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Civilian Relief,
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Germany

To:
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Dear Willy,

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FOLK HIGH SCHOOL SCHEME

I have not yet been able to contact Alan Andrews nor Admiral Bevan owing to pressure of work; it will be among my first jobs when I return, However, I have informed Heinrich.

WINTER CAMPS

I am very sorry that you can't go yourself but I understand how busy you must be at the moment with the move to Paris. I have asked Bruce Harrison to be Leader in Duisburg with Margaret Hickson, a member of the Schleswig team as Head Sister. I would like Pierre Martin and Andre Lemaire to go with two Danes, one Norwegian and one Dutch volunteer also to be on the scheme. In Schleswig I am going to ask Ralph Hegnauer to be Leader and Connie Sowerby Head Sister. Phyllis Imhof, Steve Gould, Stan Slee, an American and a Frenchman in the F.R.S., a Norwegian, a Dutch and a Belgium volunteer and a Swede, if he can come, will complete the list.

You will have learned from a copy of Heinrich's letter with what care the German Committee are selecting the German volunteers. This letter also will have told you of what happened at Hannover and, together with the duplicates of my letters to all the other National Secretaries, will give you the complete picture.

BERLIN NEWS

As instructed by the German Committee I enquired what support the American Military Government would give to the Ludwigstein project and was delighted to learn that Mr. W. Hayes-Beall, our friend in the Educational branch, is shortly to be moved to the Chief Youth Education Officer of the whole of the province of Upper Hesse which includes both Frankfurt and Ludwigstein.

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Both C.R.A.L.O.G. and Steve Cary of A.F.S.C. welcomed Krahé's report and promised to give active support, all of which is most encouraging.

As for the French Zone, I am awaiting news of Pierre's visit with great interest.

HELP

The German whom I have in mind as a possible recipient of a subsidy from either the British or Swiss branches was Heinrich himself. Before the war he was a solicitor with his own practice. He joined up, was taken prisoner of war and has been two years in America. Upon his return now he finds his practice disintegrated and is supporting his wife and two children on his savings. His sense of calling to Youth work prevents him trying to rebuild his practice but his diminishing savings is making him contemplate a job with Mil.Gov. in Hamburg. This would mean an end of his wanderings either to attend Committee Meetings or to undertake the organisation of German schemes. Whilst I don't suggest that we should endeavour to support him totally, I think a little help might enable him to carry on, especially as he does a certain number of Broadcast talks and I expect other odd jobs will turn up. I don't need to emphasise what a fine man he is. I haven't yet broached this matter with him but he has been perfectly frank with me and does not wish to hide from anybody his position.

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That's all for now, all the best.

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