

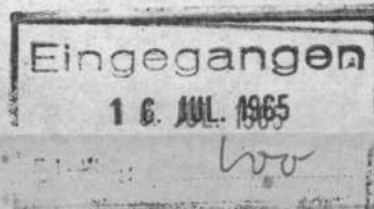
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July 8th, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you for the copy of the letter you have sent to my wife in London.

You were perfectly correct in assuming that due to all the conferences, and the general situation existing here, I must confess that my salary was the furthest thing removed from my mind. I have already written and asked my Bank to make a transfer of money to me here in India.

With reference to my insurances and travelling expenses I think it would be a good idea if I settled this question with you when I am in Germany in September.

Many thanks for your prompt attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montoy

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Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd July and in reference to point A. and B. I have the following comments to make:-

a) I am very certain that it will be possible to carry out all the points you made in your letter dated 14th June, regarding my survey. We are at the moment waiting for the answer to a "fragebogen" which I sent round to all the parishes concerning financial points such as offerings etc. Although there were statistics available for 1963 in the K.S.S., Mr. N.E. Hore was of the opinion that these were not complete or accurate and advised that a new set of statistics be obtained.

It goes without saying that I will enlist the services of Mr. H. Lakra for his co-operation in preparing that part of my survey which deals with agricultural lands available in the G.E.L. Church. This will, of course, not include our farm project in Khuntitoli.

b) With regards to my appearing at the Kuratorium meeting in October, I would very much like to be in England by the 10th September. On the 11th September my eldest son will be 21, and as one only reaches this age once in a life time I would be very happy to be able to spend this day with my family. I would like to be in Berlin at least by the 8th October so that I can talk over many points with you before the Kuratorium sits.

It is still not possible for me to be able to give you the pleasure of hearing that I am in Lal Bungalow, but as I have stated in my previous letters the new date set for Revd. Toppe moving is the 8th July, we shall see.

Your thanks to Pastor Schmidt has been passed on to him. I too am very happy with the form of the new hymn book. The English services

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in the church are still very well attended, and you will be pleased to know that we now have a regular Communion service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

You will probably realise that I too am anxiously awaiting for the first news of the opinion of the Kuratorium, and I thank you for your offer to let me have this as soon as you can.

With Christian greetings to you all in Gossner Haus.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Martey

drbg/br

Berlin-Friedenau, 5. Juli 1965

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Betr.: Persönliche Korrespondenz mit Rev. Lakra
Seine Antwort vom 26. Juni 1965

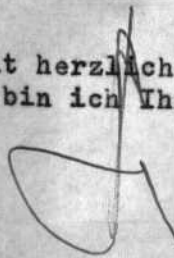
Lieber Bruder Montag !

Ich hatte Ihnen ja zu Ihrer persönlichen und vertraulichen Kenntnis meinen Brief an ihn vom 15. Juni gesandt. Am Sonnabend, den 3. Juli, erreichte mich seine Antwort. Darf ich Sie Ihnen - wiederum zu Ihrer persönlichen und vertraulichen Kenntnis - übersenden, weil seine Reaktion Sie gewiß außerordentlich interessieren wird. Es wird Sie nicht überraschen, wenn ich Sie um Ihre knappe Stellungnahme bitte. Mit der Antwort möchte ich nämlich warten, bis ich diese von Ihnen in Händen habe. Zugleich möchte ich auch, bevor ich darauf antworte, mit Rev. Aind mündlich sprechen und wenigstens ihn hier in Deutschland den Briefwechsel lesen lassen. Ich bin sehr gespannt auch auf seine Reaktion.

Bei allen Gegenwürfen, die Rev. Lakra erhebt, hat mich immerhin dies erfreut, daß er die Entscheidung vom 18. Juni in Ranchi gutheißt und weder persönlich noch konstitutionell anfechtet. Das ist die Hauptsache, denn damit dürfte der äußere Frieden gewährleistet sein, wie immer unser alter Freund im Hintergrund die ganze Geschichte kommentiert und auslegt. Meine Absicht ist eigentlich nicht, ihm einen Bericht von Ihnen in Abschrift zugehen zu lassen. Ich zögere sogar, Ihre oder auch Bruder Ishida's Meinung zu zitieren, es sei denn, daß Sie in Ihrer Stellungnahme das durchaus für unbedenklich halten, um mir die Freiheit dazu zu geben. Wenn ich nicht irre, haben Sie ja Dr. Bage Ihre Reports zu lesen gegeben.

Nun, ich hoffe abschließend, daß dieser Briefwechsel per Saldo ein Rückzugsgefecht von Rev. Lakra ist, um sein Gesicht zu wahren und er die Gesamtsituation nicht mehr wesentlich beeinflußt.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr



drbg/br

Berlin-Friedenau, 5. Juli 1965

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Betr.: Ihre beiden Schreiben vom 26. und 28. Juni 1965

Lieber Bruder Montag !

Haben Sie vielen Dank für die beiden heute empfangenen Briefe. Ich möchte geschwind darauf eingehen, bevor die letzten Vorarbeiten für die Sitzung des Kuratoriums alle übrige Zeit in Anspruch nehmen.

1. Ich freue mich sehr, daß Sie meine Gedanken und Pläne wegen Ihres Kommens nun gutheißen und sich auf Ihren Europa-Trip freuen. Ebenso, daß Sie Rev. Aind schon vororientiert haben, daß wir ihn gern zur Sitzung des Kuratoriums am 13. Oktober bei uns haben möchten und er eingewilligt hat. Das ist sehr hilfreich. Da Sie, wie ich zuversichtlich hoffe, Rev. Ishida hier sehen, bin ich durchaus einverstanden, wenn Sie Ihre Rückreise über Genf machen, sofern sie noch erforderlich ist, und also gern über Moskau nach hier fliegen können. Sobald Sie die Termine festgelegt haben, ist die Frage, ob wir das Billett nicht, wie bei Ihrem Hinflug nach Ranchi, hier über Hamburg buchen, weil wir dort nicht unwesentliche Ermäßigungen bekommen. Wäre Ihnen das so recht ? Jedenfalls freuen wir uns sehr darauf, Sie ab 8. oder 9. Oktober hier zu haben.
2. Ihr ausführlicher Bericht über die Wellesley Square Church und Ihre Gespräche mit Rev. Devadas bedürfen wahrscheinlich eines längeren, mündlichen Gesprächs. Nach allem, was in dieser Sache geschehen ist, scheue ich mich, daraus eine umfängliche Korrespondenz erneut entstehen zu lassen. Für einige Fragen möchte ich mich auch einfach noch bei Ihnen vergewissern, ob ich sie klar verstanden habe. Und endlich ist ja dann die große Frage, ob wir für Rückkauf und Reparatur die Mittel in der Planning Commission haben oder ob vielleicht der LWB im Etat 1967 hilft. Kurzum: Ich bin einerseits froh, daß Sie die Situation selber kennengelernt und diesen zugleich seltsamen und anziehenden Rev. Devadas persönlich gesprochen haben; wie auch, daß Sie die ganze Frage neu zur Debatte stellen. Sie haben gewiß nicht versäumt, diesen Ihren Bericht sowohl Dr. Bage als auch Adhyaksh Topno in Khunti zur Kenntnis zu bringen, zu dessen Aufsichtsbezirk ja Kalkutta gehört. Es wäre auch nicht verkehrt, wenn LWB Genf diesen Bericht erhielte.

