

NOTE. This letter replaces ES / CLH EO DDR of 18th July 1966, which was not sent.

John Stewart,
Leader, DDR camp.
Hannover

26th July 1966

Dear John,

attached is FDJ's most recent letter, dated 21. 7. 66. Points to note include the para. about work 'in small groups', the agreement (made without consulting us) that the FDJ flag should be flown, and the para. saying FDJ finds it 'impossible' to receive Hans-Ulrich and his wife on the camp, for a visit : you will find a copy-letter amongst the other stuff I am sending you explaining about this proposed visit.

On the work-in-small-groups, I hope the vols. from the 3 groups will be well mixed, and the groups no smaller than necessary for efficient working. Re. the flag, I think they do not mean to be offensive, suggest you explain in advance to the West Germans especially. If our vols. object, I hope the FDJ would agree to flying our small pennant and any pennant BITEJ might send under the FDJ flag. Ours is enclosed. If BITEJ doesn't send one, that is less important because FDJ is a member of BITEJ (All this fuss is annoying, but our West Germans may know about last year's trouble when the flag was removed by West German vols. - Try to avoid any build-up of tensions.)

Re. the refusal to have H-U visit the camp, don't mention it unless you have a chance to talk to a friendly FDJ official from the headquarters in Berlin, in which case you could say we had hoped to bring about more direct contact between FDJ and our West German branch.

There is some mix-up over the visa-papers. The first batch of papers was short of the right number of customs declaration forms and there was only one yellow card for entry / exit. Later we got individual visa-forms plus yellow cards and customs forms for the 2 Lords and Weiss (all Americans proposed late). If you have any problem at Marienborn just stick there until it's sorted out. The FDJ phone number is on their letter of 21st July, in case you need it. The West Germans have had telegrams from FDJ (see their letter of 21st), but I don't know exactly what about - must be visas.

The exchange forms of the volunteers are enclosed. The visa-list sent by FDJ is based on the list we sent them earlier, which was altered by various cancellations and additions. FDJ has been informed of all cancellations and additions and all passport numbers.

You should be met by an FDJ body at Marienborn who is sufficiently competent to clear up all visa problems - I hope.

BEST OF LUCK

Amitiés,

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