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R. CONSOLATO D'ITALIA

My Dear Professor,

During my residence in this City I have had the opportunity of following with the greatest admiration the activities of your magnificent University in the field of international literature.

I was particularly impressed with the existence of a centre of Roman studies since it denotes the noble intention to stimulate in the youth a love for the classic sources of learning, and thus enable them to perfect themselves the sense of symmetry and cultural harmony.

Encouraged by my affection for this Country, and by my desire to contribute, if at all possible, to the increase of the cultural relations between the intellectual elements of Canada and Italy, I asked to myself if the eventual establishment at the McGill University of a Chair of Italian literature under the professorship of a duly qualified Italian academician, could be of some interest and welcome.

Should this personal thought of mine meet with your views and consideration, I shall be only too glad to study with you the possibility of submitting a concrete proposal to my Government.

It shall always be my pleasure to cooperate with you most earnestly in my effort which may effect a better reciprocal understanding between our two Countries.

With my kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Paolo de Simone)
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