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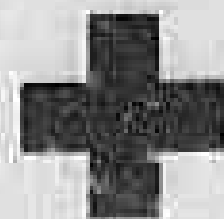
AL : Direttore,
Scuola F.D. Roosevelt,
Cisterna.

Gli uffici della Croce Rossa Americana hanno trasmesso a questa Sottocommissione copia della lettera con la quale la S.V. chiede aiuti per la Scuola F.D. Roosevelt di Cisterna.

Questo Comando e' ben spiacente di non aver fondi o materiale con i quali venire incontro alle richieste di una popolazione cosi' duramente colpita dalla guerra.

La S.V. potra' forse rivolgere la sua domanda all'U.N.R.R.A. a cui e' devoluto il compito dell'assistenza per l'Italia.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.



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CIVILIAN RELIEF

ROME

February 13, 1946

TO : Lieut. Col. Carlton Washburne
FROM : J. McNamara
SUBJECT : Franklin Delano Roosevelt School, Cisterna

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter we have received from the Franklin Delano Roosevelt School in Cisterna and a copy of our reply to the Principal of that school.

We are turning this case over to you for whatever action you think advisable.

J. McNamara
Assistant to the Director
Civilian Relief - MTO

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C O P Y

To the Director of the American Red Cross
R O M E

Your Excellency:

As you certainly know, in this city a school has been set up called "Franklin Delano Roosevelt".

As your Excellency knows, Cisterna has been very badly damaged by the war and all the families of the pupils are in very bad financial condition. We will have many expenses for the purchase of books, stationery, scholastic equipment, salaries for professors, etc.

We, therefore, need the help of Your Excellency and apply to his generosity.

With many thanks,

(Signed) Prof. BELLARDINI Antonio
Principal
Franklin Delano Roosevelt School
Cisterna (Latina)

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SUBJECT : Association to strengthen friendship
between Italian and American children.TO : American Red Cross, Civilian Relief, Rome
(Attention: Katherine Sexsmith).

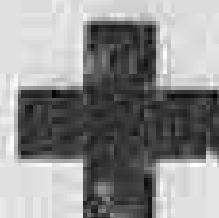
Reference your letter of 11 January.

1. Your letter and enclosures, by some unknown process, got placed in the back of a drawer of my desk, unopened, instead of in my in-basket, and the communication has just now, by chance, come to light. Hence the delay in replying. My sincere apologies.
2. The purposes of the Association to Strengthen Friendship between the children of Italy and America are laudable and worthy of encouragement.
3. The charging of fees for the service rendered raises immediate questions. Is this a private speculation? What control is there as to the use of the money raised? Who, besides Cesare, composes the association, how is it managed, and what are the motives of those in control?
4. Question also arises as to whether the Association is necessary, or whether the Junior Red Cross already has the necessary possibilities for accomplishing the avowed purposes and the likelihood of doing so more effectively.
5. Until the above questions are fully and satisfactorily answered, the Association should not, in my opinion, receive support or encouragement.

CARLTON W. WAHBERNE
Lt. Col., A. U. S.
Director of Education.

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CIVILIAN RELIEF
Rome

January 11, 1946

TO : Col. Carleton Washburne, Chief
Education Sub-Commission

FROM : Katherine Sexsmith
American Red Cross - Civilian Relief

SUBJECT : Association to Strengthen Friendship between Italian
and American Children.

The attached correspondence describes the proposed Association for Communication between the Children of Italy and America which I spoke to you about yesterday.

It is a duplication of the work of the Junior Red Cross which we are trying to strengthen so far as the Italian Red Cross is concerned.

Would you be so kind as to give us your opinion on this program? If you feel that the Association should be discouraged, what action do you recommend?

Thanking you for this service.

Yours very truly,

Katherine Sexsmith
Assistant to the Director

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TRANSLATION

TO: AMERICAN RED CROSS
Piazza Barberini
Rome

Dear Sirs:

We wish to inform you that a non-political Association is being set up in Rome aiming to strengthen friendship between Italians and Americans through a change of correspondence between the youngsters of both countries.

However, we ask that you kindly help us in forwarding to us the addresses of American Organizations, Universities, Private people, etc., for whom our work could be of some interest.

