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7th June, 1966

Hans-Ulrich Smoltczyk,
President, IZD Germany

Dear Hans-Ulrich,

I have received a copy of Lutz Caspers' reply to your recent letter to him.

I personally have the impression that it would do no harm to ask FDJ to arrange for you to visit the workcamp in the DDR this summer, for 2 days, either in a private capacity (but explaining that you are a member of SCI) or in your capacity as a representative of the German branch visiting the camp as an Observer. However, this is not usual SCI practice. I am, therefore, sending a copy of this letter to the IS Executive for their comments. There are many questions raised in Lutz's letter which should be discussed by the German Committee, I think, before a decision is made : if the Committee agrees, an account of your reasons for deciding to try and go should be given to the IC Exec. for their information, comments and approval. There are certain implications of an official visit by you which must be understood and approved by the international movement. These touch on your Committee's relationship with Bonn, and the possibility of your action being, or being seen as, greater recognition of FDJ by the West German branch than has been given in the past. It might be premature to take such a step before the German Committee has decided in principle to become more directly concerned with the contacts with the DDR.

Amitiés,

Janet Goodricke

cc ICExec, IS,
Lutz Caspers,
Alfred Knaus.