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Gentile Signorina Pascarelli,

Miss Elena Pascarelli  
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...trans per la Sua fotografia. E' molto gra-  
 ziosa. Non chiedo che lo sia irritato con Lei. Tengo soltanto  
 conto dei desideri di mia moglie. Lei conosce bene,  
 dopo 25 anni, la sua famiglia. Mentre era  
 in vita le è stato chiesto se desiderava il permesso di con-  
 tinuare il romanzo. My thanks for your photograph. It is very pretty.  
 Do not think that I am angry with you. I am merely carrying  
 out my wife's wishes, as I know them from twenty-five years  
 of happy married life. She was asked over and over to write  
 a sequel to her novel and her answer always was that the  
 story had ended with the last page of her book. She felt that  
 also that if someone else wrote a sequel, it would detract  
 from the reputation of "Gone With the Wind" as my wife had  
 written it. Several people did attempt to write sequels and  
 my wife took vigorous steps to stop them. If anyone else  
 used my wife's characters, these and situations in another  
 book it would have been an invasion and trespass upon my  
 wife's literary rights, and she was willing to take legal  
 steps to protect her rights, if necessary. I am not quarrel-  
 ing with you. I can understand how your dream affected you  
 deeply, but I have a duty to my wife and this compels me to  
 tell you that you must not write a sequel, either for publi-  
 cation or for private circulation. Either would be a trespass  
 upon my wife's literary rights which I am obligated to pro-  
 tect. Please do not do it. Non sarebbe un'irruzione dei  
 diritti di mia moglie che io devo proteggere con i mezzi in  
 mio possesso. Le prego di non farlo. Yours truly,

*John R. Marsh*  
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