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Dear Betty,

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Now that tourist traffic is allowed in Germany the status of our volunteers has changed. They are allowed tourist visas up to 60 days and are at liberty to travel and visit as they wish and to draw German rations. Visas of more than 60 days are only allowed in special cases and for special reasons. Officially, then, the volunteers may come and go as they wish. It is understood, however, that any special personal plans which the volunteers may have in addition to the camp programme is announced in advance by the sending Branch in the Offer of Service Form. The position of those British volunteers who come out as CBSRA members is thus modified as follows : As CBSRA members they are entitled to two long leaves and two short leaves a year, but as work-campers they are expected to conform to the rules of SCI - in particular, in the case of British long-term volunteers, - I assume that they are entitled to leave in accordance with the leaflet a short time ago - i.e., two days per month, subject to fitting in with the requirements of the work. Combining the advantages of both CBSRA members and tourists, we may say that they are fully entitled to spend their leave with German or any other friends in Germany. As, however, non of them are at present working in an SCI camp, they are at liberty to make whatever arrangements are agreeable to the people with whom they are working, subject in most cases to approval by you or myself. In the more important cases we would like, when possible, to be consulted beforehand. All this is in aid of

- (a) telling them that at long last it is possible to spend a few days with German friends and
- (b) giving them some sort of personal initiative while retaining liaison.

The situation of CBSRA work-campers has now changed as follows :

- (a) They must leave Germany by Sept 2nd.
- (b) their facilities as CBSRA members apply only in the British Zone. The former is on account of the recent 50% cut in the number of CBSRA people allowed in Germany after Sept 1. The latter due to poverty of CBSRA. The only way of avoiding is for them to cease to be CBSRA members but remain in Germany as ordinary work-campers after Sept 1. In this case, their passage back to England would have to be paid by IVSP. I asked Col Stubbs of this would be allowed and he said no. I am not satisfied with this answer, but do not wish to press it with Col Stubbs for two reasons:
 - he is very busy just now planning the transfer of CBSRA HQ to Bad Rothenfelde,
 - a more sympathetic answer would probably be got from CBSRA in London.

I will have to assume, then, that unless you tell me otherwise, all three, as well as the other people who come to the summer camps, will have to return to England on Sep 2. I'm sorry to push you, but I'd be glad of an early reply, so that I can tie everything up before going in leave.

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Best wishes

Bill