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## Sindona Declares He Can Incriminate Leading Italians

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ROME, April 6—Michele Sindona, the Sicilian-born financier who was once in control of the Franklin National Bank of New York, is writing a book on "A decade of Italian shame—with all the names."

Mr. Sindona announced this in an interview with *La Stampa* of Turin, one of Italy's leading newspapers. Today the newspaper featured the interview across five columns of its front page.

Mr. Sindona, who is now believed to be in New York, is wanted by Italy on two arrest warrants. He was quoted in the interview as naming politicians and financial leaders here who could attest his honesty or who were conspiring to make him a scapegoat for their own wrongdoing.

"I won't return to Italy" he was quoted as saying. "They'd put me in jail for 20 years and would never hold a trial. If they tried me, half of Italy, people who matter, would end up in jail."

The Italian Government has presented to the United States a request for the extradition of Mr. Sindona.

### Fraud Is Charged

The arrest warrants, cited in the demand, allege fraudulent bankruptcy and falsification of company accounts in connection with two Milan banks that belonged to Mr. Sindona's international financial and real estate empire, once estimated to be worth \$450-million.

Newspapers here reported last week that the 53-year-old financier had disappeared from New York and that United States authorities did not seem eager to arrest him and hand him over to Italy.

The Milan newspaper *Il Giorno* wrote that Mr. Sindona was believed to count among his friends many "in the Department of State and in the American political world, especially in the Republican party."