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Dear Bertram,

I am sorry I could not find time to answer fully your letter of the 29th March, but I did not find it urgent as this matter was to be discussed anyhow by the IC. Your delegate at the IC expressed very well indeed the feeling of your Committee on the difficult problem of the camp in the D.D.R. We understood that not only your financial situation could be threatened if you took any responsibility for this camp, but also that you might be placed in a rather tricky situation vis-à-vis other organisations in the Federal Republic. You probably know by now that the IC has asked Chris Hollaender, our International President, and myself, to meet the Committee of the German branch in order to see if a practical solution could be found to our common problems. It was suggested during the meeting that we could meet only on May 11th or 12th in Frankfurt or somewhere near the Dutch border. As I must prepare my journey to the Continent, I should be glad if you could let me know as soon as possible whether these dates are convenient to your Committee, and if so where the meeting will be held.

Of course I very much hope that we shall find a way out of this situation, but you will surely understand that SCI cannot renounce this East-West camp, to which the IC gives its fully support, nor can we except lightly the idea that no West German volunteer will be present in the camp. But I trust that the German branch does not wish to make the task of the British branch, which is organising the camp, more difficult, and that nothing will be done which might have negative repercussions on the preparation of the camp.

With my best wishes,

Roger Briottet

cc. IS, IC.