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Dear Janet,

at our last committee meeting on Sunday, Hans-Ulrich asked me to answer your letter concerning East-West activities.

You probably did not remember when you wrote your letter of 6 April that I originally offered you the end of May for a common visit to East Berlin. Anyhow, I am free again after the 26th of May.

We discussed your letter at the meeting and agreed that it would be useful to send Alfred, though we do really believe that administrative questions between our secretariat and FDJ will be touched this year.

May we propose therefore that both of us - Alfred and me - accompany you to Berlin ? Alfred will either by train or by air go directly to Berlin, whereas we meet here in Hannover again as we did during the last years ? I shall book BES 9.10 o'clock on Monday, 5 June for both of us unless you protest soon. Of course you are invited to stay with us during Sunday evening and night. Please give me of your arrival.

As I need an extra holiday from school would you be so kind to send me an 'official invitation' expressing your wish that I accompany you on behalf of talks concerning workcamps SCI - FDJ - BITEJ in East Berlin ? Send it soon, please ! *

Seminar : as I told you in my letter of 22 January our branch does not think it necessary - according to the experiences of the last years - to have seminars any longer for those who go to DDR camps. For this year that would mean : volunteers arrive at Hanover on 29th July - we have a Committee meeting during that weekend - and have the chance to talk with Committee members but do not get any extra instructions, except that one you send them from London. Then they could leave Hanover at a suitable time on Sunday and reach the camp on the same day. Would you agree to that ?

Decision of Yearly Meeting : East-West relations was one of the main subjects of this year's meeting. The following decisions were taken :

1. participation of West German volunteers in DDR camps should be enlarged. Members of FDJ should be invited to participate in West German camps (our branch is willing to get in contact with the ministries involved if necessary. We can not give any guarantee).
2. at talks with FDJ an official representative of our branch should be present at equal terms with ES (this would also mean, that he gives his signature to the agreement between FDJ and SCI next to the ES. This year we shall not insist on it but try to do it, if possible. We are willing to overtake full responsibility during the next years though we shall be grateful to get your help at least for next year, too. Details should be discussed between you and us before we meet FDJ).

Hans-Ulrich will be present in West Berlin during those days and we can contact him in West Berlin by telephone.

Contacts with IJGD : we had talks with IJGD at our first Committee meeting this year and invited them to send one member of their association to this year's camp in DDR. He will participate as an ordinary member of West Germany in the SCI group. I don't think there will be any trouble as IZD and IJGD are very kin organisations

* Reports on Camp 1966 : as I shall have one week time to prepare for our trip - would you be so kind to send back the reports of our volunteers and possibly add those of the English volunteers so that I can study them again and note some details for the talks with FDJ ?

What became of our suggestion of a second and social work camp this year ?

Did we get any report of N East German volunteer. We asked for that during our last talks.

Could you send me the information-sheet our volunteers got last year and that one you send to FDJ about SCI ?

Do you also have the information sheet prepared by FDJ for last year's camp ?

With best wishes,

Lutz Caspers