Soviel für heute. Ich hoffe, schon Ende dieser Woche nach der Sitzung des Kuratoriums Ihnen wieder schreiben zu können.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr

Anlage

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July 2nd, 1965.



Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you for your letter dated 25th June 1965, and I hereby give my answers to the various points -

- 1) I have discussed this matter with both Brother Kloss and Brother Tanforder, who happened to be in Ranchi. We are all of the opinion that both the Fargo truck and the station wagon should be sold. The expected sale price for both these vehicles will be around Rs17,000. and with this sum we would like to purchase a new "car". This new vehicle would then be sent to Khuntitoli, and the jeep would be returned to Ranchi. I am awaiting the final opinion of Brother Bruns before any positive steps are taken in this matter.
- 2) Brother Bruns has made a new request for a loan of Rs5,000, of which Rs3,500 was meant for the farm and Rs1,500 for his wife. After giving Rs4,000 for the farm I was only in a position to send Rs1,000 to his wife, and hope that this was sufficient.
- 3) Lal Bungalow position is now that Revd. Toppo has announced he will move on July 8th. He made this statement after a series of circumstances, a) in which I personally went to see him and informed him that from my side I was not prepared to invest any more money in Elizabeth Hospital building and what was his date of moving into this building. This meeting was a stormy one and after consultation with the Pramukh it was decided that B) both Dr. Bage and Pastor Schmidt talked to him on a brotherly basis.
- 4) The work on the Youth Centre is now coming to a close and I will send a financial statement of costs to you when this work has been completed. The outside of the building will be painted after the rainy season, but despite this its appearance has been vastly improved both inside and out and Pastor Schmidt is very happy.
- 5) I understand completely your remarks regarding Miss Hemrom and have even discussed this matter with Dr. Bage who is entirely of your opinion

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that this should be passed through the K.S.S. He is also of the opinion that every effort should be made to retain Miss Hemrom in the service of the Church as it is practically impossible to find people of her calibre.

I am also pleased to hear that you are in agreement with my remarks concerning the compound in Govindpur, and this point will certainly be dealt with in my general survey.

6) Brother Rech has already been to Ranchi and requested a loan of Rs10,000 for Purulia. This has become necessary because of the delay in receiving the expected money from Germany. After discussing this matter with Dr. Bage, who as you know is chairman of the Planning Commission, it was decided that this loan should be given. The differences with Brother Schwerk are mainly those of a business transaction carried out jointly by T.T.C. Phudi and T.T.C. Purulia in Jamshedpur. I have been aware for sometime of these differences and Brother Schwerk has shown me copies of correspondence between him and Brother Rech, although this correspondence between them was sometimes a little hard it was never serious and I saw no reason to intervene. During Brother Rech's last visit these differences have now been settled.

Since starting this letter, Brother Bruns has arrived in Ranchi. He was very much agitated by a letter he received from Dr. Junghans who at the moment is in New Delhi. He had drafted a reply to this letter, but after consulting with Brother Bruns, which he stated was one of the reasons for coming to Ranchi, I gave him my opinion that before this letter be sent you should be consulted in Berlin.

The implications contained in Brother Bruns's letter could spark off a controversy in which the Gossner Mission in Berlin would be directly affected, and if this proved to be the case then your office should at least be prepared. Brother Bruns has agreed to this and you will no doubt be hearing from him around the same time you receive this letter.

Brother Bruns has requested a new loan of Rs3,000 in order to purchase seeds etc. for the farm. In view of the remarks in your letter of the 25th June I had no other alternative but to once again dip into the fast dwindling Planning Commission funds and give him this money!

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I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the Audit of the Planning Commission and would be most grateful if you would give your comments to this.

The summer here in Ranchi was apparently the hottest in 50 years. We had many days where the temperature crept up to 114° in the shade. The monsoon has now broken and the weather has become bearable, let us hope that this will prove to be of benefit to our work here.

With Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Monty.

drbg/br

Berlin 41, den 2. 7. 1965

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Lieber Bruder Montag !

Da nun heute wiederum ein größerer Brief an Sie abgeht, will ich doch noch nach Empfang aller Ihrer Informationen die Bitte aussprechen, daß Sie in nächster Zeit auf zwei Fragen eingehen:

- a) Wie Sie meine Vorstellungen bezüglich Ihres Surveys beurteilen. Ob ich Ihnen da zuviel zugemutet habe oder ob Sie hoffen, in den Hauptteilen diesem Aufriß folgen zu können.

Nebenbei: Wenn der Rücktritt Hermann Lakras als Secretary in der letzten Sitzung des Property Boards angenommen wurde, so bedeutet das doch offenbar nicht, daß er aus dem Management ausscheidet, wozu Mr. Bhengra als co-manager hinzutritt, nicht wahr? Das hieße aber doch, daß er für Ihren Survey einige wichtige Partien über den landwirtschaftlichen Grundbesitz der GELC bearbeiten könnte und dazu hinzugezogen werden sollte.

- b) Auch noch nicht geäußert haben Sie sich zu Ihrem Reisevorschlag September - Oktober nach Europa. Wir rechnen fest damit, Sie vom Freitag, den 8.10. als dem frühesten Datum Ihrer Ankunft in Berlin bis zum 14.10. (ein Tag nach der Kuratoriumssitzung) zu umfassenden Beratungen bei uns zu haben. Sollten Sie einige Wochen des Urlaubs vorher bei Ihrer Familie verbringen können, würde uns das nur von Herzen freuen. Rev. Aind, der nun ja schon auf dem Wege zu uns ist, soll bei der Kuratoriumssitzung noch dabei sein, also mit Ihnen und uns während der Tage Ihrer Anwesenheit in Berlin beraten. Wir haben einen Schiffsplatz für ihn am 27. Oktober ab Triest nach Bombay gebucht.

Nun hoffe ich nur, daß in Ihrem nächsten Brief Ihr Einzug in das Lal-Bungalow ^{an der Kasse} erfolgen kann. Danken Sie einstweilen Pastor Schmidt sehr herzlich für das soeben empfangene, von der Printing Press gedruckte englische Hymn-Book. Ich habe mich sehr darüber gefreut, daß das nun geworden ist. Der Band selber sieht sehr schmuck aus und ist durch den festen Einband doch auch sehr haltbar. Daß er nicht nur in schwarz eingebunden wurde, sondern das hübsche Bild auf hellem Grund zeigt, hat mich dabei besonders gefreut.

Wie rasch Sie nach der Kuratoriumssitzung von den Ergebnissen unserer Beratungen hören werden, weiß ich nicht. Ich will mich bemühen, Ihnen so rasch wie möglich das Protokoll und einige Kommentare dazu zu senden.

Nochmals herzlichste, persönliche Grüße
Ihr



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3) aus Gehalt bzw. Budget Ranchi

4) aus Budget TTC Fudi

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Lieber Bruder Montag!

