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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant I beg to inform you that though any official intervention on the part of the Italian Government in a question between you and your own Government was not possible, I have not failed to take the greatest interest in the affair inasmuch it

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concerns the success of the International Institute of Agriculture to the creation of which you contributed so greatly.

Under these circumstances and in accordance with the views of H. E. Mr. Lloyd Garrison on the matter, I gave instructions to our Ambassador at Washington to do his best by means of informal steps with a view to obtaining, if possible, the continuance of

your nomination as Delegate.

Unhappily, the answer that I received to day from Washington was unfavourable. The House of Representatives has not approved the credits referring to the U. S. Delegation to the Int. Institute of Agriculture and apparently there is no hope that the decision concerning your name will be reconsidered.

I regret sincerely the unsuccessful outcome of