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To: HQ Mil.Gov. Hannover Region
HQ Mil.Gov. North Rhine and Westfalen Region
HQ Mil.Gov. Schleswig Holstein Region
HQ Mil.Gov. Hansestadt Hamburg

SUBJECT : Voluntary Work Schemes (I.V.S.P.)

1.
With the assistance and approval of the Education Branch of the Control Commission of Germany, the International Voluntary Service for Peace (I.V.S.P.) has, during the months of Aug and Sep 46 organised four voluntary work schemes for young German people.
2.
In each of these four schemes three British Officers from I.V.S.P. Relief Sections at present working under the British Red Cross Commission in Germany, lived and worked alongside the 20 - 25 German persons present in each camp, and were responsible for each scheme. In order to influence the widest possible number of people, the German persons were continually changed, volunteers being asked to stay no more and no less than two weeks. In all, over 200 volunteers served, alongside the 12 British personnel.
3.
It was proposed at the outset to hold an Autumn conference en-completion of the schemes. This conference would, under the guidance of British personnel, examine the difficulties encountered on these summer services, estimate the value of such work schemes, and draw up plans for future work with the view to the possible formation of a German organisation similar to the British I.V.S.P., and, like it, affiliated to the "Service Civil International" in Switzerland.
4.
German persons were elected by each week's workers in each of the four schemes to act as delegates to such a conference, and an invitation in German (see App "A") will be sent to each of those 32 representatives, and to other German people known to be supporters of the ideas basic to such international voluntary services. It is requested that every facility be given to these people in order that they may attend.
5.
The conference has been arranged by I.V.S.P. through Fr. Prof. Catharina Peterson, Hannover, and will be held at 3 pm on Sat 26 Oct 46 and on Sun 27 Oct 46 in the Stephansstift Hannover-Kleefeld, Kirchroderstr.

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