

Domingo Cavallo

to **Valerie Valerie,**

Sonia and I were heartbroken to hear of the loss of Bob. Bob was, of course, one of the most influential economists in human history but he was also my close friend and my greatest professional mentor. Bob's view shaped how I looked at economics and how I approached policymaking. He impacted the way central bankers and finance ministers around the world thought about economic and monetary challenges.

You and Bob were such wonderful hosts at Santa Colomba. Sonia and I and later my children greatly appreciated the generous hospitality of the annual meeting at the castle. An invitation to Santa Colomba was a wonderful privilege. I had the happiest moments of my professional life at Santa Colomba over the last 20 years since I have left politics.

I am also grateful for the many invitations to China that Bob helped provide for me. Bob was a trusted and discrete advisor to the Chinese government and it was clear in all of my interactions in China that Bob was the person they looked to for help and advice on their most pressing and sensitive questions.

Bob had a wonderful life with you and Nicholas. He really doted on Nicholas and he had a wonderful partnership with you. He really had an incredible "Second Act" of his life thanks to meeting you! He lived every moment to the fullest. He is a power of example to me that one can be an Octogenarian and make an incredibly meaningful professional contribution. I plan to follow his example. We hope to see you and Nicholas soon. Please let us know about any planned memorial service because we will attend (we both have our vaccines and we are willing to travel). Please know that Nicholas and you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

We promise to stay in close touch with both of you. My family is at your disposal. We will do anything we can for as long as we live to help Nicholas as he makes his way in the world. Sonia and I are going to miss Bob greatly.

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