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Caro Papa,

ho il grande piacere di mandarti per via aerea
due delle prime copie de IL VECCHIO E IL MARE raccolte
in volume che oggi, 18 dicembre, è trionfalmente in
tutte le vetrine dei librai italiani.

Milan December 18, 1952

Dear Mr. Papa,

I have great pleasure in sending you,
today via air mail, two of the first copies of
"Il vecchio e il mare" which appears today,
December 18, triumphantly, in all the shopwindows
of the Italian booksellers.

You will like the edition, I am sure.
And the illustrations too, which were made by one
of our most intelligent painters and which, al-
though good in EPOCA, have now in the book a
splendid vividness because of the greater care
we were able to give to the reproduction.

Christmass is near, dear Mr. Papa, and
this is a time for presents. You certainly gave
us a really tremendous one with the 'Old Man',
but the Italian readers, I feel and hope, will
rise to the occasion repaying you with great
enthusiasm and affection. Above all will be the
several new readers who first discovered you on
Epoca and who, from now on, will become your
most faithful admirers.

A big brotherly hug, dear Mr. Papa,
and the most affectionate wishes for you and Mary
from

yours very sincerely

(Alberto Mondadori)

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