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Dear John,

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Winter Plans :

One point to bear in mind, although it is at the moment extremely hazy in mine, is the vital necessity of running a training scheme for possible I.V.S.P. German leaders in the late winter (end of Jan or Feb?). For this purpose it would be essential to get some very high-powered people like Ramsay; Pierre from France; and one or two from other lands - just for a week or ten days - and give the German people a really concentrated course in I.V.S.P. ways. Could you plan something from your end - perhaps one or two more really good British volunteers. They might possibly get a fortnight off work; I shall have to see about getting them out here under B.R.C.C., although a word in the ear of COBSRA might make everything plain smiling.

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Marriages :

of any sort must be notified to Advisory Officer and to Deputy Commissioner before the ceremony takes place. The latter must give his consent in any case of marriage with nationalities other than British. Further :

- a) engaged couples should, as a rule, be separated in different teams, but HQ 5 are prepared to listen to exceptions
- b) to DP's or Germans; a period of home leave must intervene between the application to the Deputy Commissioner and the wedding
- c) with DP's; subject to team-leader's, advisory officer's and Deputy Commissioners approval. HQ 5 recommend that one month's notice of the proposed marriage be given
- d) with Germans; the regulations governing the army must apply - 6 months' notice have to be given to the Dep. Commissioner, the 6 months to date from the date of the application.

These were recommendations made today at the Advisory Officers' meeting. They will be confirmed in a circular to all the teams.

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That's all for now,

Best wishes,

Basil