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Ramsay Bramham,
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Relief Section 109,
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BAOR.

Dear Ramsay,

Many thanks for your of the 3rd and 11th of March about the Friedland service, which we have followed with very great interest from this end. We hope that this service may be a forerunner of the development of other work camps in Germany later this year and eventually of the formation of a German Branch of I.V.S.P.

We shall look forward to having your comments on this service in retrospect and we imagine the experience there will do a good deal to influence the Control Commission in their attitude towards the development of I.V.S.P. along these lines. Both at the Foreign Service Committee and National Committee meetings it was stressed that we should like to see work in Germany developing in this way and David is, we know, already concerned to take this up with them.

John Harvey, while full of enthusiasm for the service, did point out at the National Committee that in the past the Universities in Germany have been rather more apart and separate from the working-class than they are in this country and that if it is at all possible we should try and draw in people from other sections of the community into such work schemes. The same problem exists of course in this country and we must start I.V.S.P. where we can and try and broaden its scope later.

By the time this letter gets out I expect you will be back with the main body of the Unit and will be very welcome there as they are rather short-handed.

With best wishes,

Yours,