Eben kommt Ihr inhaltsreicher Brief vom 25.6. mit den verschiedenen Mitteilungen in meine Hand. Alles ist mit großer Anteilnahme und mit Interesse gelesen - nicht zuletzt die Mitteilung über das Ergebnis der Sitzung des Property Board. So froh ich über das Resultat bin, so sehr bekümmert mich doch nicht ganz wenig, daß es erst meines harten Briefes bedurfte, um die Brüder zur Besinnung zu bringen.

Und : Möchten Sie beim Empfang dieser Zeilen schon in das Lal Bungalow eingezogen sein. Auch darüber würde ich mich ganz besonders herzlich freuen.

Aber wichtiger ist jetzt, Ihnen mitzuteilen, daß heute von Hamburg der Betrag von 60.000,- DM an das nun von Ihnen mitgeteilte Konto

GM Account Messrs. Schwerk/Montag
Bank of India Ltd. Ranchi Branch

abgeht. Den Betrag wollen Sie folgendermaßen verteilen:

1. ATC, z.Hd. Herrn Bruns 20.000,- DM,
denn sein Konto in Rourkela
wissen wir noch nicht. Sie werden
ihn gewiß unverzüglich benachrich-
tigen oder ihm einen Teilbetrag -
nach Abzug Ihrer Darlehen - schicken.
2. Herrn Mittenhuber 10.000,- DM
Dies ist die Gabe der ostfrie-
sischen Bibelgesellschaft für
die verschiedenen Neuauflagen
kirchlicher Bücher.
Ich habe mich sehr über das auch so-
eben empfangene Protokoll seines
"Verlagsbeirats" gefreut.

3. Pfarrer Kloss 10.000,- DM
(sein Gehalt April-September;
die restlichen Mittel für sein
local budget)
4. A conto-Zahlung für das Budget 20.000,- DM
TTC Fudi, 3. Quartal.

Ich hoffe, mit diesen Mitteln können Sie "durstiges Land bewässern" und die Brüder ungesäumt entsprechend benachrichtigen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen, ohne in der gebotenen Weise auf andere Punkte heute noch einzugehen, bin ich

Ihr



PS. Die von Bruder Schwerek erbetene Aufstellung über die Zehnjahrplan-Überweisungen 1964/65 liegt bei. Ich bin gespannt auf den Audit, der ja in wenigen Tagen kommen soll.

Das Hin und Her im Property Board während der letzten Monate kann nunmehr nach Ihrem Brief dem Kuratorium nächste Woche weitgehendst vorbehalten bleiben, um so mehr als Rev. Aind zur ausführlichen mündlichen Kommentierung nun auf dem Weg zu uns ist.

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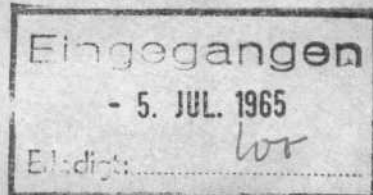
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June 26th, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Reference your letter dated 15th June, subject - my taking part in the meeting of the Kuratorium in Berlin on the 14th October 1965.

- 1) My report will be ready by the end of August. At the end of next week I am going away for five days with Mr. N.E.Horo so that we can have some peace and quiet to enable us to work on the financial statistics of the congregations up to the K.S.S. centre and the Gossner Church.
- 2) Your suggestion that I be allowed to spend three weeks with my family in London came as a very pleasant surprise to me and for your thoughts on this I send you my heartiest thanks. Should this visit really take place, may I suggest that I take the route of Air India which flies Calcutta/Delhy/Moscow/London. Air India then offer travel free anywhere within Europe. This would mean that I could fly London/Geneva, Geneva/Berlin or vice versa for no extracost to the Gossner Mission. However, if you insist that I visit Geneva before flying to London I will, of course, take another route and pay for the flight London/Berlin myself.
- 3) I am very happy to know that Mr. Ishida will be at the meeting of the Kuratorium in Berlin. My associations with him on the last two occasions I was together with him, have been very happy ones, although it will be quite interesting to you and the Kuratorium to hear a firsthand report regarding the attitude of the L.W.F. towards the recent happenings inside the Gossner Church in India.
- 4) If it were possible to put off the return trip of Revd. Aind to India, so that he could take part in the Kuratorium meeting, this would be of great benefit to all concerned. Before Revd. Aind left India I informed him of your intentions, and from his part he was very much in agreement, if this could be arranged.

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I handed over the copy of your letter to Dr. Bage, and after a preliminary discussion with him it appears that he, himself, has no objections in my flying to Europe to take part in the Kuratorium meeting.

Should there be any more information you require from me on this subject, please let me know.

With Christian greetings to you.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. ...

cc. Dr. ~~Sovik.~~
Dr. Bage.

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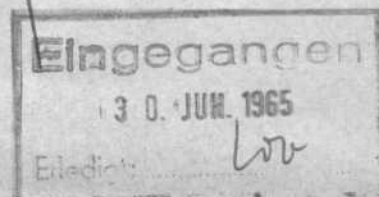
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5-25th June 1965.

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Dear Dr. Berg,



Thank you for your letter of June 14th 1965, subject - various questions.

1) Lal Bungalow is, of course, a very sore point. The position at the moment is that we have handed this whole question to the Ranchi Sub-Committee to deal with. Dr. Bage had a personal talk with the Revd. Toppo in which he pointed out that although there were one or two more repairs to be done to Elizabeth compound bungalow, Revd. Toppo should not use this as an argument against vacating Lal bungalow. Mr. Khe~~SS~~, the Secretary of the Ranchi Sub-Committee, informed me this morning that Revd. Toppo will probably be moving into his new quarters in the next day or two, although I am in doubt if this is the case. Let us wait and see. As soon as there is some definite news on this point I will, of course, let you know.

2) I will prefer that you talk with Revd. Aind on the happenings of the Jubilee Memorial Committee. He can give you a first hand report on this matter.

Thank you for your copy of the letter written to Revd. J. Lakra. I will, of course, carry out your instructions and keep this letter on my personal file for my information only. I am in fully agreement with both your remarks and methods contained in the letter.

With regard to the translation and distribution of your letter to Dr. Bage, at the moment he has only given a copy to all the Anchal Adhyaksh and the K.S.S. During a conversation with him it appears that he does not intend to make any further distribution, I asked him if a copy had been sent to Revd. J. Lakra and his reply was in the negative. I find this rather a pity, as in my opinion he should have been the first person to receive a copy.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Aind

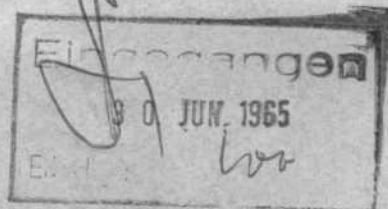
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Reference your letter dated 15th June, reference DR.DG/WO. Subject-
Finance.

