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Dear Mr Marsh.

It is quite true, what Mr. Hopli promises, that is, that any packages addressed to the Smithsonian Institution or to other institutions in the United States, may be sent to his care & will be forwarded in his boxes. In behalf of the Royal Institute of Milan he attends some Italian exchanges & is quite satisfactory in this respect. You can at any time send him bundles for transmission. The only trouble is that he usually forwards to us only twice in a year, so that packages about which there is any waste, fail to come in season.

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