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Naples October 5, 1926

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am in receipt of your letter of october 2 and thank you so much for the letter and for its enclosure. I wrote to you in care of The Banca Commerciale of Florence but I understand that my letter did not reach you.

It is a great joy for me that you are so well disposed to help me and feel that you shall be the agency of my destiny. Of course I do not intend to settle without a fixed position: for that I am not adapted since I am neither young nor alone. I stand under the necessity to settle but I cannot settle without an appointment, or without the certitude of a permanent activity. My

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very aim is to become a professor of philosophy of religion, history of religion religious education everywhere, in a college, university or private institute. I believe that in New York it could be possible to get such a position, considering my personality and my activity and the advantages that I could afford to american culture. It is necessary to point that I intend to settle definitively in order to begin a second life in america. I would not be considered as an italian professor who is unsatisfied of his position and wishes to settle in order to better it. I am quite content of my present position but I absolute need to get a spiritual climate adapted to me. Then I purpose to become an effective and living element of the american society as scholar and

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as citizen, and I shall never repent of my decision which is the logical issue of my whole moral and spiritual development. It seems to me that this side of the matter is to be put in the clearest light, and I believe that the whole problem of my settling should be considered in the light of this serious loyal and definitive declaration.

I have in New York two good friends of mine who have some influence in cultural quarters, and who would be glad to come in touch with ~~me~~ you, because they are both interested in my settling: Rev. Antonio Mangano, president of the Italian department of the Colgate University, 164 Second Ave, and Prof. Georg Coe, Columbia University Teachers College

It will be a great joy to meet you again,

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and I am looking forward to our next conversation with deep commotion. If you should change advice and not board the liner in Naples, I would came to Rome for one day, because I feel the necessity to see you before your going across. I will explain to you in our conversation what is the meaning and the content of this „necessity".

Believe me, my dear Miss Tarbell

yours thankfully and faithfully

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