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Dear Josh:

On the Stanford-Pavia project I was briefly briefed by Luca before his departure for Africa. The only thing that I was asked to do was to contact a person in the C.N.R. committee which was supposed to scrutinize the proposal. I did it but I do not even know if the meeting took place. The C.N.R. is messier than ever (they are trying to re-organize the entire outfit). Furthermore, everything is now in a standstill in view of the political elections due for May. I may add, as a free bonus, that the universities are now in state of almost southamerican chaos. Students are revolting against the academic establishment and they are darn right (too bad I am a mandarin and not a student).

Luca is due back in a few days and perhaps he may try to do something. As far I am concerned, what I think that we can do is play a requiem for the project. We missed the bus last year.

Ciao

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