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Subject: Hey Alberto,

First, let me just say thanks for transcribing my letter. I remember when I first hooked up with this I had to print all my stories by hand, and so I was very appreciative of people like yourself. However, when our prison system gave us these tablets for communication I thought I would no longer need to have my messages transcribed. But apparently it has something to do with the difference in the layout system of each persons computer. That's why I no longer include footnotes at the bottom of my pages. From what I've been told they don't end up at the bottom of the page like I had designed them to when I type them on my tablet.

So, seeing that you're all the way over in Italy, what drew your attention to looking up about prisoners over here in the U.S.A ? If I'm not mistaken, back a few years ago I had a reader who was from Afghanistan. But the only reason he was on the internet looking up prisons was because his date for that evening had called at the last second to cancel their plans. So he was just passing the time away, doing some comparing of what the prisons were like between the two countries. Hopefully your date didn't stand you up.

Your mention of the Italian culture made three things immediately come to mind: sports cars, fabulous food, and astronomy scientists.

Back when I was 13, I fell in love with an exotic sports car known as a Lamborghini Countach. I swore that one day I would have one, however, I'm quite sure that my present address will make that an impossibility.

Being able to eat fabulous Italianate food is another thing I'm missing out on while in here. Whether you want to believe it or not, prison can actually make Italian food that does not taste good. I never thought that would be possible. I guess my weight can pretty much prove that though. When I came to this camp I weighed 163 pounds -- I now weigh only 138.

I've always had an interest in the science of astronomy, and fortunately I have a pen pal in California who is going to school to be an astrophysicist. The timing of YOUR letter and HIS last one was quite a coincidence, because he and I were discussing how the Italian scientist Galileo was the first man to use the telescope for studying the stars. He had sent me a diagram that had the scale drawings of about 25 different telescopes in comparison to a human being, and some in comparison to a basketball court. They're really making those things big now.

Well, I don't want to waste too much of your time, so I'll cut it off there. Thanks again for the help and message, and I hope you enjoy the remainder of my stories.

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