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Dear Janet,

at our recent committee meeting of June 25th we discussed the idea of visiting the DDR-camp to which your letter of June 7th refers.

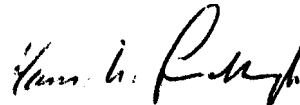
The friends unanimously felt things to have been changed considerably since the start of the SCI-FDJ-activities. I am, therefore, in the position to inform you that there is not only no objection to such a visit but a vivid interest in learning to know how the proposal might work out. On the other hand we would like to make it quite clear that we do not intend to force anybody to anything. If FDJ says "No" - well, we just accept it. We need not make it a most important item of our agendas I think.

In case that such a visit would be considered by SCI as a principal step to become more concerned and more directly concerned with the contacts, the German branch possibly might not explicitly contradict to this impression.

Therefore, I send you (although this generally not necessary for a DDR-visit !) 2 passport pictures on my wife Barbara Smolczyk (born 2. 9. 1929) who is accompanying me and myself (born 212. 10. 1928) with the kind request to return them in case this idea does not get realized. The date of the visit would usefully be the first and second day of the camp, maybe the first day only. I would proceed from Helmstedt by car to Oschersleben immediately, which is a personal condition (I cannot go to Berlin first or anything like that) in order to be able to return quickly.

It would be reasonable if FDJ addresses to me in Hamburg directly, with copy to you, for further correspondence.

Amitiés,



cc. Lutz Caspers