We are enclosing herewith a brief program of our Association.

Thanking you for your kind help, we wish to send you our best regards.

for the Committee
Cesare Scolari

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TRANSLATION

ASSOCIATION AIMING TO STRENGTHEN
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ITALIAN AND
AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS.

An Association is going to be set up in Rome among youngsters, having the following aims:

- 1) To strengthen friendship between Italians and Americans through the youngsters.
- 2) To promote changes of correspondence, books, newspapers, through which the life, culture and work of both countries could be known.
- 3) To help the youngsters of both countries to go to work or study in either country.
- 4) To draw lots annually premiums consisting in journey, food and billeting in the friend country for a period of about two months.
- 5) To organize cruises in America at prices accessible to all members.

THE ASSOCIATION IS ABSOLUTELY NON-POLITICAL AND ANTISPECULATIVE

The Association will be legally constituted as soon as the number of members will be more than one hundred, and only then these members will pay a register tax (only once) of 100 lire, and a monthly contribution of 10 lire.

To the members, upon their request, the address of an American boy or an American girl will be forwarded, with whom they may correspond. These letters will illustrate our activities, our studies etc., during this difficult period of our life.

The members who know American youngsters are asked to forward their addresses to the temporary location of the Association in order she could make contacts with them.

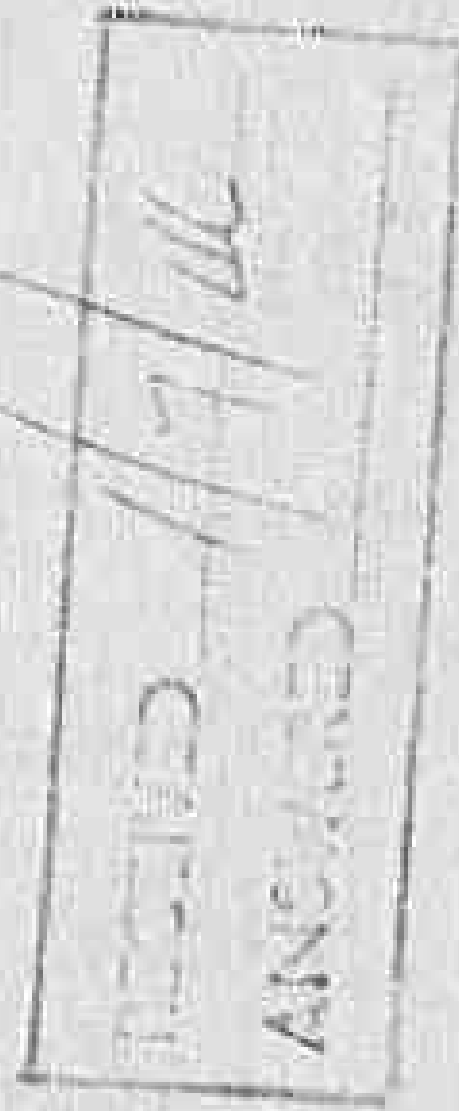
N.B. All correspondence and eventual information and clearing should be addressed to

Mr. Scialari Cesare
Via Conte Verde N.50 - Rome - Tel. 761 805

CESARE SCOLARI

Roma, Via Conte Verde N.50
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Roma 4 gennaio 1946



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AMERICAN RED CROSS
Piazza Barberini
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Egregi Signori,

ci pregiamo informarVi che stiamo costituendo in Roma un'Associazione apolitica avente lo scopo di rinsaldare l'amicizia fra gli Italiani e gli Americani attraverso uno scambio di corrispondenza tra i giovani dei due paesi.

Ci rivolgiamo pertanto alla Vostra cortesia affinché vogliate aiutarci nella nostra fatica fornendoci indirizzi di organizzazioni Americane, Università, privati, ecc., presso i quali riteniate la nostra opera possa essere bene accolta.

Uniamo alla presente un breve programma della nostra Associazione.

Ringraziando per quante vorrete fare per noi,

Vi salutiamo distintamente.

