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My Dear Friends,

here we are with another exciting weekend on track after many events that you keep organizing and on which I congratulate!

The GP3 started with concern towards our guy, Giuliano Alesi, who had problems with brakes in a corner and consequently got a terrible impact that forced him to skip the rest of the race weekend. However, the guy is fine, which is a good sign of a really good physical structure and training. This episode has been a shame considering that his progresses have been amazing and, his experience aside, he has reached first positions. We are waiting for him in Silverstone, even if the calendar doesn't provide for a long time to recover.

It was an uphill weekend for Antonio Fuoco, who did his qualifying lap with a mechanical issue that forced him to get the eleventh position. Thanks to his talent and maturity he got the fifth and third place.

Charles Leclerc was the dominant figure during qualifying and during the race with his awesome performance. To give half second to second, both during qualifying and during the race and with the same car on such a short track, is remarkable of course. The victory of the first race was great, but unfortunately it was not repeated during the second race, during which he crashed against another car, causing the retirement of both, because of insufficient visibility, due to bad weather. Furthermore, this will require five positions of penalty in grid during next race.

So, four podiums for four races, with a rank according to which FDA is first and third classified is really promising. But the Championship is long and the rivals are very strong. Scuderia just tried to win the race. It is very easy to do strategies when you have the fastest car on the track or try to take risks when you are in the rears and have nothing to lose.

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Unfortunately, it seems like Seb has an unresolved question with rear tires on the right side. The same happened last year in Spa and this time in Spielberg. Definitely, the wear doesn't help, but a tire doesn't burst because of this. Surely, there will have been external causes, like for instance new top layers of this track, which have been not so easy for all the Formulas that competed on this track during the weekend.

I think that keep believing is a duty for everyone working at Ferrari, especially if Mercedes keep taking points with suicide and debatable plays ...

So, Forza Ferrari!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Massimo Rivola', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Massimo Rivola