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Dear David,

Future Work.

I was asked by the Foreign Service Committee to write and ask you if you could give us an estimate of what you imagine the position and needs will be in Germany over the summer months with regards to our Units. You will I know already be thinking about this and have given us an indication that Unit 4's work may be coming to an end in June.

We were very encouraged by Ramsay's report of the Friedland scheme and hope that this has been a real success and will lead to the development of this type of work. We wondered whether there was any chance of arranging several camps in the summer when the more immediate relief needs may have lessened and not be requiring so much of our Unit's attention. We also wondered whether there would be any opportunity for volunteers to come from this country for short periods to help in such services, but realise that there are many grave difficulties about this and that we must precede a step at a time.

I know you have this in mind and intend to get out a memorandum, but I thought I should let you know how our thoughts are running on this side.

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Visit from England.

At the present moment it would not be easy for us to send anyone on a visit to German Units because of Derek's absence and because Donald Bentley and someone else are likely to be visiting Switzerland about Easter time or later for an International Committee Meeting, and because there is so much to be done in arranging Adult and Youth Schemes in this country for the summer months. Nevertheless, I would like to have your views on how desirable such a visit may be from your point of view, so that we can gauge how high on the priority list it should come.

The various matters referred to in Report 44 I will take up with Douglas.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

