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MEMORANDUM OF SUGGESTION.

(For the information of the Vice President in the event he elects to go to Italy).

The writer began to study Italian when in high school, and after finishing law school and serving as secretary to three Members of Congress, went to Rome as American Vice Consul. He later became American Vice Consul in Charge and also a career officer of the Foreign Service of the United States. Upon his return from Italy, he entered the practice of law with his former chief, the late Congressman Curtis H. Gregg, of Pennsylvania. He reads, writes and speaks Italian fluently. For many years he was the only old-line American representing Italian clients in the courts of Pennsylvania and speaking their language. He at one time served as principal of the Americanization School, sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Greensburg, Pa.

The writer believes he knows a suitable person to accompany the Vice President to the land of the smartest diplomats in the world. The writer has in mind a former career officer of the State Department, a Protestant, who holds the Silver Star of St. John Lateran from His Holiness the Pope, as well as the highest decoration now conferred by the Republic of Italy on foreigners. This man is one of the founders of the OSS and would, I believe, be recommended by Allen Dulles and David Bruce. He recently wrote a report on the Italian elections for the CIA. He is a friend of Don Sturzo, Salvemini, Mario Scelba, the leader of the Catholic Party, Pacciardi, former Minister of Defense, whose house guest this man was in Rome. This man is personally known by Sherman Adams and is a former Member of the Legislature of New Hampshire. He reads, writes and speaks Italian fluently.

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