- 1) The new account opened is in the name of Schwerk/Montag G.M. Account Bank of India Ltd., Ranchi branch. Both Brother Schwerk and myself must sign jointly on this account.
- 2) I am glad to hear that you approve of the Youth centre project. I will repeat that Pastor Ishada of the L.W.F. has promised that a contribution will be made by the L.W.F. in the year 1967 and repaid into the Planning Commission account.
- 3) Brother Rech has still not received his money from Germany and came to Ranchi yesterday. He is in great financial difficulties due to the delay in this money transfer and after consultation with the Pramukh it was decided that until he receives his money from Germany he be given a loan from the Planning Commission of Rs10,000. This now makes the amount repayable by Brother Rech to the Planning Commission approximately Rs40,000.
- 4) Brother Bruns came to Ranchi again in the last few days, and his financial position as you know is disastrous. I had no other alternative but to give him a further loan of Rs3,000 in order that he at least be able to purchase some feeding stuffs for the cattle on the farm.

Unfortunately the sale of the truck did not take place, conforming with Indian standards, the buyer did not turn up. We are still making every effort to sell this vehicle.

I sincerely hope that your negotiations with Dr. Brumholz will be successful. It is imperative that at least Rs25,000 be made available to Brother Bruns in the very near future.

5) Thank you for informing me that you are in agreement with the Rs5,000 for the sale of the jeep go into my budget. At the moment I am still running my personal budget from this money, I dare not utilise DM5,000 you sent from Berlin for my budget. At the moment this money must remain in the Planning Commission account as the extra loans being made have to be met.

6) (a) The Audit of the Planning Commission account has just been completed and will be forwarded to you in the next day or two. However, it clearly shows that T.T.C. Phudi is holding approximately Rs80,000 of money belonging to the Planning Commission.

(b) The next Anchal to receive money will be the South East. Brother Schwerk has already submitted a plan and estimate for the new church and Anchal headquarters in Khunti, the final details have not yet been settled, but I imagine that work will start within the next four weeks. Orissa have now submitted their estimate for the compound wall in Rajgangpur and Brother Schwerk has suggested that Rs1,000 be allocated immediately so that a start can be made. Before Revd. Aind left for Germany he was in approval with this suggestion.

(c) At the moment I would not suggest that a large amount of money be spent on the Ranchi compound wall. It would be quite sufficient for some of the gaps to be closed in places which are proving dangerous. I would suggest that we review our financial situation at the end of this year before undertaking serious work on this wall.

I have tried to answer the six points of your letter as briefly as possible and hope that this will put you in the picture.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Matting

Berlin 41, den 25. Juni 1965
drbg/br

Herrn
Robert Montag
G.E.L. Church Compound

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Lieber Bruder Montag !

Zurückgekehrt von einer sechstägigen Reise nach Westdeutschland, wo ich am Rhein, in Dortmund, in Aurich und in Salzgitter zu tun hatte, finde ich Ihre verschiedenen Briefe vom 14. und 15. Juni hier vor, so gewiß Sie hoffentlich wohlbehalten meinen größeren Brief von den gleichen Tagen erhalten haben. Haben Sie vielen Dank für alle guten und natürlich auch weniger erfreulichen Punkte.

Ich erwarte jetzt täglich sowohl Ihre genaue Angabe des neuen Bankkontos, damit wir Mittel auf den Weg bringen können als auch sehr gespannt einen Bericht von der Sitzung des für den 18. Juni einberufenen Property Boards, welches offenbar unter veränderten Voraussetzungen und - wie sehr möchte man es wünschen - mit guten und dann auch in der ganzen Kirche anerkannten Ergebnissen beraten haben wird. Es sollte mich nur freuen, wenn meine Briefe - der offizielle an Dr. Bage und der persönliche an Rev. Lakra - ihre entsprechende Wirkung gehabt hätten.

Und nun Ihre einzelnen Fragen:

1. Die Auto-Situation im ATC Khuntitoli ist ja wahrhaftig desolat und ein finanzieller Aderlaß ohnegleichen. Verstehen Sie aber bitte, wenn ich von hier aus nicht einfach verfügen möchte, daß der Jeep von Rev. Kloss für immer an das ATC transferiert wird und dafür der station wagon aus Khuntitoli nach Ranchi kommt. Wahrscheinlich ist Ihr Vorschlag für den Augenblick vernünftig und richtig. Aber ich hoffe, daß Sie zu dritt, Pastor Kloss, Bruns und Sie bis auf weiteres über diesen Tausch einig werden, denn wenn Anfang Juli das Tierarzt-Ehepaar aus Ostfriesland nach Khuntitoli kommt, um den kranken Tieren zu helfen, muß dort unter allen Umständen Bewegungsmöglichkeit sein. Dem wird sich Bruder Kloss nicht verschließen. Also nur ungern spreche ich in dieser Sache ein direktoriales Machtwort und hoffe auf brüderliche Einigung. Wie auf die Dauer der Kalamität abzuhelpen ist, sollten Sie, wenn Sie unter den leitenden Brüdern demnächst einmal zusammenkommen, nachdem der hoffentlich begonnene Regen die ärgste Hitze vertrieben hat, miteinander zu einem Vorschlag verdichten.
2. Es ist freundlich von Ihnen, daß Sie Bruder Bruns, dessen Situation und auch persönliche, gesundheitliche Lage uns voll gegenwärtig ist, finanziell aus der Bedrängnis überbrückend geholfen haben. Vielleicht können Sie ihm helfen bei der Erarbeitung seines Status per Ende Juni ? Uns ist vor Augen, daß wir dieses Jahr außerordentliche Mittel in das ATC geben müssen, woher wir sie immer nehmen.

Auch wegen seiner persönlichen Geldkalamität ist das baldige Wissen von Ihrem Konto wichtig, damit wir nachschießen können.

3. Die Kopie Ihres Briefes an Mr. Tirkey hält uns nochmals die Un-erfreulichkeit vor Augen, daß Rev. Toppo das Lal-Bungalow nicht für Sie freimacht. Auch da bin ich sehr begierig zu erfahren, ob mein Brief an ihn einige Wirkung gezeigt hat und ob aus Ihrem nächsten Bericht etwas zu hören sein wird. Wie sehr möchte ich es wünschen.
4. Ob Pastor Schmidt noch einigermaßen vor dem Einbruch des Regens sein Jugendzentrum hat reparieren können? Die letzten Arbeiten werden dann bei mörderischer Hitze geschehen sein. Wie sehr hoffen wir auch da auf gute Nachricht.
5. Und nun zu Ihrem ausführlichen Bericht über den Compound in Govindpur, die Tabita-Schule und Fräulein Hemrom persönlich! Die letztere Frage ihres Studiums evtl. im Ausland soll sorgfältig erwogen werden. Dafür muß aber letztlich ein Votum des KSS erfolgen. Denn die Entsendung von Studierenden ins Ausland ist eine so weittragende und heikle Frage, daß unbedingt der Präsident der Kirche und das leitende Gremium darüber voll informiert sein und ihre Entscheidung treffen müssen. Ich werde deshalb meinerseits noch an Präsident Bage schreiben, und Fräulein Hemrom sollte evtl. einen Antrag an das KSS richten. Ich bin mir zur Stunde noch nicht ganz klar, wie wir verfahren sollen. Ein wenig hängt es auch ab, eben vom Votum des KSS.

