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Circular letter to: Derek Edwards, Otto Siegfried, Piet Kleerebezem, Heinrich Carstens.  
cc: Hélène Monastier.

Office worker for GERMANY.

Dear friends,

You will see from to-days circular letter to the International Committee what has so far been done about the question of a larger service in Germany. It seems very likely that we shall have such a larger service, but that means also that it is very urgent to have qualified office personnel in the German IZD Office. The German branch, of course, is looking for someone who could take Herbert's place when he leaves on March 31st. But we would also need somebody else who could assist the new secretary and this person could well be a foreigner with a good command of German. I am therefore writing to you, asking you to let me know as soon as possible whether there is anybody in your branch who would be qualified and available.

The person concerned should a) have considerable experience of SCI services, b) have a good command of German, c) have a good experience of office work and if possible be a fairly good organiser and d) be available, if possible, for the period (appr.) March 15 - September (or longer).

If you have any such person would you be good enough to write to me immediately, giving as much details as possible about the person (past experience, qualification, etc.) Please send a copy of the letter to Heinrich Carstens

The following persons had in the past already been mentioned at one time or another

Switzerland:

Otto had mentioned that Miggi Thalmann might be free. I think that she would be an excellent person to work with a good secretary, but that she might not be able to take much initiative on her own. I wonder whether Anneliese Steger would at all come into the picture. I hope that Otto will comment on this and make any other useful suggestions.

Holland:

Heinrich wondered whether perhaps Elise Quarles van Ufford could be considered. Piet had mentioned in Paris the possibility of Jo Koster, but I take it that she would only be free over the holidays? Perhaps Piet knows of somebody else?

England:

Heinrich asked whether Eyleen Taylor could be considered. If IVSP would have no objections he should like to write to her and ask her whether she would be available. If she is, he would then be glad if IVSP would negotiate with the FSC for her release and perhaps offer a replacement. He also asked whether perhaps Reginald Thickers could be considered. Perhaps Derek can make other suggestions.

Before we approach the various secretariats officially about this question, I think that it would be helpful if we could have the comments of the people to whom this letter is addressed. As I said above, it would be helpful if you would write to me and to Heinrich on this question. We have in the past found that people have been too much encouraged when asked about similar 'posts' and thought that it was already settled. You know that under no circumstances can any promises been given at the moment since we really do want to find the best person for this job.

The person would of course be engaged as a volunteer, but we could perhaps pay a somewhat larger pocket money than usual if that would be necessary.

Greetings to all of you,

Willy Begert