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Secretary,
Department of Immigration,
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(Attention: Mr. Fred Morton)

I have received a letter from Dr. Pardi who, on behalf of the R.A.I. thanks you for your Cattellari-Burrani fight broadcast. He says that their engineers and News Department confirm that the relays were "excellent both from the technical and from the contents viewpoint". The letter adds "... We wish to thank you most sincerely for all the trouble you took in organizing the link-up.... Kindly convey to everybody concerned our hearty congratulations and gratefulness."

You will gather from this how satisfactory the results were and I wish to add my appreciation for the efforts made. We listened in to the broadcasts which were made at regular intervals during the fight and the R.A.I. boxing commentator gave continual progress reports obviously based on your information as he stated that the studio was in constant contact with Sydney. The pre-fight interviews with both contestants and the statements made by Burrani and his trainer immediately after the bout were transmitted in full and came through loud and clear with a appropriate crowd noises in the background.

I am sorry if my last-minute cable asking you to change the time of your first report caused you any inconvenience, but the successful outcome of your initiative in offering the service is, I think, well worth the trouble to which you have been put. Once again, many thanks for your assistance in the establishment of good relations with the RAI.

For your information, the film of the fight was given in full on television last Friday, 3rd December.

(E.W. WATERMAN)
Chief Migration Officer