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IL COLTATO PROTORE

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ASSOCIAZIONE PER RINSALDARE L'AMICIZIA

FRA I GIOVANI ITALIANI E AMERICANI

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E' in via di costituzione in Roma un'associa-

zione tra i giovani che ha i seguenti scopi:

- 1°) Contribuire a rinsaldare l'amicizia tra gli Italiani e gli Americani attraverso i loro giovani.
- 2°) Promuovere scambi di corrispondenza, libri giornali, che facciano conoscere la vita, la cultura, il lavoro, dei due paesi.
- 3°) Aiutare i giovani delle due nazioni che per lavoro o per studio si rechino nell'uno o nell'altro paese.
- 4°) Sorteggiare annualmente premi consistenti in viaggio, vitto e alloggio nel paese amico per il periodo di circa due mesi.
- 5°) Organizzare crociere in America a prezzi accessibili a tutti i suoi soci.

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Ai soci che ne faranno richiesta verrà inviato l'indirizzo di un giovane e di una giovane americana con i quali potranno corrispondere. Tali lettere dovranno illustrare le nostre attività, i nostri studi ecc., durante il difficile periodo che stiamo attraversando. Si pregano i soci che hanno conoscenza tra i giovani Americani di fornire i loro indirizzi alla sede provvisoria dell'Associazione affinché questa possa prendere contatti con loro.

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IL COMITATO PROMOTORE

N.B. Tutta la corrispondenza ed eventuali informazioni e chiarimenti vanno indirizzati al

Sig. SCOLARI CESARE

Via Cante Verde N.50 - Roma - Tel. 761 805

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8/13/45

To: Lt. Col. Washburne, Chief
Educational Sub-Commission
Attention: Miss Rambo
From: Josephine McManara, American Red Cross

Subject: Junior Red Cross in the Schools of America.

As a result of our conversation of last evening, the following is a summary of the organization and work of the JRC in the American schools

- I. The JRC is a classroom program, and is considered by our Educational leaders as an important Educational tool. Because the program is used in school curricula, it is distinct from other Youth Movements (such as Scouts, YMCA, Camp Fire Etc.) which are viewed as Extra-Curricular or After School programs. The value of the program to Educational People rests in the fact that it uses the Educational Philosophy of "Learning Thru Doing".
- II. All children from kindergarten thru High School participate, projects being undertaken according to school level.
- III. It is a membership program. Junior Red Cross Day is set aside in a period between September and November whereby classrooms in the Elementary Schools and the 4 grades in the High Schools take out their memberships. Public, Private, and Parochial schools all participate. Membership is earned; i.e. Juniors put on a rummage, candy or cookie sale or some other acceptable method to raise funds. The Membership fee, which is \$1 per. every 100 students in the High Schools, and 50¢ for every classroom in the Elementary Schools is sent to the National Organization of the Junior Red Cross to cover materials sent to them for

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IV. Each School organizes a JRC Council composed of students so that their activities are self governed, altho a Sponsor is appointed by the School Principal from the Teacher staff to advise them. The organization may be even larger with a Council formed of the leaders of JRC from several schools. State Conventions are held periodically, and each year delegates are sent to the National Convention of the American Red Cross. Here the Juniors meet in separate sessions, but appear on the floor of the Senior Organization on the last day to present their program. JRC Delegates from all over the World are present and with the flags of all Nations it is a most impressive sight. Usually, the Junior Speaker with his youthful approach takes the Convention by storm. Naturally, participation by Juniors from Foreign countries has been very limited in the past 5 years due to the War. With the present emphasis on Organization for the World Peace, now would be the time to revitalize this phase of Youth participation.

V. The County Superintendent of Schools endorses the program, the objectives for the year and sends his approval out to all of the schools under his jurisdiction. This material comes to him from the National Organization of the Junior Red Cross. Field Representatives of the National Organization work directly with the School Superintendents. At teacher Institutes the Junior Red Cross program is given an important place on the agenda.

VI. Altho the JRC is a school program, it is also considered the Junior Department of the American Red Cross whose local unit is the Chapter. Therefore, the schools in the jurisdiction of the Chapter appoint from their Councils a Representative to serve on the Chapter Governing Body. In this way the Juniors make known their needs; often obtain funds; the Chapter is able to provide such services as First Aid Instructors, Life Saving etc.; and it paves the way for the members of the Junior Red Cross of today to become the Seniors of tomorrow.

