

January 21st, 1960

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Mr. Enrico Mantello,  
c/o PERMINDEX  
E.U.R.  
Rome, Italy.

Dear Enrico:

Prior to my leaving Rome on December 10th, I asked you, on several occasions, to cable me the results of your discussions in Milan, particularly in the light of the meetings which were scheduled for the 11th of January.

You did not bother to keep me posted and I want you to know that I resent this cavalier attitude on your part in the face of the very serious situation. I would never have undertaken this job if I had not been assured of your cooperation. The result of putting my faith in you is that I have to get my own information through secondary sources. I would imagine that you would be interested enough in what is going on to keep in touch with me and endeavour to get my cooperation and assistance. While I forgive the incident at the airport where you did not bother to send someone to meet me, as this was only a personal question involving loss of time, I cannot forgive your failure to keep your promise to me to keep me posted as to what has been happening in Permindex. Have you bothered even to look into the question of the transfer of the land?

You do not appear to appreciate the seriousness of the situation. Not having heard from you, I phoned your father in Rome on the 19th and understood from him that the Anie had turned down the proposition. He also told me something about the Italian Government taking space. At the same time, he informed me that the land had not yet been transferred and that they wanted an extension of three days to the 28th of January to complete the transfer. I told your father that upon receipt of a cabled request from d'Amelio, giving me his assurances that the transfer would be effected and requesting three days delay, I would cable back a reply extending the delay to the 28th, although I felt that the delay was dangerous. Are you looking into these matters or are you busy entertaining delegations?

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Enrico Mantello

You do not seem to realize the seriousness of the situation.

Yours sincerely,

LMH:DC

P.S. I have just had a cable from Leonard Cohen relating to the Savoia land deal and wanting to know when I can meet him in Rome. You probably had some conversations with Cohen and as usual, you neglected to send me a report. May I know what this is all about, please, so that I may be prepared to deal with the situation.