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Dear Derek,

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Short Term Services :

I take it you've had from Anneliese or Marian or somebody at Menden the request for 500 invitation-slips and 500 printed postcards for the schemes. Are these on the way? If not, please lose no time. If by any chance you haven't heard of them, please wire 'Postcards not known' and I'll take the necessary steps here, if possible. I've got the packet of Application Forms from Berlin, which I discovered were there last Tuesday and got on Thursday; the others which Reg said were on the way had not arrived by then.

Currency :

If it's necessary for us to expend cash and there is no possibility of doing it any other way, a possible means now presents itself. Dr. Michaltscheff, the Bulgarian University teacher here, wants to put some money in England (1) to buy books and (2) to provide himself with something to live on when, as he hopes, he can come to England to complete a project on which he has been engaged for some time, before her returns to Bulgaria. I believe Basil's team has already done a bit in this direction. He can put about 5.000 Marks at our disposal here if we want which could be credited to him in England. It would help us and him - would it be OK?

I like him very much, by the way. When I asked Douglas if I should put him (Dr.M.) on the list for inviting to our Münster Conference (which apparently is now considered as D-Day), Douglas (S.) said he did not know if he would be the right person as he was more interested in pacifism simply; and when I did ask him, his reply said he would come, but he didn't know if he was the right person as he was However, he has proved most interested and valuable, and not least in explaining precisely what IVSP means, in German, when I haven't been able to cope. He has a thorough grasp of it, and is very keen on the idea as a practical step towards his own pacifist ideals, and wants to help practically in every way he can. Es freut mich.

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Films :

Frau v. Pavel (Swiss in Hamburg, SCI member) has a Leica which she could use on the scheme. Is Leica film obtainable reasonable over there? If so, a cassette or so might be useful. If however is not reasonable, I shouldn't worry too much about it, because Dr. Michaltscheff, who is a photographer of no mean ability has sufficient reserve of his own materials to cover all the schemes in Germany and is putting himself at our disposal for that purpose among others.

Meetings in Hamburg :

Have been very interesting and useful. I was present at a meeting of young people at Herr Resing's (the journalist's) house, where last night I opened the proceedings which there after degenerated from the particular to the general, but very interesting it was. Two items in particular (1) an English Lieutenant who looked unsympathetic turned out to be the opposite (it's often the way), in fact an old non-active adherent of IVSP, name of Goodland who had taken part in several of John Hoyland's camps. Offered all possible assistance - working on Youth Work in Hamburg. (2) One Herr Doering of Radio Hamburg wants a radio conversation between one or two British and one or two German young people on August 1st, which is "Peace Day" (haven't quite cleared up how that happens to be, but there it is). Arrangements will proceed at once.

To-day's session, called by Dr. Michaltscheff, was of representatives of all the peace organisations for miles around, and covered particularly, as a practical matter, finance.

Ta-ta,

David