VII. The Primary Objectives of the Junior Red Cross are:
International Good Will, and World Friendship
Health
Good Citizenship
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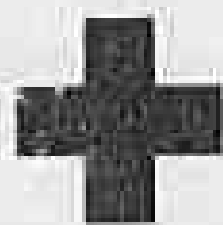
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Local Service
National Service
World Service
Fitness For Service.

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VIII.

International Good-Will and World Friendship.

The objective here is to bring the children of the World together; to provide a medium of expressing sympathy and a means of taking action on the problems of children of one country who happen to be less fortunate than in others; to educate them to the customs and mores of countries throughout the world.

School children undertake such projects as:

1. Contributions to the National Childrens Fund. This is a fund of the National Junior Red Cross "For Children By Children"; each school contributing what it can from its Service Fund.
The National Childrens Fund established and operated several refugee homes for children in the countryside in England during the Blitz.
Recently they sent several thousand Medical Chests to France and Belgium to be distributed to childrens hospitals and other institutions. Each Chest cares for 400 children. 4000 more such chests are proposed for children of Italy, Greece, Norway and Yugoslavia.
2. Children are again carrying out a program of International Correspondence and Exchanges of Arts and Crafts. The National JRC informs the schools what countries and what schools desire to correspond or make any exchanges. The work is carried out in the class room and in group participation. Correspondence usually consists of a portfolio of letters written by the children describing their particular school and community life. They receive a similar portfolio in return. More ambitious school programs make articles which depict that which is most typical of their section of the country. A school in Sicily, for example would send a miniature of a Sicilian cart to a school in California. The California school might send in exchange a miniature of a Franciscan Mission which depicts the early life of California. This phase of the program is most timely now because 1) most of the children of Europe have been subjected to the Nazi or Fascist way of life and were never allowed to know anything about the children of other countries

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3. Each year at Christmas Time the National Junior Red Cross selects certain countries known to have a great deal of poverty and distress among its children, and the Juniors send Christmas boxes containing sweets, toys etc. to them with a word of Good Will and Christmas Cheer.

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IX Health Services.

The primary objective is the forming of good personal health habits in order to perform better service to others.

1. A large percentage of the children in our Secondary Schools receive a Junior Course in First Aid Instruction. This is taught by the teacher who in turn is trained by the National Organization of the Red Cross
2. Participation in a program of Home and Farm Accident Prevention which is directed to teach children to survey the hazards in and about the home and farm, and to take steps to remedy same.
3. The JRC carries on a program of Water Safety, directed to teach every boy and girl in our schools how to swim and then how to protect himself and others from water hazards.
4. Students of Junior High School and Senior High School level are taught a course in Home Hygiene and are of the Sick; they are given a Course in Nutrition; and many schools have instituted a Course in Canteen Service. The latter program is intended to instruct them in methods of mass feeding so that they might assist the Senior Organization in the event of National Disaster

X. Good Citizenship and Service.

1. Children are taught to become good citizens by allowing them to actively participate in those things which make toward good citizenship. They undertake such projects as:
 - a. Making contributions in the form of clothing, toys, favors at holiday time to childrens Institutions.

Note:

It should be emphasized here that all of the projects which are undertaken in the schools in connection with JRC have an educational value and can be tied in with each subject that is being taught. The class in History becomes more alive and more appealing to the child if he participates with his classmates in sending a portfolio depicting the history of his country to another school in a foreign country and likewise receiving one in return. The child in Home Economics being taught to sew has far more interest in the finished garment when she knows it is going to clothe some poor War Orphan.

The simple instruction in Penmanship in the Elementary grades has meaning for the child if he is to send a message of goodwill and friendship in his very best hand across the Seas.

And so it is with each subject that is taught whether it be Languages, Manual Training, Social Studies, Art, Music, etc.

- b. Making favors, collecting books and magazines etc. for childrens hospitals.



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- c. Similar services as mentioned above to Army and Navy Hospitals and Veterans Hospitals.
- d. Holiday greetings and favors to schools for the blind and other Institutions for the physically handicapped.

