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Cara Patrizia, I'm sorry to miss your call, I was out of town for two weeks in the woods, writing about god knows what, now I'm back. Mary's show makes me feel closer to you again; I'm so glad the exhibition was a success. I think you do have my correct address and telephone:

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I have received announcements occasionally from ViaFarini. Congratulations on the fact that your big idea is still alive, and growing. I wonder if you have had luck getting sponsors from industry, or the state, or private patrons? How has the gallery changed? You know American galleries now need to learn from you: both commercial and alternative spaces are having such hard times.

I have been teaching, and doing some writing, and some artmaking. Haha is still alive and well, but we have taken a short vacation from each other to do our own things for a while. I just finished an installation about an octopus at an obscure University gallery; it's not a great piece but I loved doing it and my appetite is wet again. Haha will do a piece at Capp Street in San Francisco early next year, and are still planning to travel around the world together but haven't figured out when, or exactly how. Teaching is a lousy way to make a living; there is never any extra. I am considering starting a cosmetics business.

It's bleak in the states now - with a usurper pseudo president (Newt) thinking he's running things, and nastiness passing for new laws, and nobody knowing how to stop it. I have been seeing a woman who is involved in radical politics, but there is no organized resistance even among activists. Instead we sit in our living rooms or in front of our computers and make small talk on e-mail. (Do you have an e-mail address, Patrizia? mine is: INTERNET:74443.1303@compuserve.com)

I miss you! Perhaps I can sell make-up in Milan. This is a joke. I love hearing about what you are doing, please keep sending me news about the gallery, also about you.

Best wishes, Laurie