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Dear Derek,

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German Civilians :

I think the Percy Bartlett idea is quite a good one, and we could try to contact those possibly interested if they were reasonably near. Something which you might do at your end is to print some literature (fairly short, and snappy, I should think) in German and possibly other languages, which could be used as a background of reference to the movement for those people to whom we speak about it. Part of the reason for my asking last week for some more literature was that one of our friends in the village is an interpreter who is prepared to translate IVSP things, and we are also friendly with an official Mil Gov interpreter in Göttingen who has an excellent command of English and who also would I am fairly sure do some for us if we asked. Printing here requires Divisional authority (as we discovered after we had had the Christmas cards printed with what we now realise to have been the connivance (we thought it was 'authority') of our Mil Gov).

Russian Zone :

I think we should agree that the time is not yet ripe for inviting Russian youth en masse, though I should think a scheme would get on pretty well with some of the ones we see. Ian is going the length of presenting the Russian Commander tomorrow with a bottle of something - to keep out the cold - and perhaps in return he will ask us to run a service on his side; but I doubt it.

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The job :

don't think anything need be added to the enclosures this week, except that I've had some meetings with the University people about student help at Friedland. At the last one the students' representative said he had mentioned to some of the others the possibility of a group working along with us in vacation and they were quite keen on it, and suggested the beginning of February. So be it.

You've already had the greetings and this will arrive well in January, I expect, but it doesn't seem right two days before Christmas to conclude without saying

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all of you in the office, and to Jeanne and Margaret !

David