

Dear Papa,

I can hardly fail to recognize the scrupulousness with which you have so patiently and carefully explained the situation in which I would find myself if I should decide to renounce my prerogatives and marry a woman – whoever she might be – who is not of royal blood. Day by day the situation becomes clearer to me on the moral side as well as the strictly dynastic issue. Also the consequences as regards inheritance are now becoming more and more apparent. I can only acknowledge your scrupulous attitude and thank you with all my heart. Now it is my turn to review the question, to meditate and come to a decision.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for your offer of a chance to take my mind of these matters, such as the trip to Africa, and perhaps to Argentina. But as I have already told you I want first to try another way, by becoming a “broker”.

As soon as I have the concrete elements in hand, i.e. after the discussions in Geneva with Meryll Linch & Co. I shall let you know how it turns out.

Cascais, 15 April 1960.

*Vittorio Emanuele*

P.S. Please excuse this typewritten letter, but as you know my hand is still in plaster.