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The IC considered the working paper nr. 12 b on the Deutsche Demokratische Republik and the addendum of the German branch. Roger Briottet thanked the German branch for its helpful cooperation in the attempts that had been made to resolve the problems inherent in organising the first camp in the DDR in the summer of 1963.

Adolf Spaniel informed the IC that the results of personal talks with Bonn Government officials in October 1963 had been very encouraging. The officials were perfectly willing to permit West German participate in a camp in East Germany in 1964. The Bonn officials with whom the interview took place are prepared to speak to the officials in the other Government Departments concerned on this matter. Chris Hollaender suggested that the selection of West German volunteers for the East-West camp in the DDR should be made well in advance, and that the volunteers from West Berlin should attend the seminar in Paris also.

It was agreed that the European Secretariat should retain overall responsibility for East-West programme, including the camp in the DDR, and should collaborate closely with the British branch which would undertake the administrative preparations for the camp.

Gerda Zajik indicated that the Austrian group would be prepared to organise an East-West camp in Austria in which DDR volunteers could participate, probably in 1965. It was hoped that by 1965 the Austrian group would be larger and have sufficient experience to organise such a camp.

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The IC considered working paper 12 c, on Yugoslavia. As a result of the successful three-way camp this year (YYA - AFSC - SCI) the Yugoslavs now were prepared to organise another camp next year with SCI (and possibly a separate camp with AFSC), to send LTVs to SCI projects, and to consider organising a camp in Yugoslavia in 2 - 3 years' time which would include volunteers from as many countries as possible, East and West. Considering the organisation of the camp in Yugoslavia next year, the IC asked the Italian branch, in view of the large distance between Norway and Yugoslavia. It was suggested that the camp next year might take place in Skopje, if the Yugoslavs agreed.

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