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ROTARY CLUB, PALERMO
AUG., SEPT. 1943

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1	OGGETO	26 AUG.	from President of Rotary Club	
2	-	-	Memorandum	
3	-	30 Aug.	To C.S.O.	
4	-	2 Sept.	from May Rice	
5	327/HQ.	7 Sept.	from M.A. to C.A.O.	
6	327/HQ.	15 Sept.	To C of S. 7th Army for all of Connors	
7	"	16 "	Form " " "	
8	"	20 "	To: Sig. G. Manetti Cuca.	

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Sig. G. Minotti Cucc
Via Rignotello Argento No. 94
Palermo.

20 Sept. 3

Have information a lei, che il Comando Generale della 7th Army
ha no opposizione per riaprire il Clubbo Rotario di Palermo.

He stato stipulato che, nessuno Troops Allente sara permesso a
fare parte alle loro conferenze.

HERBERT F. SIMS, Major

For D. Gordon Chayne
Colonel
Director of Public Health.

EW/ja

Permit me to inform you that the Commanding General of the 7th.
Army has no objection of your reopening the Rotary Club in Palermo.

He has stipulated that no Allied Troops are to be allowed to attend
your meetings.

Translation of the above letter.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758

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16 September 1943

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SUBJECT: Rotary Club.

TO: Major Pirie, Military Assistant to Chief Civil Affairs
Officer, AMGOT.

1. Reference your attached letter, the Commanding General, Seventh Army, has no objection to the Italian Rotarians reopening their club in Palermo, but with the understanding that no Allied Troops are allowed to attend their meetings.

For the Commanding General:

R. E. Cummings
R. E. CUMMINGS,
Colonel, GSC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Ltr 15 Sept 43, Subj: Rotary Club.

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SUBJECT:- Rotary Club.

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AGCON H.Q. SICILY

TO:- Chief of Staff,
Seventh Army H.Q.,
For the attention of Colonel Cummings.

15th September 1943

1. Reference telephone conversation, Cummings-Pirie, of 7th September on the above subject. I should be grateful if you could advise this Office of the wishes of the ~~Chief of Staff~~ *General Patton* on this matter.

2. The position is as follows. Italian Rotarians in Palermo wish to re-open their Club and have applied to the C.C.A.O. for permission to do this. Lord Rennell has no objection, but would like to have General Patton's views on the matter, his own view being that the Rotary Club should be allowed to re-open on the understanding that no Allied Troops are allowed to attend their meetings.

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DeP Major,
Military Assistant to
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Minute (File AMCOT/327/HQ)

I spoke to Colonel Cummings, Chief of Staff's Office, on the telephone this morning, and he stated that General Patton was not in favour of allowing the Rotary Club to re-open, but this decision was reached owing to a misunderstanding of the original proposal which was that Allied troops should not be allowed to attend Rotary Club meetings, because it was thought that they savour of a political character, due to the President of the Committee.

I pointed out to Colonel Cummings this misunderstanding, and he suggested that an officer call on him in three or four days time, when the Chief of Staff will be back at work, so as to get the situation clarified and a decision reached in the light of the correct facts.

7th September 1943.

[Signature]
Major,
H.A. to C.C.A.O. 4801

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I called today a Secretary to
CSJ S, who stated that he
was unable to give a decision
which must come from
General Tilton.

An officer is to call at
73 Army HQ tomorrow 3. 8. 63
after 1430 for an answer or
discussion.

[Signature]
Major
2. 8. 63

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AMGOT HQ. SICILY

327/HG 30 August 1943

W. J. C. C. A. O.

TO : C.S.O.

SUBJECT: Request for permission to reestablish chapter of
Rotary International in Palermo

Signoro G. Manetti Cusa, Via Pignetelle Argenta #94 has
requested permission to reestablish the Palermo Chapter of
Rotary International.

Signoro Cusa was the Consular Secretary of the Palermo
Chapter and since the President is dead has assumed leader-
ship.

The local chapter was organized in 1924 and abolished
by the Fascist Govt in 1939. There were 33 members in the
organization at the time of closing some of whom are still
in the City.

I have seen the charter and can see no reason why the
request should not be granted. Public Safety has asked me to
take responsibility in this matter.

Will you please indicate your decision. In case you
approve reopening I think the story would have interesting
news possibilities.

FOR D. Gordon Cheyne;
Colonel.
Director of Public Health
Division

BY *Ernest F. Witte*
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Officer in charge
(Public Welfare)

Handwritten signature and initials

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*Cusa: but not to be printed
Oct 10 1939*

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C.C.A.O.

I think we should let the Rotarians go ahead unless the President or the executives and activities would give the organization some political color.

C/S

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M.A. my view is that allied officers should not attend Rotary club meetings. Permit P.A. & C of S 7th Army. I disagree & so order in private letter that he may if he wishes start a pro Rotary club again - provided it is not political but allied troops will not be allowed to attend. M. 30/8

New file - "Rotary Club, Palermo".

Comitato per l'Indipendenza della Sicilia

Palermo, 26 agosto 1943

Via Cavour, 112



OGGETTO:

Rotary Club di Palermo.

AL BARONE FRANCIS RENNELL OF ROOD
GOVERNATORE CIVILE DELLA SICILIA

P A L E R M O

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Avvenuta la completa liberazione della Sicilia da parte delle Forze Alleate, i Soci del Rotary Club di Palermo mi hanno sollecitato perché sia ripresa nell'Isola l'attività sociale, culturale ed intellettuale dell'Associazione.

Poiché il Rotary non ha alcun carattere politico o religioso, e come tale non ha mai inteso e non intende formare alcun partito o alcuna setta, né attribuirsi uno speciale codice etico, La prego volere accogliere il vivo desiderio dei Soci del Rotary e consentire che l'Associazione riprenda la sua attività al fine di contribuire utilmente alla migliore convivenza fra i Popoli con pieno rispetto dei sentimenti di affiatamento internazionale.

Le sarò molto grato se vorrà accogliere favorevolmente la richiesta dei Soci del Rotary di Palermo e con l'occasione La prego gradire i miei più devoti saluti.

IL PRESIDENTE DEL COMITATO

(A. Finocchiaro-Aprile)

The undersigned
has body - see
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Finocchiaro-Aprile

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