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'FOLLOWING OUR TALKS IN NEW YORK, I HAVE NOW CONSULTED MY COLLEAGUES. I AM SORRY THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT YOU EARLIER.

IN NEW YORK AND SUBSEQUENTLY THROUGH AMBASSADOR ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER FOR AN INFORMAL AND WIDE-RANGING EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS. I CONTINUE TO BE MUCH ATTRACTED BY THIS IDEA, AS YOU KNOW FROM MY MENTION OF A FISHING PARTY. HOWEVER, ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, I BELIEVE THAT OUR PURPOSE WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY AN ENTIRELY PRIVATE MEETING DURING WHICH WE WOULD EXPLORE EACH OTHER'S IDEAS FREELY WITHOUT ANY PRESSURES FROM PUBLICITY. YOU MAY AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DO THIS IN YOUR COUNTRY OR MINE - AND LEAST OF ALL ON A RIVER BANK

I SHOULD LIKE THEREFORE TO PROPOSE THAT WE TRY AND MEET IN PRIVACY FOR A FRANK AND PERSONAL TALK. BETWEEN 9 AND 12 SEPTEMBER WOULD SUIT ME - BUT LATER DATES THAT SUIT YOU WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. THIS MIGHT PERHAPS BE BEST IN EUROPE (GENEVA OR VENICE MIGHT BE SUITABLE VENUES). I WOULD PROPOSE BRINGING ONLY ONE SPANISH SPEAKING OFFICIAL WITH ME. WE WOULD NEED, I IMAGINE, ONE OR AT THE MOST TWO DAYS TOGETHER. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

BEST WISHES.'

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