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Care Avv. Speiser,

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Dear Mr. Speiser,

I am glad to announce to you that the decision issued by the "Suprema Magistratura Italiana" some days ago is favourable to my cause since it declares, formally, the protection in Italy of the works by American authors. This decision will stop, I am sure, the bringing out of pirated editions of American works and will put again the legality in the particularly delicate field of international publishing relations.

The campaign I engaged some times ago begins now to give its fruits. The above said decision will moreover influence all legal proceedings I started in order to stop abusive editions and, among these, that one regarding Hemingways' "A FAREWELL TO ARMS" of which I told you with my letter of January 22nd.

In giving you this good news I would pray you, dear Mr. Speiser, to inform of the matter Mr. Hemingway assuring him, in the same time, that we hope that, since now, his beautiful works will no more be illegally published and delapidated by unscrupulous publishers.

I take this occasion for repeating to you my great wish to present to the Italian public, as I did for "A FAREWELL TO ARMS" and "FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS", also the new novel of Hemingway. I think unnecessary to say that both you and Mr. Hemingway will be much satisfied conceding me the publication of his next book, for I am intended to bring out again an edition worthy of its author. You would oblige me very much, dear Mr. Speiser, sending me a few words of assurance on this subject. I point out to you that I am ready to pay, for this work, the avaloir you will propose in U.S.A. dollars.

I thank you very much for your kind and helpful co-operation in this matter and, looking forward to receive your news very soon, I remain, with kindest regards and cordial wishes,

Yours most sincerely

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