a) De Martino, M. A.

Italian Ambassador
October 30, 1928.

Dear Sir,

When the news of the passing away of your esteemed Father reached me, I was on the point of writing to him to inform him that, upon the proposal of Premier Mussolini, His Majesty the King of Italy had graciously conferred upon him the degree of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy, in recognition of his high merits and achievements in the field of international cooperation and as a token of admiration on the part of the Italian people for his outstanding personality.

While offering you the sentiment of my most sincere condolence on his untimely death, I desire to send you in tribute to his memory the letter directed to your lamented father by His Excellency the Head of the Italian Government, and—under separate cover—the insignia of the Order. I feel sure that the members of your Family will keep this decoration as a memento of the consideration in which your Father was held in my Country and as an act of appreciation for his far-reaching work.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Italian Ambassador

Mr. Benjamin Strong,
21 Little John Place,
Gedney Farms, New York.
December 6, 1923.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Your letter of October 30 reached me after my return from a three weeks' trip. I hasten to acknowledge it as well as the insignia of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy which His Majesty the King of Italy had so generously conferred upon my father, Benjamin Strong.

On behalf of my family I wish to express my deep appreciation of this great tribute, and I would be grateful if you could convey these sentiments to Simon Mussolini. His letter, as well as the insignia, will ever be one of the most treasured possessions of the family.

With assurances of my great appreciation,

I am,

Very truly yours,

His Excelency,
Nobile Simon de Martino,
Royal Italian Embassy,
Washington, D. C.
Giovanna Furnari
Marginal representative
in Italy
1926
Dear Governor Strong,

Thank you very much for your letter of March 4th. I am very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs. Strong's serious illness and trust that by now she is well on the road to recovery. I am also very sorry to see that her illness may change your plans and that after all we may not have the pleasure of seeing you here.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Ben Strong, Esq.
Governor Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
33 Liberty Street,
NEW YORK
Dear Mr. Strong,

Thank you so much for your letter of June 2nd; it is very pleasant to read all the charming things you say in it but I assure you there is no question of your thanking us for making your time in Italy enjoyable for we all look back upon the time spent with you with the greatest pleasure and are now looking forward to your next visit which I hope will be less rushed; there are plenty more beautiful things in Italy to show you!

I trust you are having a good time now and perhaps a more restful one! I have been very busy since my return but hope things may shortly begin to slack off a little.

With very best wishes from my wife, Jimmie and myself, and many thanks for your very appreciative company.

Yours very sincerely,

Giovanni Fummi

Sincerely,

84 Via Veneto
June 7th 1926
Hotel du Cap d'Antibes,
Antibes, June 23, 1926.

Dear Mr. Fummi:

Thank you for your kind note of June 17th and for the copies of the messages you sent to Mr. Lamont. If anything new develops, I would greatly appreciate being advised at this address, as I shall probably be here until the middle of July.

I am indeed enjoying my holiday, and am benefitting very much by it.

With kindest regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Giovanni Fummi,
84, Via Veneto,
ROME.
Dear Mr. Strong,

Very many thanks for your letter of June 23rd which I was glad to receive.

As soon as anything new develops in the Italian situation I shall, of course, at once let you know. As a matter of fact I am going off today to Turin to finish up some of the details regarding the Fiat business and when that is done I shall have more time to devote to other things.

I am delighted to hear that you are really having a good holiday and feeling the better of it; that certainly is the sort of holiday to have after hard work.

With our best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Governor Benjamin Strong,
Hotel du Cap d’Antibes
Antibes
Governor
Credito Italiano
1916

ENGLISH BOND

Fox River
Governor, Credito Italiano,
Milan, Italy.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt to-day of your courteous inquiry of October 27th.

It is true that recent amendments to the Federal Reserve Act, (under which we are operating,) do now permit of banking relations being established with foreign banks, but it is subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington and thus far the Board has not deemed it wise to make such connections and we assume that they may be postponed until conditions are more normal.

It would seem, therefore, that consideration of your suggestion of a reciprocal relation must still be deferred until a later date.

With assurances of esteem, believe us,

Very truly yours,

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

By

Deputy Governor.
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R. MANETTI
Dear Mr. Fummi:

It was a great relief to have your telegram this morning advising that Mrs. Fummi is so much better. You and she have been very much in my mind since hearing about her illness. Once more, won't you give her my most affectionate regards and good wishes. I hope all of your anxiety is now over.

I shall remain here about a week longer and will then be leaving for Paris. In case of need, I think you can reach me more promptly through Morgan, Harjes & Company in Paris than by any other address, but after a fortnight, as I shall be moving around a good deal, it might be well to address me through the Bank of England. I will, however, keep Morgan, Harjes & Company advised of my address from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Giovanni Fummi,
84, Via Veneto,
Rome, Italy.

ES:W
Marchetti, Comm. Counsel
Alberto

Dr. Stein, Embassy
April 17, 1929, VII.

My dear Mr. Strong,

This Embassy has just received from Rome which, in the temporary absence of the Ambassador from this country, I take pleasure in forwarding to you, the Diploma of the decoration of Grand Officer of the Crown of Italy conferred upon your lamented Father.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you my personal greetings and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Charge d'Affaires of Italy

Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr.,
Thirty Three Liberty Street,
New York City, N.Y.
April 24, 1929.

Your Excellency:

I have just received your kind letter of April 17th enclosing the Diploma of the decoration of Grand Officer of the Crown of Italy which was so graciously conferred upon my uncle, Benjamin Strong.

In behalf of my family I would ask you to kindly convey to your Government our deep gratitude and appreciation.

Please also accept my personal thanks for your courtesy.

Very sincerely yours,

Comm. Count Alberto Marchetti,
Charge d'Affaires of Italy,
Royal Italian Embassy,
Washington, D. C.
e) Mussolini, Benito
Mr Benjamin Strong  
Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank  
of New York  

Dear Sir,

It is a pleasure to inform you that His Majesty the King has graciously conferred upon you, at my suggestion, the degree of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

I am sending you the insignia of the Order and in due course the registration certificate will likewise be forwarded. In the meantime please sign and return to me the attached form.

Congratulating you upon the honor bestowed, I am, with kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

His Excellency  
Mr. Benito Mussolini  
His Royal Council of Ministers  
Rome Italy  

(Signed) MUSSOLINI  

Translated in Foreign Information Division  
November 26, 1928
F. Donaldson Brewer
President
Bank of St. Louis
1926-1927
Paris, September 6, 1926.

My dear Mr. Governor:

This note will be presented to you by my friend and associate, Mr. Pierre Jay, who is traveling in Europe for a holiday, and who is hoping to make that the opportunity to pay his respects to you.

Mr. Jay is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He and I have been associated together in organizing and managing the Bank from the establishment of the System. He is my most intimate associate in the Bank, and you may talk with him quite as freely as you would with me.

Anything you find it possible to do to promote his journey, I will indeed appreciate.

I am, my dear Mr. Governor,

Faithfully yours,

M. Bonaldo Stringher, Governor,
Bank of Italy,
MILAN.
August 16, 1927.

Dear Mr. President:

You will, I am sure, recall my friend, Mr. Garrard B. Winston, who was in Rome with me last year. He is making another trip abroad this year, accompanying Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York, and I have taken the liberty of asking Mr. Winston to be sure to call on you when he is in Rome.

When we were there last year he occupied the office of Under-Secretary of our Treasury, but he has now resigned that post and is associated with the National City Bank of New York.

Assuring you of my high esteem, and with kindest regards,

believe me, dear Mr. President,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. B. Stringher,
President, Bank of Italy,
Rome, Italy.