Daß die Reparatur der Tabita-Schule und des Hauses für die blinden Mädchen nach der Regenzeit erfolgen muß, ist seit längerer Zeit klar. Ggf. müssen dafür aus der zweiten Sparte des Zehnjahresplanes Mittel zur Verfügung gestellt werden. Es ist jedenfalls gut, daß Sie nochmals daran erinnern, nachdem Sie von der Besichtigung des Compounds und der Schule im besonderen einen so guten Eindruck hatten. Dieser Brief ist jedenfalls eine wichtige Ergänzung Ihrer Compound-Berichte. Das Wohnbauprogramm in Govindpur tritt neben Ihren anderen Empfehlungen für ähnliche Programme von Tezpur und Purulia bis in die Compounds des Anchals Orissa hinein.

Wir werden im Oktober in Berlin - auch im Licht dieses Ihres Berichts - über den Govindpur-Compound eine Prioritätenliste aufstellen müssen, welche Compounds nach den verschiedenen Gesichtspunkten in erster Linie Einsatz von Hilfen und Mitteln verdienen. Aber das hängt auch davon ab, welche eigenen Mittel die GELC (durch Verkauf einiger Ländereien oder Firmenverträge) zu mobilisieren in der Lage ist.

6. Freund Rech klagte in einem Brief vor wenigen Tagen, daß er zur Zeit von Genf die Mittel noch nicht hat und schrieb auch von Differenzen mit Bruder Schwert über die 25.000 Rs. für die Planing Commission. Ich habe ihm geantwortet, daß Sie den guten Makler und Schiedsrichter abgeben möchten zwischen beiden Freunden, zumal dieser Betrag ja in die Planing Commission hineingehört. Ich hoffe, daß Ihnen das Recht ist, wenn ich diese Empfehlung aussprach.

Außerordentlich interessant war mir, daß man Mr. N.E. Horo im September - offenbar nach Fertigstellung Ihres Surveys, an dem er Ihnen ja entscheidend hilft - als Assistenten nach Purulia schicken will; ggf. mit der Absicht, daß er dort einst die Arbeit von Freund Rech übernimmt. Für diese sachlich bedeutsame und personell interessante Entscheidung sind wir sehr begierig auf Ihren mündlichen Kommentar, wenn Sie im Oktober bei uns sind.

Op dieser Seite ist eine Skizze eines Mannes zu sehen, der einen Koffer hält. Die Skizze ist sehr grob und scheint mit einem Bleistift gezeichnet zu sein.

15.6.1965
Dr. bg/Wo.

Mr.
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GEL Church Compound
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Betr.: Ihre Teilnahme an der Sitzung des Kuratoriums der
Goßner Mission am 14. Oktober

Lieber Bruder Montag!

Ich habe im Rahmen des größeren Briefes nun doch schon den festen Entschluß gefaßt, Ihnen wegen Ihres Kommens zur Sitzung des Kuratoriums am 14. Oktober feste Vorschläge zu machen und wäre besonders dankbar, wenn Sie dazu bis zum 7. Juli Stellung nehmen würden.

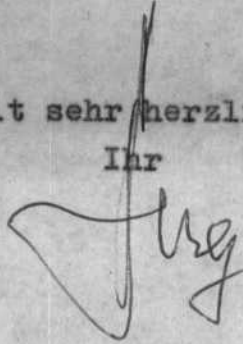
1. Es scheint mir durchaus möglich, daß Sie bis spätestens Mitte September Ihren Report beenden und Abschließen. Stellen Sie getrost andere Aufgaben, die sich an Sie herandrängen wollen, zurück und beantworten dringliche Bitten aus der Kirche oder von unseren Freunden mit dem Hinweis auf die klare Verpflichtung, diese Ihre Hauptaufgabe termingerecht erfüllen zu müssen.
2. Sehen Sie etwa ab Mitte September Ihre Flugreise nach Europa vor. Ich würde es begrüßen, wenn Sie auf dem Herweg über Genf fliegen fliegen und dann gut 3 Wochen bei Ihrer Familie in London verbringen. Etwa am 9. oder 10. Oktober würden wir Sie hier im Goßnerhaus erwarten, um alle Fragen gründlich durchsprechen zu können, vor allem auch im Blick auf die bevorstehende Sitzung. Wäre Ihnen dieser Terminplan recht und angenehm? Ich hoffe, auch Ihre Familie wäre erfreut in der Hoffnung, daß Sie auch klimatisch angenehme Wochen in London haben.
Ihre Reise hat also dienstlichen Charakter. U.U. wäre nur die kleine Umweg-Route über London nach Berlin von Ihnen persönlich zu tragen.
3. Mr. Ishida hat in Jerusalem eine offizielle Einladung ins Goßnerhaus für Oktober bekommen, und er hat sehr gern - ich nehme an, im Einverständnis mit Direktor Dr. Sovik - angenommen. Es wäre gut, wenn er in den gleichen Tagen wie Sie hier wäre.

4. Vizepräsident Aind sollte eigentlich am 5. Oktober wieder das Schiff zur Rückreise besteigen. Wir möchten aber doch gern die Gelegenheit suchen, daß er dem Kuratorium in einer Vollsitzung begegnet, und so werden wir ihn bitten, seine Rückreise um 10 - 14 Tage zu verschieben. Denn es ist natürlich wichtig, daß bei den weittragenden Entscheidungen einer der leitenden Brüder aus der GEL Church zugegen ist und uns seinen Rat zuteil werden lassen kann.

Eine Kopie dieses Briefes füge ich für Präsident Dr. Bage bei. Bitte übergeben Sie sie ihm. Direktor Dr. Sovik erhält über diesen Plan, der Sie zur Berichterstattung nach Berlin ruft, ebenfalls Orientierung. Ich hoffe sehr, daß seitens der Leitung der Goßnerkirche keine Einwände geltend gemacht werden, denn der größte Teil Ihrer Abwesenheit von Ranchi geht ja auf Ihren persönlichen Urlaub, und die dienstlichen Fragen, die Sie ins Goßnerhaus führen, sind ja ernst genug, um diese Bitte des Kuratoriums zu verstehen. Schließlich werden durch Ihren Report, wie immer sich die Goßnerkirche, der LWB und die Goßner Mission zu ihm stellt, entscheidend die Weichen für die Zukunft unserer indischen Bruderkirche gestellt.

Nochmals mit sehr herzlichen Grüßen bin ich

Ihr



D/ Präsident Dr. Bage/Ranchi
durch Herrn Montag
Direktor Dr. Sovik/Genf

15.6.1965
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Mr.
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Betr.: Einige Finanzfragen

Lieber Bruder Montag!

1. Haben Sie herzlichen Dank dafür, daß Sie uns telegrafisch von der Einrichtung des gemeinsamen Bankkontos unterrichtet haben. Leider können wir die beabsichtigten Geldsendungen noch nicht auf den Weg bringen, bevor wir nicht die genaue Bezeichnung schriftlich in Händen haben, sonst haben Sie wieder Ungelegenheiten. Bitte teilen Sie uns doch nach Erhalt dieser Zeilen unverzüglich die volle Anschrift mit, unter der das Konto eröffnet worden ist.

