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Dear Willy,

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Summer schemes:

are now entering on their second month. There seem to be no insuperable difficulties; food is short, of course; but the schemes are undoubtedly a success, and the right spirit is being caught by all those who take part.

I am filling in the forms about these services and enclosing them with this letter. Until the end, of course a complete picture cannot be given, but I have already promised a complete report when they are finished at the end of the month.

I can assure you in reply to your query in BAOR 10 about lists of volunteers, a full record is being kept. It is all part of the excellent organisation that David left behind him.

We are proposing to bring out a pamphlet describing the schemes. Speed is our great aim, and I don't think that there will be any great statements of policy on it, so that it will not need to come to you for ratification. I shall, of course, let you have some copies when they are done. We hope to get the clichés sent to England, and the printing done there.

I was very disappointed in the famous broadcast. First of all the recording failed to turn up on the appointed day. Then when it did turn up, of course John Harvey wasn't there; and even though they did record something, I did not hear a single word of it over the Peace Day broadcast at 6.30 pm on Sunday last. Never mind, things often go away like that.

French and American Zones:

I note that Jean Claude Meister has been appointed by the Swiss Secretariat as the "Senior Representative" for the French Zone of Germany. I fully agree with you that it is a pity to prolong the disunity of Germany by having more than one IVSP Representative; but I think that it is too early and too difficult yet to try and fuse the two.

Douglas Sowerby in Berlin has had an interesting talk with a Mr. Hepp who is the chief Officer for Education in the French Zone; his office is in Berlin. It was on the occasion of Douglas' presenting the application for permission to run IVSP in the French Zone - you got a copy of the application. To Douglas' surprise Mr. Hepp stated that there were already such schemes going in the Zone; where German and French students were working together. He said that the British Education Officer was going down to see them on Sept 10th, and would Douglas like to go with him, to Baden-Baden. Douglas accepted; but whether it comes off or not I don't know. I hope so.

I agree that it is vital that I should get to know Jean Meister. I hope that you will be able to supply me with his address soon.

I have heard persistent rumours that there are work-schemes going on in Frankfurt am Main, and I do hope that it will be possible to contact Horst Legatis and Paul Krahé, our Frankfurt friends when I pass through there on 9th Sept. Incidentally, Horst Legatis is down to come to the scheme at Hamburg this week. I am awaiting their report with very great interest.

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Change in addresses:

I am now permanently in Vlotho; or rather, I am no longer attached to Unit 4 at Münster. This is because that team has now moved to Schleswig. Their military address is just the same as before

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Unit 7 has also moved today. Their military address is also just the same as before

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That's all for now.

All the best,

Basil Eastland