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Dear Miss Stewart:

I have enclosed a translation of Mr. Pieraccini's letter to Mr. Schlesinger, along with the original. As of possible interest, I have also enclosed a translation of his letter to me. His request for "news" in the latter letter clearly refers, among other things, to the matter of assistance. I would assume Nenni's recent accident will delay his trip, but undoubtedly I will be hearing more about that soon.

Sincerely yours,

George Lister,
Special Assistant

Enclosures as stated.

Miss Gretchen Stewart,
Office of Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.,
The White House.

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Translation

Rome, August 15, 1962

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

I want to thank you for your courtesy. I returned to Italy a few days ago. Nenni has confirmed to me his intention of coming, at the end of November I think. Therefore, all the things we were saying remain valid.

I have found the situation here in Italy to be quite good, even if it is not easy. The government seems to me to be strengthened, even if one must expect an offensive in the autumn from the opposition (and also from the Christian Democratic right) to make it fall. The parliamentary battle will start in again in September.

I take this opportunity to send you most cordial greetings.

Giovanni Pieraccini

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Translation

Rome, August 15, 1962

Dear Mr. Lister:

Excuse me for writing to you so late, but upon my return my days were filled with work, with all the things that had accumulated during my absence.

My trip went extremely well and I want to thank you for all that you have done. All of us are very grateful. I have told all the friends, from Nenni to Riccardo Lombardi, about what I have seen and said. Both confirm that they are coming, although at different times. Nenni now thinks that perhaps there is no need of an invitation from anyone. But I think, however, that it would be good meanwhile to prepare one on the part of some university, the way we talked about.

Now I am waiting for your news, including the things which remained undecided, and to learn what is thought now, after our visits.

Things are not going badly in Italy; the government seems to have consolidated its position, although in autumn one must expect an offensive from the right to make it fall. But everything is quiet now for, as you know, August is a holiday period in Italy.

Write to me soon. A warm embrace and once more - thanks.

Giovanni Pieraccini

The trip was marvelous. We are well. We hope to see you again soon - hopefully in Rome. Thanks, regards.

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