2. Es ist erfreulich zu hören, daß LWF - wenn auch erst 1967 - einen Beitrag zur Wiederherstellung des Bankgebäudes bzw. Jugendzentrums beisteuern will. Wir sollten also bis dahin die notwendigen Mittel leihweise zur Verfügung stellen, damit P. Schmidt ungesäumt mit seiner Arbeit dort beginnen kann.

3. Bruder Rech braucht, glaube ich, nicht mehr gedrängt zu werden. Er wird sicher sofort nach Erhalt des Geldes aus Genf seine Abzahlung leisten.

4. Bruder Bruns geht in der Tat durch schwere Wochen, wie wir aus jedem seiner Briefe entnehmen - persönlich, arbeitsmäßig und finanziell. Daß ihm wertvolle Tiere wegsterben, ist in der Tat tief bedauerlich.

Der erhoffte Erlös von 8.500,- Rs für den Truck hat nach einem gestern empfangenen Brief offenbar doch nicht erzielt werden können.

Wegen der hohen Zollausgaben werde ich Ende dieser Woche mit Dr. Krumholz verhandeln. Wir wissen gut, daß wir ab 1. Juli neue Mittel für das ATC mobilisieren müssen, selbst wenn das Budget 1965 schon voll ausgegeben ist. Wenn Sie bis dahin Darlehen aus dem Zehnjahresplan-Mitteln geben, ist das wohlgetan und zweifellos notwendig, denn es werden meist unausweichliche Ausgaben sein, die Bruder Bruns hat.

5. Jawohl, es war klar, daß die für den Jeep gezahlten 5.000,- Rs und Ende des Jahres noch zu erwartenden 1.000,- Rs in das sachliche Budget des Finance-Adviser gehen.

a)

6. Zehnjahresplan:/Ich bin natürlich gespannt auf den Audit, den Sie nach Adomeits Rückkehr vornehmen können, da nach meiner Meinung außer den letzten 35.000,- DM noch einige Mittel darin sein müssen, obwohl Bruder Schwerek 50.000,- Rs als Darlehen hält. Aber ich will das jetzt nicht im einzelnen diskutieren, bevor Ihr Audit kommt.

b) Es ist völlig richtig, daß die einzelnen Anchals auf begründete Anforderung bis zu 15.000,- Rs erhalten sollen. Ein wenig wundert mich, daß z.B. Orissa seinen Plan noch nicht endgültig geklärt hat. Aber nun, das ist Sache der einzelnen Anchals und ihrer Adhyakshe.

c) Die Frage, ob Mittel für die Beendigung des Ranchi-Compound-Wall gewährt werden sollen, hängt einmal von Ihrer Liquidität ab, zum anderen davon, ob Kostenvoranschläge vorliegen. So waren wir doch verblieben, daß diese Voranschläge eingeholt werden sollten?

Ich freue mich sehr, aus dem beigefügten Protokoll die Aktivität des Ranchi-Compound-Sub-committee zu erkennen, und möchte dringend wünschen, daß es eine Direktive für seine Zuständigkeit erhalten hat oder demnächst erhält. Das könnte übrigens mit Adhyaksh Toppno auch schon vorläufig als chairman abgesprochen werden und wäre bei einer späteren Sitzung des gesamten Boards zu bestätigen. So würde ich an Ihrer Stelle verfahren.

Ja, lieber Bruder Montag, so viel für heute. Ich hoffe, daß Sie den Höhepunkt der Hitze nun erreicht haben. Wenn dieser Brief zu Ihnen kommt, sind die ersten Monsunregen hoffentlich schon gefallen, und es geht langsam wieder klimatisch angenehmeren Zeiten entgegen. Daß Sie die Hitze persönlich in so guter körperlicher Verfassung überstanden haben, freut mich sehr.

Mit sehr herzlichen Grüßen

bin ich
Ihr

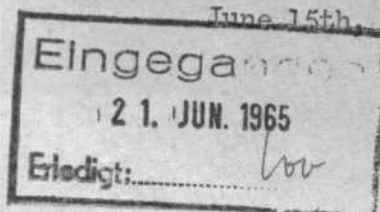


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Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Further to my letter dated June 9th, I can now inform you that prior to the Pramukh leaving Ranchi for his trip to Assam, he instructed Mr. Herman Lakra to call a full meeting of the Property Board for the 18th of this month. My Mr. Bhengra has also informed me that Mr. Herman Lakra has written out his formal resignation as Secretary of the Property Board. He also informs me that at this Property Board meeting there will be no invitees. Although this included myself I intend to ask the Chairman of the Property Board for permission to attend the meeting.

It would appear that your letter is having the desired effect, as soon as I have any news on the result of the Property Board meeting on the 18th June, I will of course inform you immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montgomery

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June 15th, 1965.

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Dear Dr. Berg,

On the 7th June I paid a visit to Govindpur and the following points have arisen:-

a) I had a long conversation with Miss Daisy Hemron, and as you know from your visit to Ranchi she decided to leave Govindpur to do further studies in Assam.

During her conversation with me it appeared that she would very much like to undertake further studies abroad, preferably in England, in order to take up a course on Kindergarten work with a view to training others here in India on completion of her studies. She was very reluctant to put this before you during your stay here in India as she imagined you would have no interest in sponsoring her for further studies abroad.

I undertook a thorough inspection of the Tabeta Bible School and must say that in my opinion it is by far the nicest Indian undertaking that we have in the whole of the Gossner Church. Although the buildings are in a very poor state of repair, the standard of cleanliness is absolutely perfect. It really is a great pleasure to see such an undertaking carefully organised and running so smoothly. Miss Hemron apparently played a large part in running the Tabeta Bible School, I think that you are more aware of her capabilities than I myself.

Therefore I think it deserves careful consideration to see if there is a possibility of meeting her request for further training in this kindergarten work.

b) The compound in Govindpur is very large indeed (approximately 90 acres). There are about 25 houses already existing, apart from the two mission bungalows. One of the mission bungalows is completely empty, very nicely furnished and still has a lot of the possessions of the former teachers, Miss Schmidt and Miss Dillon.

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There has been no attempt to collect any rents on this compound, nor is there any form of income. There are some beautiful fruit trees and also a small fish tank available.

In my opinion the Govindpur station might be developed into a really nice compound. I had a long talk with two members of the Station committee and was informed that there are many people who would like to take up residence on the compound, if this were possible. Many of these people are railway workers and are non-Christians. However, there is no reason why a small part of this large compound could not be put at the disposal of a housing project for these workers.

The following buildings already exist:-

- 1 Church (condition fair).
- 5 schools.
- 4 hostels.
- 1 parsonage.

The congregation number approximately 1,000.

I think you have personally visited Govindpur and will know that the Tabeta School itself is walled off in a very small compound. When one takes into consideration that there is so much land available here it would appear to be paradox that despite repeated requests for more land by the Tabeta School authorities, they can get no decision. The School itself would very much like to give the girls a small training scheme on garden tending. The Management Committee have been approached several times and no answer can be obtained. The Management Committee consists of the following:-

Pastor Topno (Govindpur), Revd. J. Topno (Adyaksh South East Anchal).
Revd. N. Ekka; Revd. J. J. Tigga; Professor S. Suren and Miss Hemron.

The last meeting held was June/July 1964.

