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I had the unique opportunity to meet and engage the leaders of the Italian Australian community on a recent international National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) trip to Australia. Joseph Cossari was one of the exceptional Australian hosts.

Mr. Cossari is a perfect representative of the Italian people and culture in the world. His intelligence, dignity, affability, generosity and unsurpassed hospitality are testimony to his inherent talent and life's success. I am proud to be a member of the same people and culture as Joe.

My only lament was that his family had chosen Australia over the United States. The NIAF and the Italian American community welcome Joseph Cossari at any time in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. A. Kenneth Ciongoli
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