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Europäisches Sekretariat

Dear Janet,

thanks for your long expected letter (a historian thinks in decades, not in months . . .) Let me answer to some points.

1. Seminar for vols. to DDR :

At our last Committee Meeting at the beginning of this month we discussed whether there should be a seminar at all. Some of the participants have complained that all they hear there is not really new and not absolutely necessary. On the other hand by being together for some time they would form a too closed up group which is of disadvantage when later on they are asked to form one group with the vols. from the eastern countries.

Our proposal : let the volunteers have written information, for example the best report of last year's camp and a short introduction of workcamps in Eastern Countries in general. Then they arrive at Hannover on a certain day, perhaps stay for the night together in the Youth Hostel and leave in a group next morning.

2. Contacts with FDJ :

absolutely impossible to me before Easter. My proposal : 14 / 15 - 4 - 67 or 24 - 4. I would prefer the weekend.

3. Second camp in the DDR :

certainly it calls for very careful preparation - but what will be different next year ? So - 'I am keen !' Let us see what can be done. In case it fails, we can at least be sure that we shall have it next year. Nevertheless there should be links between the other camp and a social institution but that will be a matter of discussion. My question is whether they will understand the difference between last year's camp and a new form of 'social service'. You should give examples. - Could you send me a copy of your letter to FDJ ? And, please write very soon. You know, it takes them much time to think matters over. It should be made clear to them that we want to see the working site this year if it's a new one.

4. Hans-Ulrich :

We should talk about a second travel of Hans-Ulrich and about your proposals concerning the Five Year's Plan at our next Committee meeting.

5. Easter camp CSR :

No ! In summer - yes, in autumn - yes, next Easter - yes, but please not this Easter - and don't ask for the reason. I am at the moment working very hard for my final exam and it is not exactly a workcamp. I am longing for in my holidays.

I send a copy of this letter to Alfred anyhow. Perhaps our future alternative member of IC can go - or the representative of the Austrian or Swiss branch ?

6. Poland :

We should be glad if Tyrluk would come to our Yearly Meeting in Stuttgart.

All the best

cc : Alfred, Hans-Ulrich