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Alfred Knaus
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Dear Alfred,

Hans-Ulrich will undoubtedly have received Lutz's report on the talks with FDJ in Berlin by now. Could you please take the necessary steps to provide me with a formal explanation from the German Branch Committee as to why the report on last year's camp was prepared in a way likely to give offence to FDJ, and also let me know (if it can be discovered) in what circumstances the report was sent to BITEJ and whether, as FDJ claims, a letter from Hans-Ulrich was sent to BITEJ with the report ?

As Lutz and yourself agreed with me in Berlin, an apology for the unacceptable and imprecise terminology in the report must be given to FDJ, enough to indicate that the German branch does not identify with the reference to Mittelddeutschland nor with the rude remarks about FDJ officials. This can be done in general terms and indirectly, if you prefer, on some points : e. g. regarding the officials it would be enough to say that you have always found that FDJ officials were cooperative and efficient in relations with SCI.

It would help to clear this matter up quickly if it could be discussed at the next German Committee Meeting. Please tell them that it is now out of the question that Hans-Ulrich should visit the camp, and ask whom they would suggest instead, if FDJ agrees. Since FDJ know you and Lutz, I think one of you would be more acceptable than any person they have no knowledge of. Thank you.

Amitiés,

Janet Goodricke

cc IS, ICE, Lutz Caspers