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Dear Willy,

Received your circular letter to delegates regarding Brussels conference. Have just sent off application for accommodation to Mr. van Noppen.

As I said in my letter yesterday I shall arrive in Brussels at 10 am on the 17th. Our train leaves again for Bad Oeynhausen (Vlotho) direct, at 6.50 pm (say 6 pm) on Tuesday 22nd. This means that we should be in Vlotho at 9 am on Wednesday 23rd.

Today I have been talking to Colonel Andrews in charge of the youth dept. of the Education Branch of the Control Commission Germany, and he really does not see any objection to their being quite a strong "foreign" element at the conference at Hannover. I am wondering now, whether I could not ask you not only to give a talk, but actually to take on the seat of chairman at this meeting. I cannot do it - my German being absolutely inadequate; it is so important, too, to keep the meeting in check, and be able to judge the quite delicate veering of the wind of opinions. I do feel that this is important; and I do not think that our German friends will think that it is an imposition, but rather an honour.

Can you let me know by return whether this is suitable for you Willy, so that I can go ahead with the agenda? Enclosing you will find two copies each of the invitations &c to this conference

- 1) a letter from Col Andrews to
 - all Education Officers, C.C.G.,
 - Mil Gov each Province,
 - and Adult and Technical Educ. Sec.
- 2) invitation to British personnel to attend this conference (app "A")
- 3) invitation to German personnel to attend this conference.

Please excuse hurried typing. Hope to get an affirmative answer from you soon. Can you please hand enclosed to John Wheeler?

All the best,

Basil Eastland