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Dear Bertram,

On my return from southern Europe I have found the correspondence regarding the East-West camp at Potsdam. I shall not comment on the fact that Marianne Reiff could not finally attend this camp, although I regret this very much even though the practical reasons have been very well explained by Frank Judd. The purpose of this letter is to get from you if possible a clearer picture of the exchange of letters between the German branch and the Ministry. Quite frankly, I do not really understand why Dr. Ott says he objects to your volunteers participating in the East-West camp when he gives no reason for his objection. It may be that his objections were explained to you directly, but I think that the International Committee would be very interested to know what they are exactly, so that, together with the German branch, we can plan for the future. Also, I was surprised to see that Dr. Ott refers to 'observers' to the workcamp. As you know, I have always been personally opposed to this term, which in the long run can only confuse the issue. For all I know, it may be that all three points are clearly explained by the covering letter that you have probably sent to the German Ministry after receiving my letter ES 7 1168 of the 26th May 1963, and I wonder if you could possibly send me a copy of this covering letter.

I have had no news from the Potsdam camp so far, but I hope very much, in the interests of future East-West contacts, that it will be a real success and that on the basis of this success it will be easier for the German branch to send volunteers to a small camp next year.

With my very best wishes,

Roger Briottet

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