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Dear Janet,

From many reasons I did not write you in details about some problems which arouse after my arrival from Stuttgart. I did not want also to bother you with some more problems concerning our group, because I feel that there was enough of them up to this time and that you have lot of other things to do than to solve them. But after receiving the copies of your letters to Josef Skácel and to Alfred, I feel that there are certain things, which must be cleared up. I presume that another justification of my actions will not help very much but I think that you should be at least informed.

Firstly, the reason for which I could not come to your office in the stipulated time was a letter, which I have sent to our group from Stuttgart immediately after ESM in Zurich. In that letter I wrote a bit in details, why I would not have been very practical for our group, particularly with Evžen Schart in its head, to go to Skácel already in that time. My letter did not fulfil its intention, because they visited Skácel before the letter came. Nevertheless, Evžen Schart gave this letter to Skácel from unknown reasons and caused that delay in my coming. He also mentioned something about finance and accounts of Mariánská and I was asked by Central Committee to hand it over. I did so and naturally it must have been found perfect (perhaps a bit rough when it is considered as "some serious shortcomings in Jo work in the last season ... and ... financial matters"). But I do not mind, since it would not help anybody if the real reason should had to be written in an official way.

If there was somebody, who was more annoyed than you by all the time lasting half-official procedures then it was me. I had really serious and official plans as I explained to you in Zurich but the development with the letter was really unrespectable. Perhaps the official procedure, which I suggested in the letter (e. g. to contact more institution and not only ČSM helped me a great deal.

Secondly, I feel that I am considered as somebody, who cannot live without even a little unofficial act a day and / or as somebody who does not realize the consequences of his (perhaps) pure and sincerely motivated dealings. It is very difficult to convince somebody about individual aspects of every case and even to convince such an understanding person as you are.

In case of Jáchymov you were effected by the letter, which was sent from the management of the spa Jáchymov. The enormous response for my letter was surprising for me as well. My letter is a bit long to translate all its content. I have pointed out that the letter is only an inquiry if there is interest for the camp and that in case of positive response - official steps must be taken and an agreement with ČSM must be made. I did not mentioned UNESCO and Czechoslovakian branch of SCI at all. I wrote only in a very modest way that we are trying to establish in the future a Club of friends of SCI and that Mr. Teichman (known to everybody in Jáchymov) is one of SCI old friends (nothing new to them). I wrote also that Zdeněk Teichman together with his friends and in cooperation with ČSM would almost without any doubt helped to prepare the camp, since it was just his idea to have a workcamp in Jáchymov directly.

In my opinion the excessive response to the letter was caused by several facts as for example - the success of Mariánská and cooperation of spa management; daughter of the spa vice-manager taking part in SCI camp in France last year; effective publicity of SCI ideas in the local press; great interest of spa management for any sort of publicity and advertisement. I sent one copy of this letter to Jaroslav Šafránek, who is in charge of the workcamps in the University Council of ČSM in Prague, which is by the way the Council having the greatest influence in the Central Committee of ČSM.

Jaroslav Šafránek was working with the Town Council in Prague last year and you met him few weeks ago in London. He was asked by the Central Committee to organize two or three camps in the coming season. They will have one camp in Janské Lázně (joint camp with IAL) and were looking very much for other suitable project. Jáchymov was just something what they wanted and especially appreciated that somebody, who knows all conditions in Jáchymov could help them. But nothing happened when Zdeněk Teichman could not help and also spa management would not mind. It is almost without doubts that a proposal concerning the camp in Jáchymov, given by the University Council to our Central Committee would be easily accepted. They were waiting only for the response from Jáchymov (further see the letter to Alfred).

As to the leaders seminar at Mariánská I think I had very little to do with. If I remember well then this proposal was made by Alfred and I considered it as a very good idea and encouraged Madam Brandejská to accept it. However, I did not write anything about it to anybody and supposed that together with the Jáchymov camp all official agreement would be made during Alfred visit here in May (further see enclosed copy).

Probably next week I will send to our ČSM Central Committee a request regarding my practice together with a detailed explanation of what I had in mind with the group of SCI - e. g. the same proposal, which I wanted to send them from London. I hope that this will help a bit and will convince them that I did not intend to establish some illegal organization. If I do not succeed and you will feel that further good attitude to me is an obstacle to further good relations to ČSM, I would prefer if you could make more categorical steps than is the second paragraph of your letter to Skácel. In that case you can be sure that I will understand you very well and will not take it tragic.

I will inform you soon about further development.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Josef Motyčka

cc : Alfred