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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leonardo Iacovone', written over a horizontal line.

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