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Dear Roswitha,

I was very wide awake last night and problems suddenly became very clear, or rather the answers to problems became very clear.

May I tell you what passed through my mind and ask you if you think these things will be possible. We are gradually making contact with people in Berlin but the long distance to travel and the hours of work make it difficult to meet people as often as I really feel it is necessary. I think a further project in the centre of Berlin is very much needed now.

At first here in Johannisstift I began to think perhaps it was not the best place for such a project as we are attempting but I realise more and more it is the very best place at least to begin. One reason is that the work and life demands very much and the discipline of accepting all this gladly is very strengthening for each person. Also our separate places of work and living makes us put every effort into building a team. I believe it would be a very good thing for people who have been "trained" in Johannisstift to go to a project more in the centre of Berlin. They would then have known the need and the difficulties of making a team and if they had really got down to being in Johannisstift for two months it would prove they really came to do something however hard. Then from further contact with Berliners and more possibilities of going to East Berlin, these further trained volunteers would be ready to be relied on to face the perhaps difficult project of a camp in East Berlin if that could be arranged. We would still be having beginners in Johannisstift all the time. What do you think ? I'm showing this to Ken.

November 24th

As you see this is written much later. Since writing it Frau Westerhaus has shown us real need here which she hopes we will answer is to be able to spend some of our work-time just talking to the patients. This is I would love to be able to do but cannot. I feel it would be much better to send volunteers who have at least a small knowledge of German. In the circumstances I would be much happier doing more practical things with the patients (I realise I could probably do this if I had more initiative).

As Ken has given a very clear picture of life here I won't add to it. We are hoping and praying we will come to a better understanding of Fritz. I am sending a report — Ken has seen it — perhaps you can use it. If you do could you send me some copies to save long letters ?

Very best wishes

gez. Judith