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EXPRESS

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re : East Germany

Dear Janet,

Let me first thank you for your Christmas wishes and your letter of 20th December 1963. I went to the FDJ two days ago. Unfortunately Mr. Rümpel was absent, but I had a very good discussion with Mr. Krüger who is well informed on SCI - FDJ relations since he discussed the matter in length with Roger in Budapest at the last BITEJ meeting there.

Now the different points :

- a) The FDJ will agree in writing to a camp in 1964 before the end of January.
- b) There might be a possibility to organize the camp in August, but Mr. Krüger thought that it would be advisable to close it before the end of August so that the students whose semester starts again by the end of August or beginning of September can be back in time. The FDJ would welcome a camp which would last four weeks altogether (including the trip at the end of the camp).
- c) Cooperation with local people : Mr. Krüger thought that it would be very difficult indeed to find a project where we could have a close cooperation with local people and which would be for the benefit of a local community. However, he promised to look into the matter again and to find at least a project where the "value of the accomplished work could be measured". Mr. Krüger hopes to give details in the weeks to come.
- d) West German volunteers : The position of the FDJ is known. Volunteers from West Berlin : This matter will have to be decided by the Central Cttee of the FDJ, they will also let you know the results by the end of January.
- e) Cultural trip at the end of the camp : I insisted that the whole camp community – including East Germans – should be able to take part in it. Mr. Krüger saw the point but did not want to commit himself. He said that this depended largely on the project. You should perhaps stress this point again if it does not come up in the FDJ letter.
- f) The FDJ would very much like to have a local SCI representative helping them with the preliminary arrangements for the camp as was the case last year. They found this arrangement very satisfying and would like to know whether there is still a none-German SCI volunteer in the GDR.
- g) The FDJ is very eager to send their volunteers to camps in the West and to long-term projects. They would like to get invitations as soon as possible so as to be able to select their volunteers in time.
- h) I did not yet discuss the question of having possibly two camps in 1965, but I shall do so the next time I'll go there, probably next week.

Amitiés,

cc: IS, German Br., British Br.

Walter