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Mr. John Roden
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Dear John and Roschinda:

The other day when I was in town, Dick Corrigan told me that Brennan expected you back home. You run so fast and furiously all over Europe that it was difficult to keep track of you, but I loved hearing from you from time to time, and of course, I loved seeing the review on artists working in Italy, which included your name.

I am up over my head in work here at Albany, but I had one thing that I thought I could call upon you to do for me. I have been trying to interest my oldest grandson, Markie, in the collection and reading of books. And, I suggested that he draw a book plate and I would try to have some very simple reproductions made of it here. Instead, he sent me an idea of what it should be and so I have to come up with my own idea.

He, of course, being a temporary Turkophile, thought that a bookmark with a star and a crescent would be just the thing. For myself, I thought that we might combine a profile of him, because I think that a bookmark should be of rather personal things. If we could combine a profile of him in the crescent moon, as it were, and then have the star out ahead of him. I thought it might be done in a linoleum block, and I could make 50 or 60 reprints of it, or it might be that it could be applied directly to book covers from a linoleum block.

But, at any rate, think it over - dream up something for me and I'll talk to you when I come to town. That is, of course, provided this ever gets to you and if you are back home again. And then, I want to hear how the world deals with you, and I will catch up with you as soon as I can when the pressure of winter is over. My best to both of you.

Sincerely,

Mark A. McCloskey