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Dear Willy,

Since last writing I have received your DS / 2, 4 and 3, in that order, and their enclosures. Your points as they arise:

<u>Pamphlet printed in Germany</u>:

Your comment noted. I agree. Payment I expect was by German friends, though it may have been from the funds of the Berlin Unit.

Your letter to Frege:

has been very warmly received by the Göttingen people.

"Picke u. Schaufel":

Our stock sent out from London is already exhausted. Could you send more to London for us? Haven't been able to keep enough for the schemes.

Statutes:

Half-a-dozen received from London - I have asked them for more.

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News from Germany:

Sorry, there isn't a chance of getting first-week news to you by the 15th; the first week ends on the 12th.

Volunteers from Saarbrücken:

Max Beguin was hoping to send about six; travel is the difficulty. Travel is giving us a headache in the British Zone just now. Fares are extremely expensive and most of the people coming have no cash. Education Branch was approached with the view of getting reduced fares or permission to travel by military vehicles (hitching). The latter is objected to mainly on insurance grounds, and the former is no go, and they gave the alternative of travel on military trains on authority from Education Officers. Yesterday I discovered that they've to pay just the same; and to-day on phoning one of the main RTOs to find out what sort of amount be involved, I was told by him that his instructions were that no German could travel on military trains, authority or no authority. Tomorrow when I go to HQ I'll have to try to straighten this out. It threatens to affect the schemes seriously, of course.

Summer Schemes:

I had already sent you the details on the form you enclosed with DS / 3 (except that I'm afraid I didn't sign them) - have you had them yet? Under "3) Nature of Service" I started out by putting what the work was until I found redundancies cropping up farther down. Does this mean "Youth", "Adult", or what?

<u>Circular letter to camps</u>:

I suggest to Frege at Göttingen, Dahlmannstraße 16; and to Walter Thielemann at Hamburg, Jungfrauental 24. Hamburg is now qualifying as a group on the same terms as Göttingen, and it would be useful to let them have a copy.

Broadcast:

Peace Day has been postponed to September 1st. It's a suggestion of the 'Freie Deutsche Jugend', that a day of what might perhaps be called dedication to peace should be observed annually as it apparently was before 1933. So far as I've seen, it seems to be on the right lines. Half-an-hour is to be given to an Outside Broadcast from the Hamburg scheme, which will be recorded on 14th August. John Harvey will be there then, fortunately. The lines of the broadcast will be: question-and-answer interview with John Harvey on his impressions of various things and future plans, his lectures to POW in England etc. Description of work being done, (and presumably people on it). Community singing. Short discussion on something (suggested "menschliche Frage, nicht politische" - at the moment it seemed to me that nowadays what was menschliche was politische and they laughed). Short history of IVSP to come out in questions and answers among the volunteers. Rather a lot to get into half-an-hour; and yet I don't know. If Doering knows his job it should make a good programme. Sep. 1st, Nordwestdeutscher Rundfunk. Time not yet known.

Weekly Report:

I enclose a rough draft of a form we're getting printed for use by the leaders weekly. You'll be getting copies as they are done.

Basil Eastland:

is now in process of taking over from me. At least, he's assisting me, and what I'd have done this week if he hadn't been taking over I don't know, because we've both been kept going for long hours. I hope it all goes well.

Yours,

David