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Alfred Knaus
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Dear Alfred,

Motycka / CSSR.

We have now had a letter from CSM saying that the reason Motycka did not come was 'some serious shortcomings in Jo's work in the last season . . . and . . . financial matters. Since this question have not been cleared up till now we are not able to inform you about our final decision on Jo's going on in the programme with your organisation'. A more complete verbal explanation is promised. As you see, no conviction has been made, and the matter should not be discussed with people not directly concerned, as I am sure you will agree, we do not want rumours floating around. The reason I am writing to you is because (a) you were worried about what had happened, and (b) Jo had made some agreements with you about proposed action. I think your discussions related to only two definite proposals — the leaders' meeting at Marianska, now cancelled, and the work at Jachymov. A letter came here to Jo, with a copy of the letter from Jachynov to you, and we opened it thinking it might be SCI business. As you will have noted, the person who wrote the letter, Mr. Josef Slansky, is under the impression that such a project would be organised by the German and Czechoslovakian branches of SCI, which indicates a misunderstanding of the basis for such a project. The question is further complicated in that neither CSM nor the group of ex-SCI volunteers in Prague were consulted before correspondence with Jachynov began, and they resent the hasty initiative of Motycka. The situation is, therefore, extremely delicate. Further development of this project from SCI's side would be very likely to annoy a number of people, justifiably. I am very sorry about this, as it seems a good project and a good Director. I suggest you write him a diplomatic letter indicating that reasons beyond your control prevent any immediate follow-up, but that you may be able to contact him at some future date and in the meantime wish him every success with his valuable work. Do you agree ?

Is there anything else started by Motycka, still outstanding ?

All the best,

Janet Goodricke

cc Motycka