have some definite news for you. It is with great regret that I am finally obliged to say that I have not heard of a single opening here that seems to me to be in any way suitable for you. I have talked to Dr. Finley two or three times and I know he has at least mentioned your name to Dr. Fosdick and passed on to him the biographical sketch and the list of your books, together with my own positive impression of your value of a teacher and a scholar. You may have heard directly from Dr. Fosdick. I hope so but if so I have not heard of it. I have been handicapped in doing anything because of being away from New York a good deal for the last three months. I am hoping to be here rather steadily now and shall, of course, bear you in mind, presenting your case whenever I have an opportunity. My only consolation is that you yourself understand even better than I do what a long process it is to transplant oneself from one country to another. I think in your case it is quite possible that eventually it will be brought about but "eventually" may be a long time.

I hope that Mrs. Reed was able to arrange with the Hibbert Journal for the publication of your excellent article. It is the most hopeful place for it I think.

I hope, dear Dr. Macchioro, that you are well and that life in Italy is becoming more, rather than less, tolerable to you. I have hoped that in time the atmosphere would clear and that there would be a return to the old intellectual freedom. I suppose a revolution, such as Italy has been passing through, begin - after violence ~~causes trials.~~ I have been much struck with the parallel in many ways between conditions in Italy since 1922 and conditions in America after our revolution. We were just about as hard on our Tories as the Fascisti has been on Socialists and Liberals. Our exiles filled London as yours do Paris. I wonder if man will ever learn to carry on the World without revolutions and wars, with their dreadful after periods, almost worse, with their suspicions and suppressions, than the war itself.

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I have not heard from Mrs. Reed nor from Mrs. Raiola for many weeks. I hope they are both well and if you see them will you not remember me warmly to them?

With all good wishes and with assurances of my continued interest, believe me,

Very sincerely,

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