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United States Embassy,
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Dear Mr. MacLean:

I hope that I am not going to prove a nuisance to your office after all your kindness to me last summer, but here is a request which I feel more free to make because it is not for myself and because it may, in the long run, contribute to the general good of things.

I recently spent several days in the offices and the laboratory of the Ford Motor Company at Dearborn. There is more experimenting going on there than in any place I have been of late excepting possibly Rome, Italy. The Corporate State strikes me as the biggest experiment in the present world. Among the things that Henry Ford is interesting himself in is the future perfect food. He has set up a little laboratory and has put a man, reputed to be an excellent chemist, at the head of it. I talked to him about the black bread of Italy and how much I had liked what was given me at my hotels, particularly my hotel in Rome. It was one of the best breads I have ever eaten. He is anxious to get a sample of the standard flour used and any information about its making that is available. I'd like to help him to it. Could your office manage it? I would be glad to pay for the flour and information and service whatever is right. If a sample can be forwarded, let it go to Dr. E.A. Ruddiman, 3324 Virginia Park, Detroit, Mich, and the bill come to me at this address.

I am greatly interested to learn how you are getting on with your Corporate State. Has anything been published in Italian or English that is helpful. I have, of course, your report of last Fall. It is altogether the best thing that I have seen. We have had nothing, and when I insist on talking of it people insist on saying, "but the atrocities in Florence" which I am quite willing to admit but which seem to have little to do with the case.

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I hope to be in Washington soon and to get a chance to look over your reports at the Bureau of Commerce.

With very best wishes to Mrs. MacLean and to all your office, believe me,

Very sincerely,

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