Hotel Flora,
R O M A,
12th July 1926.

Comm. Guido Jung,
P A L E R M O.

Dear Sir,

Your friend, Don Gelasio Caetani, has advised me to ask the honour of an interview concerning conditions in Sicily.

I am in Italy for two or three months, studying the work here of the present Government, gathering material for a series of articles for an American journal. In order that you may know that I have experience in this kind of work, permit me to say that I have already written and published a considerable number of books. A "Life of Abraham Lincoln", "Hi tory of the Standard Oil Company", and very recently a "Life of Judge Gery."

I have been particularly interested in the attempt to overthrow the Mafia in Sicily, as well as in the large irrigation projects which I understand are going on there. I know from what my friends here tell me that no one is so well prepared to give me the history of these movements as yourself.

If you are willing to see me and talk with me at your convenience, I shall be glad to go to Palermo probably the coming week.

Awaiting the honour of a reply,
Believe me, Dear Sir,
Yours very sincerely,

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