With the pamphlets which have come to you from the Junior Red Cross in Washington D.C. and with the above summary, we hope that we have presented sufficient information of JRC in America, to be able to sit down together and determine what parts of the program would be applicable for JRC in Italy.



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

August 22, 1945

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Lt. Col. Carelton W. Washburne, A.U.S.
Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Commission
Education Subcommittee
A.P.O. 394, c/o Postmaster
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Washburne:

In reply to your request of July 24th, we are glad to send you pamphlets and other printed material explaining our organization and program.

As you know the American Junior Red Cross is the Red Cross in the schools of the United States and so our program activities have been conceived and implemented with our own school system in mind. We know that the strongest and most popular Junior Red Cross organizations have developed where it is possible to integrate Junior Red Cross activities with the work of the classroom. However, we realize that this may not be the most practical organization for some countries where school systems differ considerably from ours. Therefore, we do not expect our methods to be adopted but rather adapted to the school situation in other countries where a Junior Red Cross program is desired.

The League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva, Switzerland, has a Junior section which is at the service of all Red Cross Societies seeking advice and direction in the development of their Junior Red Cross memberships and furnishes printed materials on the subject in several languages. Mr. Georges Milsom the director of this section, is always available for consultation and desirous of keeping in touch with Junior Red Cross developments in all countries. Mr. Milsom was formerly well known to all National Junior Red Cross directors, but it may be that with the change of Red Cross officials in many societies all may not now realize that this source of information is available to them.

The American Junior Red Cross is much interested in the reconstruction of Junior Red Cross in the liberated areas for we were formerly in close touch with them and even had a part in their creation following World War I.

The Italian Junior Red Cross for instance was, during the 1920s, one of our close friends. Several American Junior Red Cross workers helped with its organization and the installation of a public playground in one of the populous districts of Rome was a gift from the American Junior Red Cross. Several Italian girls were trained for work as playground leaders or "Monitors" on the American Junior Red Cross demonstration playground which we were conducting at that time in Paris and gifts from the

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National Children's Fund of the American Junior Red Cross also helped to establish playgrounds in Florence and other Italian cities. Several children's libraries were also made possible by similar gifts and an extensive exchange of school correspondence between Italian and United States schools was carried on for many years. There were also other Italian Junior Red Cross activities stimulated by American Junior Red Cross initiative and financial assistance; one of the most picturesque being a "School Ship" in the Bay of Naples where boys who had no homes were housed and taught trades during several years.

The Italian Junior Red Cross carried on an active program until it was submerged by the several young Fascist societies which gradually gained precedence in the Italian schools and after the campaign in Abyssinia we received no further communications from them.

Last winter we were visited by Dr. Enrico Scaretti, vice president of the Italian Red Cross, who told us of his society's desire to revive its Junior Red Cross membership and solicited our friendly interest in its future.

As it is our policy to work through the National Red Cross societies and the Junior Red Cross memberships in developing our international program, we have been obliged to wait upon the reorganization of the Italian Red Cross and its Junior Red Cross membership before taking any definite steps, but last winter we did send a large quantity of chocolate candy for distribution by our own workers and some clothing which had been made by our Junior Red Cross members in the schools was distributed by the American Navy in the Mediterranean at Christmas time. Recently as we have been advised that the reorganization of the Italian Junior Red Cross is under way we have shipped to the American Red Cross in Italy for the Italian Junior Red Cross 20,000 Junior Red Cross educational gift boxes and 500 Junior Red Cross medical chests for distribution in the Italian schools. These gifts are made possible by the National Children's Fund which is supported by voluntary contributions from American Junior Red Cross members. An attachment to this letter describes the content of the gift boxes. The medical chests contain such items as ophthalmic ointment, sulphur ointment, boric acid ointment, Brown's cough mixture, thermometers, scissors, adhesive plaster, bandage, soap, combs, medicine droppers, pins and other useful medical supplies estimated to be sufficient for the requirements of 400 children during a 3 month period. The cost of each of these chests is roughly \$35.00. Similar gifts in appropriate quantities have been shipped to the Junior Red Cross of France, Belgium, Greece and the Netherlands. Shipments will also soon be made to the Junior Red Cross of Yugoslavia and Norway.

