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A Copy to: DAVID McTAGGART
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Dear Patrick,

The latest issue of the "Greenpeace Chronicles" and the membership card arrived two days earlier than your last letter. So that is o.k.

Mr. Parmentier from the French Greenpeace-office in Paris sent me a reply to my letter. As our communication-difficulties are bilateral (he has no German) he forwarded my letter to Mr. van Remundt, who is not only the director of the Amsterdam Greenpeace-office but also fluently German-speaking. I am awaiting some notice from Amsterdam which has not yet arrived.

Nevertheless, I will send a copy of this letter to Mr. McTaggart, as indicated in your last letter.

As the question about the political standpoint of the German environmental groups cannot be answered with a few sentences, let me try to give you a general overlook from our point of view:

Since about 2 years there is a new form of eligible party in Germany - the so called "Grüne Liste" (Green List), the aims of which are similar to yours and ours.

The problem is that this party is not yet existing as a homogeneous group but is split up into numerous small sub-parties and local groups of interest - each of them with a concept relative to their very location and logically different from each other.

About 80 % of the AKU-Vlotho-members are engaged in the local "Grüne Liste". It is not necessary to be member of a party to work in an environmental group, and vice versa.

Attempts are being undertaken to build up a "Grüne Liste" on a federal basis that shall include all of the now existing sub-parties and groups.

Such a party would surely be supported by the environmental movement but would only be a part of it due to the fact that there are many people who won't like to be entangled in political affairs but work in the environmental movement.

I think that an environmental movement has not the time to waste it in a right-wing/left-wing conflict. Of course, there are attempts to place the 'Greens' in one corner - the red or black, as we say. People will have to learn to know a new colour: Green.

I believe that there is a good chance for Greenpeace to establish a presence in Germany. Please keep me informed about your next intentions in this direction.

Sincerely,