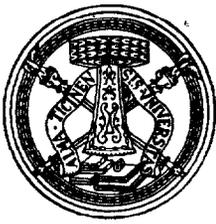


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Dear Josh,

Many thanks for the copy of the letter concerning the Stanford-Pavia exchange program. The C.N.R. is processing, very slowly of course, our application. The unofficial opinion is that the changes that the grant will be renewed are good. However, the economic situation of the country as well as the financial state of C.N.R. are such that we may be only very moderately optimistic. In any case, I think that we may have still enough money here for travelling support. So, if and when you'll give me the green light, I shall start to make some plans.

I am going through a group of reprints of yours that I have just received. I still enjoy very much your proposals or projects concerning the detection of life on other planets but I wonder if the zoo-keepers (see Icarus 19, 347) would let the animals realize that there is some thing else beyond the cage and the park's fence;. Wouldn't that alter dramatically the mind and the behavior of the zoo-reared animals? (The Murchinson and other meteorites arrived here most probably for a slip of the security system).

I hope that all of you are well. Best regards.

Yours sincerely,


Orio Ciferri