



His Excellency

Woodrow Wilson

President

of the

United States

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The Albanian students of Rome



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Excellency,

The group of Albanian students of the Royal University of Rome is anxious on the occasion of Your arrival in the Eternal City to offer humbly to your Excellency its most devoted homage.

This group would at the same time take advantage of the occasion to recall to your memory their unfortunate country with the request that **You, Earnest Defender of the Weak**, may plead their just and holy cause.

The Albanian people, of which this group without being the legal representative is a faithful interpreter of its wishes, reposes in **You, personification of justice**, its most ardent hopes and its most enduring faith.

The "desiderata" of the Albanian people is no more than a just and satisfactory settlement of its case in conformity with the noble and elevated principles solemnly proclaimed by **You, Apostle of Liberty**.

The Albanian people, just rescued from a long and barbarous domination which impeded it from enjoying a sufficient intellectual and social development and now surrounded by greedy neighbours which constitute the only obstacle to its vital organization, in the first steps of its political life it has need of a sure guide and of a moral and material support on the part of **disinterested powers**.

The Albanians who cherish a special sympathy and gratitude towards the Great American Confederation for the benevolent hospitality which their fellow countrymen enjoy in the **land of Washington and Lincoln** would deem themselves fortunate if the United States, for the reasons here stated, would directly assume the **effective protection of Albania**.

With profoundest esteem

Rome, III January MDCCECXIX

The President
Kostantin Kolla