

S.C.I.
European Secretary
London

cc : IS, Lutz Caspers

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Dear Janet,

After all ! - our AGM is over. All the silly administration work for preparing such a meeting has cost me much additional working hours during the last weeks.

We had a very good discussion following my provoking speech on priorities of our future work, in which I made special efforts to stress the importance of better East-West relations. The conclusion was that the German branch recommends to the ES that in future we would like to have no "observer" anymore for the discussions with the FDJ in East Berlin but the representative of the German branch accompanying you should be an official delegate of our branch and express this quite clearly to the FDJ. That means that there is no hesitation anymore from our side in recognizing FDJ as our direct partner. This is a push forward which, I hope, will be appreciated by the IC and yourself too.

Lutz Caspers cannot go to East Berlin before End of May. You know it already. He proposed that either somebody else of the German branch will go with you or he will do it sometime later. Our Committee decided to accept the first proposal and asked me to represent the German branch at the discussion in East Berlin. Do you agree to it ?

This decision was made also for the reason that Lutz will not be in the position to represent the German branch in the IC longer than till autumn 1967. As we have not find so far a solution for a successor our committee thought it would be the best to delegate me, the secretary, for the discussion in East-Berlin, for I will be able to suit the time you will go to Berlin. Or have you been there already ?

ICM Oslo. Instead of Lutz, who is unable to attend the ICM our committee decided to delegate Klaus GELDMACHER, the leader of our C.O. group in Hamburg. Klaus will be in a position to inform you on the situation in Germany and the right man to discuss matters regarding the C.O. problem.

Best wishes and amités,

(Alfred Knaus)