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To :
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B.A.O.R., Germany

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Dear Eric Rodham,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 10th with the enclosures. I have noted the correction of the Hamburg address.

WINTER SERVICES

I wish to confirm that Basil had asked me definitely to ask Ralph Hegnauer to take charge of the Schleswig scheme and as the latter is prepared to do so, if there is no other choice, this will be all right. I hope that all the volunteers will have received their papers, it would be sad if some of them would not be able to come.

GERMANS TO SWITZERLAND

You may know of the scheme we had to bring some 6 - 10 young Germans to Switzerland to the Folk High School. Although this scheme was not S.C.I., it would give us an opportunity to help in the selection of people and choose some who would be interested also in the S.C.I. work. I have now also heard from the Kinderdorf Pestalozzi that they would be prepared to take up to 10 German volunteers to help in the building of this village for orphans from all over Europe. I have written to Lt.Col. Andrews, Education Branch, about this. Ralph Hegnauer will have all details and information and I shall ask him to see that this matter is taken up. In this case too people should be sent who are interested in S.C.I. and who might join some of our camps afterwards. They would get valuable training here in Switzerland and we would meet them frequently. I shall not go into details about this scheme as Ralph Hegnauer can give you all these. I should also like to mention that I have invited Padre Bale (who attended the Hannover conference) to come to Switzerland so that he could discuss further possibilities with the organisations concerned. I hope that also Heinrich Carstens and his committee will keep these possibilities in mind.

WORK CAMP IN FREIBURG

Plans for this are going ahead. I have definitely asked the French Branch to take charge of this and asked them if possible to advance the dates, so that we could begin already in January. Pierre Martin will probably write to you and Heinrich about the possibilities of getting Germans from the British Zone; or, as he is coming to one of the New Year camps, he could discuss this with you personally.

I take this opportunity to wish you, and the three relief teams, a good Christmas and a good New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Willy Begert
International Secretary