With this letter I am enclosing the following attachments:

1. Instructions for filling Educational Gift Boxes which gives list of contents.
2. Check sheet indicating printed material being sent under separate cover to the Director Education Subcommittee, Allied Commission.
3. A condensed statement describing the American Junior Red Cross prepared in March 1945 - activities now somewhat out of date but containing statements on purpose, organization, history, National Children's Fund, endorsements by educators, etc.

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4. Plan for cooperation between the U. S. Office of Education and the American Junior Red Cross, and copy of letter sent to chief state school officers.

It is usual for the National Directors of Junior Red Cross sections of the various Red Cross societies to negotiate with the minister of education in each country a plan to establish and maintain the in-school programs and services which are channelled through Red Cross. A rather comprehensive plan has been re-established recently with the French Minister of Education. We are advised that in Belgium and Greece plans will soon be made more formal to define the operative relationship between Junior Red Cross and the school programs. I am confident that the Italian Red Cross and the Italian educational officials will wish to develop similar plans for a school based Junior Red Cross program.

In many other countries the Junior Red Cross is going forward both as an in-school and an out-of-school program on the basis of previous understandings which have been reconstituted following liberation.

Because of our own wishes to establish a more reciprocal relationship - in the future - for the twenty million members of the American Junior Red Cross, we are, of course, most willing to provide every appropriate kind of assistance to the re-establishment of effective Junior Red Cross programs in the schools of other countries. Our members are only too glad at this time to initiate new opportunities for communication and service. It is hoped, however, that there may be soon a two way traffic through the channels of the Red Cross of non-political information which will contribute to the maintenance of a peace based upon better understanding.

Our own position in relation to the schools of the United States is best reflected in a plan for cooperation between the United States Office of Education and the American Junior Red Cross. Among the attachments previously listed is a copy of that plan and a copy of a letter sent to each of the chief state school officers by the U. S. Commissioner of Education. Mr. Grayson Kefauver of the Department of State who is meeting in London with representatives of education from other countries knows of this plan, approves of it and has expressed his opinion that he would hope to continue the use of Red Cross channels for such international, national and local services going from the schools into the general welfare.

With the understanding that all of our materials would not apply to the Italian Junior Red Cross, we are sending for such use as may be made a separate package of materials addressed as directed by you.

Hoping that this material will serve the purpose which you had in mind and assuring you of our appreciation of this opportunity to make you more familiar with the work of the American Junior Red Cross, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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National Director

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To: *Mr. C. Washburn*
Director, Education Sub Commission

From: TOWN HALL
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Lecturers and orientation programs are not new to the members of the Armed Forces. They are programs which the Army and Navy has realized are most necessary to both men and officers in order that they may learn something of what goes on in the world of Art, Science, Music, Medicine, History, Travel, Religion and Current Affairs.

TOWN HALL is the department of the American Red Cross which operates a bureau of speakers who can give stimulating talks on subjects of interest to all. TOWN HALL works in close conjunction with the Army Information and Education program throughout the Mediterranean Theatre. Mr. A.B. Trowbridge began TOWN HALL in Algiers two years ago by inviting well known correspondents, heads of the various Army and Navy departments, enlisted men, and prominent civilians to units in that area to inform and discuss with the men, their activities in the war and in civilian life.

Interesting discussion periods were held in the Enlisted Mens Clubs, Officers Clubs, local units and hospitals. The IAE Officers found the program to be most satisfactory and requested a speakers list from which they could select speakers on specified topics which would augment their educational programs and prove generally stimulating and exciting to their groups.

It is our desire to have a potential speakers list of Enlisted men, Officers, Civilians, British and Americans, who will volunteer to speak to groups in the Rome area. Having a centralized speakers bureau in the area is an insurance to the speaker that he will not be taxed beyond his endurance or patience.

TOWN HALL will be extremely grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the officers and men in your section who might be interested in speaking for us. In this manner we can form the nucleus of a brilliant list of lecturers to assist the Army in its educational work.

Barbara Campbell
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P/s. Enclosed are mimeographed forms for their use.

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