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Dear David,

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YOUTH CAMP GELDERN :

News received with enthusiasm. The wedge seems to be definitely past the thin part.

PASTOR MENSCHING :

I do not think there is a possibility of getting anyone out for the meeting at Whitsun but I will see that literature gets despatched to you.

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IVSP IN GERMANY :

By this time you may have had Andrews' side of things, and I think the documents that I enclose will explain our reaction :

Some fairly long "Minutes" drawn up immediately after the meeting, chiefly for my own benefit to use as reference, and a letter to Hogarth which between them set out the position as we see it, and recount the steps we are planning to take to support your efforts. One happy coincidence was that we were going to write to you suggesting that the application of the Berlin group should be soft-pedalled for a time, but before I could get down to it, you had written in precisely the same terms. Since then I have seen Basil who has read all the enclosures I am sending you and is quite happy about things. He agrees with your comments on Erich Mohr and John Harvey is writing to Corder Catchpool to ask if he knows anything about him and what his opinion of him is. This I will pass on to you.

WALTER THIELEMANN :

I think you have met Walter Thielemann - he has written to Ruedi Olgiati thinking him still to be International Secretary and suggesting that he (W.T.) should take over IVSP in Germany. I enclose the relevant part of his letter in which he quotes Ruedi's comments and which I thought you ought to have. At all costs it does seem important that anything we do in Germany at the moment is canalised and it would indeed be a pity if two or three Germans were working away at different points of the compass. We should be glad of your comments on Thielemann. The typing of the copy of Ralph's letter max is a little obscure in places as it was done by a youth member who does not know much French or German but you will get the gist of it no doubt.

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Yours sincerely,