Rome 24 III '93

My dear Mr. Jackson,

Your letter from Paris just received. I did not write to you before because I wished to give you an account of what I had done in the matters you left me with, and because I did not really think you would get to Paris so soon. So I did not think it worth while writing and have my letter grow stale waiting for you. I even went to the "stable" and asked if you had left any other address behind you besides the Crédit Lyonnais one. I must have misunderstood you but I thought you were to stop in Tunis and go on to Paris very leisurely.

Well, I looked up the type writer the day after you left Rome and found it O.K. The porter made no objection to my having it. It is a very nice machine and looks brand new. There should be no difficulty in disposing of it and I shall do my best. I shall also interview Cav. "Roccapondi" and tell him I come on the part of the "Signorina della Pensione Stelvio." As to the "Omnia," I announced the theft to the disappearance of the rings to the Police; as far as I could find out no previous declaration had been made. They had me look over a tray full of gold rings which had been found but though I looked very closely I could see nothing which reminded with what
you described to me. They were mostly of a cheap kind such as the common class of women wear. I shall search just as soon as I have a chance for the name of the mysterious owner of the Messenici collection. If I succeed in obtaining it I will send it to you in a ciphered telegram and send the key to the letter by letter. We have had a beautiful Easter. Spring is back again and we all feel it. What I just said about the telegram is of course just sheer nonsense. I hope that your attack of German grippe has become a thing entirely of the past. Please give my best regards to your mother. With very pleasant recollections of your company in Rome, believe me

Yours sincerely

Paul Albert Rossi.
Excuse the changing color of the ink, but circumstances have compelled me to take your letter around with me this morning and write it in two different places.

P.S. I have no idea what to write in your letter. I'm not sure if it's a good idea to write anything at all. I'm feeling rather uncertain about how to proceed. I hope you don't mind.