As previously stated I received a very favourable impression of this compound. As you are aware it is also situated on the main Ranchi/Rourkela Railway line and will one day most probably be a big and very important railway junction.

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I would like to hear from you if you are interested in any plans which could be made for this compound, especially perhaps through Brother Schwerk.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Matney

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June 15th, 1965.

Mr. C.A. Tirkey, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Secretary of the North West Anchal,
Chainpur, P.O. Chainpur, Ranchi District.

Dear Mr. Tirkey,

Thank you for your letter dated 5th June 1965, reference No. 25/NWA/65.

Despite your instructions to Revd. Toppo, he has not vacated Lal Bungalow to date. Only last week Revd. Toppo forwarded a new list of requirements to the Manager of the Property Board.

In the Elizabeth Bungalow where Pastor Toppo should move to, we have already fulfilled the first set of requirements made by Revd. Toppo, the roof has been repaired, electric lighting has been installed, a new septic tank and bathroom has been built, and various other small repairs have been undertaken.

I regret that we are not prepared to spend anymore money on the Elizabeth compound. There is no guarantee that even if this new list of requirements put forward by Revd. Toppo were fulfilled that he would then move. Our experience to date is that Pastor Toppo has no intention of co-operating. The position at the moment is that the bungalow on the Elizabeth Hospital compound is now completely empty and locked up.

I have no other alternative than to pass this whole matter over to the Ranchi Sub-Committee so that this body can make the necessary decisions and take the necessary action.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Manting

cc Dr. C. Berg, Berlin.
The Pramukh Adhyaksh.
Revd. B. Minz, Adhyaksh, North West Anchal.

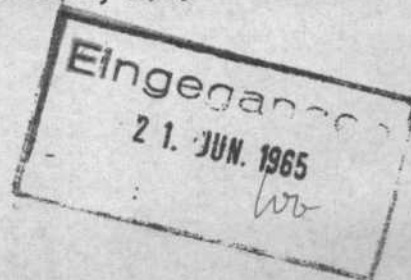
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June 14th, 1965

Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Before you left Ranchi you will remember that Brother Weissinger purchased a station wagon for the farm.

Eversince this station wagon has been operating it has caused nothing but trouble, and has cost at least Rs1,500 for repairs to date. Brother Bruns brought it to Ranchi about a week ago for a check up and various repairs, the garage have informed us that at least another Rs2,000 would be required to bring it into a fair condition. In the meantime it was necessary to give Brother Bruns the Kloss jeep No.2, as you may know he is having a good deal of trouble with the cows and it is impossible for him to operate without some form of transport. My questions are:-

- a) Is it worth spending another Rs2,000 on this station wagon with no positive guarantee that this will be the last of the troubles we have with this vehicle.
- b) Would it not be better to allow Brother Bruns to keep Jeep No.2. It would then be possible to keep the station wagon in Ranchi for local runs, or perhaps even try and get rid of this vehicle for the maximum obtainable.

Your comments and instructions would be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

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June 12th 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

A few days ago Brother Bruns paid a visit to Ranchi in order to purchase medical supplies and try and contact a veterinary surgeon to assist him in treating the very sick cows in Khantitoli.

Brother Bruns appeared to be very tired, dejected, and worried.

His financial situation is very precarious to say the least of it. His wife had apparently no money at all in Kottygari, and even had to sell the other half of her plane ticket in order to raise funds.

Out of my own budget I sent Rs2,000 to Mrs. Bruns and Rs1,000 to Brother Bruns in order that they may be able to carry on temporarily.

It seems imperative that some solution must be found so that Brother Bruns can be given some financial assistance so that he can carry on for the next six months at least.

Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. ...

14.6.1965
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Betr.: Verschiedene Fragen

Lieber Bruder Montag!

In diesem Brief bringe ich einige verschiedene Fragen zur Sprache, die sich in in Ihrem Brief finden.

1. Ihr Bericht wegen der Verzögerungen für Ihren Einzug in das Lal-Bungalow hat auch mich sehr zornig gemacht. Ich habe deshalb (vgl. Anlage) an Rev. Toppno direkt geschrieben und sende Kopie an Dr. Bage. Daß auch Sie Kopie erhalten haben, habe ich bewußt nicht vermerkt. Es ist m.E. nicht nötig, daß Sie beiden Brüdern gegenüber diese Tatsache merken lassen. Ich kann nur hoffen, daß der Brief einige Wirkung tut, obwohl ich natürlich die größeren Zusammenhänge, in denen diese Verzögerung mitzusehen ist, durchaus verstehe.

2. Ihr Bericht über das Jubilee Committee hat mich weniger zornig als traurig gemacht. Wie können KSS und Property Board ihre Autorität durch eigenmächtiges Vorgehen so herabsetzen lassen, ohne einzugreifen! Eine Einwirkungsmöglichkeit besitzen wir seitens der Goßner Mission hier nicht, zumal wir keinen Pfennig für diese Sache gegeben haben. Wie die selbständige Kirche diese Angelegenheit ordnet oder geschehen läßt, ist ganz und gar ihre Sache. Aber es ist in der Tat gut zu wissen, wie die eingesetzten Gremien sich von einer pressure group behandeln lassen. Es tut mir um jede Minute Zeit leid, die Bruder Schwerk, Bruder Schmidt und Sie selbst an die Sache gewandt haben.

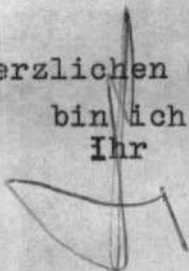
3. Ich habe mich nun doch entschlossen, an Rev. Lakra einen persönlichen Brief zu schreiben, damit er und seine Hintermänner klar wiessen, wie man im Goßnerhaus in Berlin über ihre Handlungsweise denkt und zu reagieren die Absicht hat. Bruder Seeberg fand den Brief sehr scharf, war aber schließlich auch der Meinung, daß man wohl so schreiben müsse, damit

keine Unklarheiten aufkommen. Bitte erwähnen Sie die Kenntnis dieses Briefes vorläufig noch niemand gegenüber. Von der Antwort J. Lakras wird es abhängen, ob ich von Genf bis nach Chota Nagpur die Korrespondenz noch einem größeren Personenkreis zur Kenntnis gebe. Ich wäre dankbar, wenn Sie diese Bitte unter allen Umständen befolgten.

Anmerklich war mir, daß Dr. Bage meinen ihm von Ihnen übergebenen Brief hat übersetzen und vervielfältigen lassen, und zwar in so großer Zahl. Die Weitergabe wird natürlich einigen Staub aufwirbeln - hoffentlich zur Besinnung und nicht zur Verstockung und vor allem mit dem Ziel, daß bessere und notwendige Entscheidungen getroffen werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

bin ich
Ihr

A handwritten signature, possibly 'J. Lakras', written in dark ink. It consists of a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

14.6.1965
Dr.Bg/Wo.

Mr.
Robert Montag
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi/Bihar
India

Betr.: Ihr Bericht über die Liegenschaften und Finanzen
der Goßnerkirche

Lieber Bruder Montag!

Heute, als ich von Westdeutschland zurückkehrte, fand ich in der Post 3 Briefe von Ihnen - leider mit nicht nur erfreulichem Inhalt. Ich möchte gleich anfangen, sie einzeln zu beantworten.

