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World Federation of Democratic Youth  
Budapest

Dear Mr. Birch,

Many thanks for your letter of August 30th and the folder giving information about the Leipzig Camp. The question of sponsorship is, as you say, made quite clear in it.

The statement that the WFDY addressed a letter on June 23rd to the German branch of SCI is our mistake and I apologise for it. We have in the past tended to identify the WFDY with its affiliated organisations but I now understand that you do not in fact have any direct responsibility for them.

I have a copy of the FDJ letter of June 23rd. The wording of it strikes me as ambiguous, but I am not sending you a copy (unless you desire it) since I do not see the usefulness of further discussion on this point.

The issue of "Junge Freunde" in question is that of June 1956, page 30, as follows :

INTERNATIONALES ARBEITS-LAGER

Veranstalter : Internationaler Zivildienst gemeinsam mit dem Weltbund der Demokratischen Jugend

- 1) Im Juli in Leipzig
- 2) Vom 10. Juli bis 15. August in Bonnat / Creuse (Frankreich).

We do not, however, wish at all that you take up the matter as you suggest with the editorial board of "Junge Freunde". Our German branch has already pointed out the mistake to them and I trust there will be no further problem.

We have received very interesting reports of the Sofia meetings from M. André Lemaire and would like to express our sincerely thanks to the WFDY for the good opportunities given him both to talk on SCI and to meet and discuss with delegates.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Abbott  
International Secretary