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Dear Luca:

I have just returned from an interview with the Immigration Service Representative, and he was quite encouraging.

If all goes well, I will have filed a petition for importing one Luigi Cavalli-Sforza within the next few days, and this should be endorsed and in the hands of the Consul in Milan in about three weeks from now.

He suggested that you begin to file your application now so that you will have all your documents in order when the petition is forwarded to Milan. As a matter of form, the ~~an~~ application should be for a period not exceeding one year, to work in the Department of Medical Genetics here, and should be for an H-1 visa. This form will cover any imaginable circumstance, the one year is the legal limit of such a visa, and I am told you will have lost no options for later re-entry. (Except that possibly, if you were already waiting for a regular ~~immigration~~ visa, you would probably be taken from the list if you are awarded any other type of visa.)

Everything seems to be in order, except that it might be useful if you could furnish a certified copy or a photostat of some record of your higher degree(s). My own affidavit will probably suffice, but it would be well to have this in reserve here in case there are any questions. I would think your M.D. and your 'Lib. Doc.', if there is some certificate of it, would be satisfactory.

Some further possibilities on the West Coast have opened up, and they are among the reasons that you should maintain the maximum flexibility.

We are all waiting for you. We hope that your affairs at home have improved or will improve so that Alba can join you at the earliest opportunity; our visit with you was tantalizingly brief.

As ever

