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**GUARDIA SVIZZERA
PONTIFICIA**

Città del Vaticano, October 3, 1988

COMANDO

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Dear Cardinal Law,

Please allow me to take up a little of your time to introduce to you the "Philharmonica of Canobbio-Lugano". This is a non-professional musical band which was the first of its kind to perform before the Holy Father - in the Consistorial Room of the Vatican Palace (Pentecost 1986). It also provides music for the many religious events of its native Diocese, Lugano.

During 1989 (June 5 - June 11) the Philharmonica will be touring the east coast of the United States. I myself am an honorary member, and will be accompanying the band during the U.S. tour. It would give us great pleasure to play for your Eminence and your collaborators at your residence in Boston, and if agreeable to you, we could arrange to be at your residence for this purpose on the morning of June 6, at any time (up to 2.00 pm.) convenient to your Eminence.

I would mention that no financial commitment whatsoever would be involved - all expenses being borne by the Philharmonica itself.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you for your interest and for your time. If it is possible for you to agree to our proposal, I would assure you that you will find the experience a most enjoyable one.

On your next visit to Rome, perhaps your Eminence could find the time to visit me and my family in the Swiss Guards' Residence - it would give us great pleasure to greet you and offer you our hospitality.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Colonel R. Buchs
Commander of the Swiss Guards

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