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Dear Bertram,

I was very pleased indeed to participate in the meeting of the German Committee last Sunday. I think that on the whole we came to some positive conclusions regarding the camp in the D.D.R. In any case I would be glad if you would tell the other Committee members that I was very pleased to find such understanding for the problem of the international movement a whole.

I am now expecting the unofficial minutes of this meeting, to inform the members of the IC Bureau and the British branch. From what I can recall of the decision, it was agreed that you would send me the draft of a letter which I, as European Secretary of SCI, would send to the German branch inviting two West German volunteers to the camp in the D.D.R. You would then, on the basis of this letter of invitation, approach the Bonn Government to see if they would have any official objection to your sending these volunteers to Potsdam. If there is no objection, or if the Government does not reply in due time, you will proceed to "recruit" to volunteers for this service. The technical procedure for the recruitment of these volunteers has not been worked out, as far as I can remember by your Committee. I would suggest that your secretariat chooses two good experienced volunteers and that if possible the application forms be forwarded to the British branch in the usual way.

If the Federal Government objects to the German branch's participation in the East German service I think the best will be to reconsider the whole matter together with the Bureau of the International Committee as quickly as possible. We must avoid wasting time in this matter and I would suggest that you fix a deadline for receiving the Government's reply to your letter after which you will recruit your volunteers.

I should be very grateful for your comments on these various points together with the above mentioned minutes.

Very best wishes,

cc IS, IC, Br.br., M.Holman, Ger.br.