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Dear Hans-Ulrich,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 2nd. I am glad that the Committee has approved your visit, and gather that it shows interest in future direct concern with our East-West projects in East Germany but is not to be considered as an official visit on behalf of the Committee of the kind which might imply any commitment in the immediate future.

I have written to FDJ as follows : —

" A senior member of our West German branch wishes to visit the Hornhausen project on the first or second day, with his wife, to see the work. They would travel by car from Helmstedt. Could you please let me know whether or not F.D.J. agrees to such a visit? If you agree, we should be much obliged if you would write direct to our member confirming that you approve of his visit, together with his wife. Their names and address are : . . . "

I did not enclose the photographs, or include the dates of birth, as the most important item they require is always the passport number. It is therefore better to make all the pass/ visa formalities from Nienstedten, either in the usual way or after direct contact with FDJ. If you do not hear from FDJ by the 22nd July, I will gladly send them a telegram if you request it. I think it most unlikely that FDJ will explicitly refuse to agree to your visit, although they might be too slow in replying (they are very slow over confirming the ES visits).

During your visit please make clear that your main purpose is to obtain information, and that you do not intend to negotiate anything with FDJ (they have a very 'official' attitude to the exact purpose of any visit). If you wish to make any comments or suggestions about the project, please make sure the SCI leader is involved in the discussions (John Stewart, British).

I hope everything goes smoothly, and that you will be able to make this visit. Please let me have your impressions afterwards.

Amitiés,

Janet Goodricke,
ES / SCI