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Il Presidente

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Dear Fisher,

Dr. Barbensi writes me that you have asked him for news of mine. Probably he has already replied to you informing that my health and that of my family are pretty good in spite of the very bad conditions of nutrition that we have been obliged to support for about two years. Now the things from that point of view are better after the communications have been reestablished with the north.

And what are the news of you and your family? I have only two daughters but I remember that you had several boys and I think that some of them are now at age of military service. I hope that they are in good health and well placed.

I see that your address is changed. The last time I wrote to you at Rothamsted. I suppose however that also the new address is merely provisional and that you will return shortly to London.

In the time we have been apprised of the death of Stamp. I hope that statisticians paid no other tribute to the war. Here no statistician - so far I know - lost his life during the war.

In Rome we have worked quite regularly until July 1943. The issues of "Metron" were more spaced than normally but the Italian Statistical Society held its meetings very regularly and published five volumes of proceedings containing some good contributions. In the last meeting of June

1943, the subject of tests of significance was specially treated with many references to your work. As soon as the mail communications will be reestablished for printed matters, I will send you the reprints of these papers which certainly will interest you.

I have obviously the intention to resume the edition of "Metron" but not immediately because the cost of printing is now prohibitive and moreover the paper is extremely bad.

In September 1941 I was in Uppsala where I have seen the issue of "The Annals of Eugenics" containing the paper of mine submitted to the Congress of Edinburgh. I suppose that you have the reprints of it but naturally it is better not to send them until the mail communications are again practically sure.

After July 1943 all the life in Rome was upset and also now it is far from being normal. The situation is perhaps worse from the moral than from the material point of view. The University of Rome is specially disturbed and I think that eventually I will leave it and become a free scholar or go abroad if I were offered a good opportunity.

Please present my kind regards to Mrs. Fisher and receive the cordial greetings from yours



(Corrado Gini)