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Dear Marcos,

Upon my return from a wonderful long week-end at your charming agro tourism residence, where I spend a very enjoyable 5 days (June 2nd - June 6th 2012) I wanted to write to you a few lines to thank you for your wonderful hospitality, and as the former owner of Villa Argentikon, which was selected by Harpers and Queen as being one of the best boutique hotels in the world. (1991 - 1997, year of closure)

Hidden away in the Cretan hills of Vassilikos, the moment I stepped inside your complex, I was made to feel completely at home and was able to switch off from the stress of the modern world.

You have certainly created with the help of your charming wife Smaro a very unique place, "an island within an island." The fact that we were able to converse in several languages with you and your other guests, and share their experiences, made my stay even more interesting, it reminded me of my visits to the Loire district in France, where I have stayed at many chateaux, which operate in a similar fashion to your place. I have to compliment you on the comfortable and spacious villas at the guest's disposal, which have all been decorated in a fine but simple Cretan style with great taste, and attention to detail, which is not very easy to find, in this modern world of High technology!

I would also like to pay a special compliment to your wife Smaro, whose superb cuisine accompanied by fine wines made the evenings so enjoyable and special. Eating food coming straight from the land, and also being completely bio is today a great luxury for anybody, so I hope you will be able to maintain this high standard.

The service that your efficient staff provide is a real delight and the high standard of cleanliness is to be commended. Once again thank you for your kind hospitality and I will certainly recommend your place to my friends and colleagues alike.

Yours Sincerely

Lorenzo Argenti

(Hon. Consular agent of Italy)

