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Dear Mr. Nipperdey,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 19th February, which was passed to me by Mr. Kenneth Brown of our British Branch, and for your kind interest in our programme.

I am writing to give you further information about the work we are doing in the field of East-West relations. Each year we organise, in co-operation with various Socialist bodies in the countries concerned, a number of voluntary work-camps in Eastern Europe. This year we hope that such work-camps will take place in the U.S.S.R., Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and East Germany.

The work-camp in East Germany will be organised with the co-operation of the Freie Deutsche Jugend. Our French branch will be responsible for the preparation and administration of this project on behalf of S.C.I., and not our British branch, as was previously the case.

We have, naturally, been in touch with the Bundesministerium für Familien- und Jugendfragen in Bonn, and we keep them fully informed of our activities in this respect; further, we have consulted them carefully about certain aspects of the programme. We feel that practical collaboration between volunteers of different ideologies in work of benefit to the local population can play a valuable part in the improvement of international understanding and good relations.

Volunteers from the Socialist countries are invited to attend the many work-camps organised by our branches in Western Europe each summer. It has now been proposed that volunteers from Socialist countries should take part in our community development projects in under-developed countries. It is possible that some volunteers from East Germany will take part in our project in Western Algeria in the near future. This project, involving construction work and medical social welfare and educational services, will take several years to complete. During 1963, volunteers from twenty countries participated in the project.

I shall be very glad to give you any further information which may require.

Yours sincerely,
Janet Goodricke