

Commendatore! —

Once, in the difficult days of 1946, I was able, as a British Government official, to arrange regular railway transport from Verona to Rome for the books of Arnoldo Mondadori Editore. I am therefore in the happy position of having contributed not merely four of my own novels to your list, but also a railway wagon!

I offer my congratulations to you and to your renowned house on this, your Fiftieth Anniversary. May you continue for ever.

Howard Crews.

