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Mr. Helmut Steinbach,
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Dear Mr. Steinbach,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th May, answering my enquiry about your acceptance of my West German colleagues during my visit. We appreciate your points.

As you know, SCI does not advocate any specific political measures, although its aim is to promote international understanding through practical cooperation and thus promote peace. This aim, we know, is also held by F.D.J. and is the basis upon which we cooperate.

Regarding the terminology of our West German branch, we shall ask them to clarify their attitude and explain to you why they used the reference to "Mitteldeutschland". In the meantime, I can assure you without hesitation that our West German branch has a very high regard for the results of past cooperation with F.D.J. and is increasingly interested in contributing to the furtherance of this cooperation. Your attitude to this interest is crucial to what achievements it will bring.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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