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Dear Walter,

I hope this reaches you in time, as it concerns the camp in East Germany next year. A copy of my letter to Herr Rümpel is enclosed, if you have time to visit him, perhaps you could extract the following information :

1. That FDJ agrees to a camp in 1964, and is prepared to say so in writing, before the end of January.
2. That the camp should take place in August, instead of July.
3. That the project should be one where the local people can join the volunteers for an hour or two each day, and that the project should very clearly be for the benefit of the local population (i. e. not part of a huge collective scheme).
4. That volunteers from West Berlin will be accepted, and that FDJ will do all it can to ensure that West Berliners (and all other West Germans, of course) get visas.
5. That the FDJ volunteers be given every opportunity to join the Cultural Trip at the end. The reason is that SCI volunteers this year felt like tourists being given a special free treat, which is not what they volunteered for. If FDJ volunteers were included in the trip, we should feel that the joint activities and discussions justified this week of free time at the end of the camp, etc.

I think that's about all. You could test out the FDJ attitude to having two camps in 1965 if you think the time is ripe, and the possibility of FDJ volunteers taking part in Camps in the West, and coming out as LTV's.

Happy Christmas !

Janet

cc : IS, Ger.Br., Br.Br.