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Report 53.

Dear Derek,

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I had a message from David second hand to contact a Dr. Toch in Münster as his name had been given to David by a Miss Demmel as a person interested in I.V.S.P. The D. was asking to call a meeting for 15 people in Münster. Well. I secured Münster for a Dr. Toch without success and finally ended up with a Dr. Koch in the Arbeitsamt who although he had no knowledge of Miss Demmel was very interested in I.V.S.P. He was prepared to make the arrangements but to confirm I phoned Colonel Andrews and on a very bad line found that I was on to the wrong man. The correct man is <u>Dr. Otto Koch</u> in the Adult Education Department at the <u>Oberpräsidium</u> - incidentally a good fellow I thought - and he has fixed the Conference for May 31st at 10.00 am at the Oberpräsidium. He wanted to know who was to be invited to the meeting and I couldn't tell him as Colonel Andrews did not know as far as I could gather - with the exception of 6 names which I presume David gave him. Why I telephoned was because Dr. Otto Koch is to do the inviting he will require some notice as communication in Germany is not too speedy.

In the course of my search for the wanted man I came across a Frau Dr. Scheuner in the Landesjugendamt and found that she knew already of I.V.S.P. and had heard of the scheme at the camp at Friedland - she had been in England studying social conditions and had also heard of I.V.S.P. there. I might add here that I sighed with relief that I did not have to describe what I.V.S.P. meant through an Interpreter - believe me it takes some doing !

I hope all this is clear to you but I know it will be to David - I shall hope to hear from him about the invitations soon so that Dr. Otto Koch can go ahead. The people already invited are :

List from Col. Andrews Herr Prager Göttingen ? Martin **RB** Hannover Herr Walter Thielmann Hamburg ? Ehrhardt Göttingen 9 Michaltscheff Hamburg ? Baron van der Ropp

Already invited by Dr. Otto Koch	Dr. Koch	Landesarbeitsamt
in conjunction with myself	Dr. Hinrichs	Berufsberater
	Dr. Scheuner	Landesjugendamt

I hope I have done right by letting these people in on the conference but all showed genuine interest and I felt it might look odd if said I cannot invite you yet.

One more thing - I regret I showed them the "banned" pamphlet which is a translation of our Pick and Shovel. I was asked for more but I had only the one. Can anything be done to get something written up - I quite agreed with your remarks about unofficial printing a few month ago but I think something might help along this line.

Best wishes

Douglas