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Dear Ernst,

I am very sorry not to have answered your letter of May 5th before. I'm afraid I must admit that I was so full of Robert Gueissaz that in looking it over afterwards to see whether there was anything urgent to answer, I quite missed the bit about yourself. And about R.G. I didn't want to write anything until I had some further news. Please forgive me.

I hope that meanwhile your personal plans have been arranged between you, Meta, IVH and the British branch. In any case, you know, we here in the International Secretariat do not normally handle arrangements for the movements of volunteers. But if it is my personal opinion you want, I think the suggestion you have made sounds good, except on one count, and that is quite an important one: can SCI afford to send you up to the north of England for just one month and then to Italy, when there will already be a service in Italy - where I think your presence is probably more urgently needed than in England - beginning on 1st June? It seems to me an un-economic arrangement. I wonder that Meta and IVSP have said about this - and, of course, Jo Koster and the committee of IVH. If you have kept to the dates you suggested in your letter, this will only just reach you before you leave Donaueschingen. If you can find time to write to us, we shall be interested to know what has finally been arranged and to have news of you in your next service.

I was very glad to hear that Robert G. had given up his visit to the authorities and was working with such enthusiasm on the job and in the house. I believe from his letters that he really wants to give himself for SCI, but that he is not always very discreet in his expression of that good will. I hope that Meta will have had a useful talk with him and that the question has been satisfactorily settled by now. I am just going to write a note to Robert now, as I have had two long and urgent letters from him since I last wrote.

Our best wishes to you, Ernst. Thank you for all you did in Donaueschingen. I know it can't always have been very easy, and in spite of that I believe that you have done very much to build of a real group spirit in the best SCI tradition. I hope that Jochen will carry on in the same spirit and with as much success; and that you will be very happy in your next service, wherever it is.

Amitié.

Dora B.-T.