



**GUARDIA SVIZZERA
PONTIFICIA**

COMANDO

N.

Città del Vaticano, April 28, 1989

Dear Colonel,

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1989 received through our mutual friend, Colonel Ernest Montilio. I am grateful for your kind invitation to the 351st June Day Ceremonies and Banquet on June 5 next. I also regard this invitation as a signal honor for my family and myself, and for the members of the Swiss Guard.

I vividly remember your visit to Rome in 1987, culminating in the private audience with the Holy Father; I particularly recall the excellence of the military presentation of yourself and your splendid Company.

I am sure that the musical band, "Philharmonica of Canobbio-Lugano", through its musical presentation, will render fitting tribute and thanks to you for the fine performance of your period of Command of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

With warmest good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Colonel R. Buchs
Commander of the Swiss Guards

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