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Dear Derek,

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Hamburg Scheme :

Walter Thielemann is working extremely hard and well getting this organised. I saw the place this morning and it should make an excellent scheme.

Currency :

The change in the Army financial arrangements so far as soldiers' pay is concerned - use of vouchers instead of Marks - will make it a little difficult for us to back the schemes financially. Marian is now finding out the possibilities; and it is very possible that not much would be required in any case - there is some prospect of getting gifts to make the ventures self-supporting or at least partly so. Would you make discreet enquiries in London - I don't think however there's any chance whatever of getting a special arrangement for even a small amount. (Say £ 50).

Insurance :

I had started enquiries about this, but find that Walter is likely to be able to help us considerably here too, in the negotiations.

Food :

HQ 5 never knows much in advance if at all what food is coming to it, and the Col. read us the other day a letter from Hogarth on the subject which I suggest you get a copy of. CBSRA can only buy in bits and pieces what the M of F declares from time to time to be surplus stocks, and a few other odds and ends. So the ISS offer may not materialise because of lack of anything to buy. I have asked through the Liaison Officers for an allocation in the teams allotment of anything suitable there may be available.

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I'm on my way now to a Committee of the Hamburg people to fix details for the scheme. This evening I've to lecture (!) to some young people. Tomorrow afternoon we have a meeting with about 40 interested people who will inter alia probably provide the financial backing. Monday I hope to go to Rendsburg to see about the scheme there, perhaps in company with Walter.

Cheerio,

David