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PRESERVATION OFFICE

Dear Stella:

The staff of the Conservation Office of the Library of Congress wishes to join your many admirers, friends and family in the celebration of a major preservation event - your ninetieth birthday!

November 4th of this year marks the twentieth anniversary of the flood in Florence, where at the age of seventy you joined your colleagues in the massive rescue effort. Making numerous and lengthy visits to the Biblioteca Nazionale, you helped devise the Restoration System for the workshops and to train our Italian staff. As part of the international group, you shared that exciting opportunity to create a system based on the highest standards of ethics and practice and played a significant role in its formulation. Your energy, patience and dedication to the cause was an example to us all and one we will never forget.

When I visited the BNCF last October for the first time in eighteen years, I was impressed to see that most of the treatment techniques we established are still being used. We must have done something right!

As you celebrate your ninetieth birthday on November 1, we hope that you will take pride in the fact that your contributions to bookbinding and book conservation have left a distinctive mark on the profession. Those of us who have enjoyed your company and your friendship have been inspired as well by your never-failing humanity and generosity to others. On this happy occasion we send you not only our warmest good wishes but also our thanks.

Now all you have to do, Stella, is to show us what you plan to do in the next ten years!

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