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Dear Jake:

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Thank you for your letter of June 15 concerning the Embassy's Despatch 1088. I look forward to receiving the Department's reply to our despatch, but in the meantime I have a question to ask, which has been battered about here in the Embassy. This question may at first seem naive, but I believe it may be worth considering.

The question is this: Why have a stockpile agreement with Italy if the United States is going to bear the expenses? What is really served by negotiations leading to a stockpile agreement which would simply legitimize many bastard children who are already here and are being taken care of very happily without a stockpile agreement? As we examine the agreement, the basic purpose therein is to get the Italians to share the expenses involved. If they do not share the expenses, and the agreement is reworded so that the United States takes upon itself those financial responsibilities which we have heretofore envisaged as falling upon the Italians, does the stockpile agreement have any real merit?

You will recall that I introduced this subject into our conversation when you were in Rome the last time, and neither of us was able to come to a really satisfactory answer. I would like to have your personal reaction to it, especially in view of the fact that we already have nuclear weapons here without the stockpile agreement and there does not seem to be any basic problem about introducing more nuclear weapons when and if they are required. The best evidence of this is the IREM installation at Gioia del Colle, along with others well known to you.

Sincerely,

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*IRB  
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