Ich war besonders froh zu hören, daß Sie jetzt eine tüchtige englische Sekretärin erhalten haben, was sicher Ihre Arbeit sehr erleichtern wird und zum anderen auch, daß Sie sich durchaus einverstanden damit erklärt haben, wenn wir Sie nicht schon zur Sitzung des Kuratoriums am 7. Juli bitten, sondern erst am 14. Oktober, wo dann Ihr bis dahin fertiggestellter Bericht im Mittelpunkt der Verhandlungen stehen wird. Aber über dies Ihr Kommen nach Berlin für einige Tage, verbunden mit einer Reise zu Ihrer Familie, korrespondieren wir gewiß nochmals später detailliert.

Ein wenig überrascht hat mich Ihre Notiz, daß Sie schon bis Ende Juni mit einem wesentlichen Teil des Reports fertig zu sein hoffen. Ich habe das aber sicher richtig verstanden, wenn sich das nur auf den wichtigen Teil der Situation der im wesentlichen in städtischen Gemeinden liegenden Compounds erstreckt? Im Blick auf den gesamten Report würden nach meiner Meinung 4 oder gar 5 Teile erforderlich sein.

I. Die Opfer der Gemeinden als Grundlage der Finanzen der Goßnerkirche.

Hier müssen Sie die verschiedenen Systeme schildern (Reisopfer, mandli, paisa, Opfer bei Kasualien, Haussammlungen etc.). Ihr Bericht würde m.E. unvollständig sein, wenn dieser Teil fehlte. Die beste Orientierung, aus der auch Empfehlungen herauswachsen könnten, würden Sie in dieser Frage außer von Dr. Bage gewiß von Adhyaksh Minz/Gumla bekommen. Ich hoffe, Sie können auch diesem Teil Ihre Sorgfalt und Aufmerksamkeit

widmen, weil das von allen Lesern Ihres Berichts als besonders dankbar empfunden wird.

II. Dann wird die sicher nicht einfache Aufstellung der städtischen und ländlichen Liegenschaften kommen müssen, wofür Sie gewiß besonders die Hilfe von N.E. Horo erwarten dürfen.

III. Dann käme die Situation dieser Ländereien wahrscheinlich in 2 Abschnitte geteilt:

- A) Die städtischen Compounds, wo Sie weitgehendst die Vorarbeiten getan haben;
- B) die ländlichen Compounds, wofür H. Lakra die Verantwortung übernehmen müßte. Sollte er sich versagen oder einfach zeitlich nicht in der Lage sein, könnte auch Mr. Horo dafür gerade stehen, zumal doch wohl sein Name für den Gesamtbericht als mitverantwortlich genannt wird.

IV. Hier wären nun einige wichtige Kennzeichnungen der gegenwärtig bestehenden Administration fällig, damit ihr Ungenügen klar hervortritt.

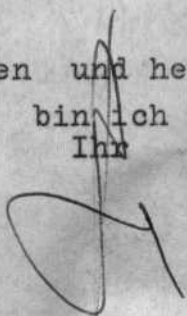
Und Teil V. könnte zusammengefaßt die Empfehlungen bringen, die Sie beide für unerläßlich halten. Dabei braucht natürlich nicht nochmals aufgenommen zu werden, was auf den einzelnen Compounds nötig und möglich ist; Aber einige einschneidende Empfehlungen wie Landverkauf, Globalverträge mit kapablen Gesellschaften, Fragen der Ausbildung für den Nachwuchs in der Administration und im Audit-Wesen etc.

So gern ich mich über die einzelnen Punkte, die ich nochmals genannt habe, mit Ihnen unterhalten möchte, und zwar recht ausführlich, so wenig ist das leider möglich. Aber prüfen Sie doch selber zusammen mit Mr. Horo, den Sie sehr grüßen mögen, ob nicht ein solcher Aufbau des Survey die Gesamtproblematik angemessen zum Ausdruck bringt.

Mit den besten und herzlichsten Grüßen

bin ich

Ihr



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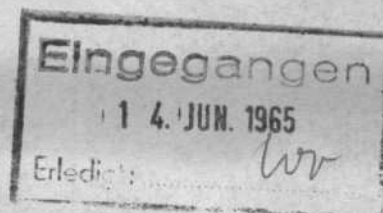
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June 8th, 1965.

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West Germany.



Dear Dr. Berg,

Enclosed please find the minutes of the Ranchi Sub-committee. A report on the activities of this committee will be sent to you at a later date.

Enclosed also please find pamphlets distributed by the so-called Jubilee Committee. I do not know if a report has been made to you from any other source, but if this is not the case it may interest you to know the following points:-

The Jubilee Committee decided to erect a monument as well as a library, this you may remember during your time in Ranchi. Revd. Lakra approached the K.S.S. for the allocation of a site for the monument and his application was never referred to the Property Board, but it was decided by the K.S.S. that a small plot of land be allocated on the eastern side of the Church.

During the Pramukh's absence in Jerusalem the Jubilee committee started to lay a foundation right in front of the church. The Revd. Aind, who was at that time acting Pramukh, wrote a letter to the Jubilee committee in which he informed them that this site had not been allocated to them by the K.S.S. and all building was to cease until the return of the Pramukh.

On the return of the Pramukh from Jerusalem without any further decisions being taken by either the K.S.S. or the Property Board, the building of this monument recommenced in its position in the front of the church.

During a visit by Brother Schwerk to the Ranchi compound he informed the Pramukh in writing that in his opinion the site chosen to erect this monument would disturb the complete view of the church and that if this building was to carry on, he personally was not interested in making plans for any future developments near this site. Also in his opinion the

actual design of the monument was not in keeping with the architectural design of the church. Despite all these efforts the monument now stands in the place apparently chosen by the Committee itself, and in the opinion of the writer the views of Brother Schwerk were completely correct, as this monument really does disturb the whole view of the church.

The erection of a library building was then followed up by the Jubilee committee and they asked for a site to be allocated so that a foundation stone can be laid during the celebrations of the unveiling of the monument. At first they requested a site on the youth centre campus, and then at a later date on the Theological college campus. Brother Schwerk was approached and decided that in his opinion the site should be given on the Rajah bungalow campus. His suggestion was put forward to the Ranchi sub-committee who accepted his opinion and resolved that the site be allocated in this area. The latest position is, that this has now been also accepted by the Jubilee Committee.

I have no doubt that you would like to give your comments to the above and I can almost guess what they will be.

Up to the present time, the Ranchi Sub-committee have not been given any terms of reference by the Property Board. This is making their work very difficult and the two most active members, Mr. Khess and Mr. Minz are becoming very frustrated with their position of not being able to enforce any resolution passed by the Ranchi Sub-committee. A new approach is being made to the Pramukh so that terms of reference for the Ranchi Sub-committee be given immediately.

In view of all the events taking place here within the Gossner Church, the Ranchi Sub-Committee have requested me to ask you whether it be possible to go ahead with the building of the wall around the Ranchi Church compound. I would be most grateful if you would give me your news on this subject and issue me with the necessary instructions from which fund I should allocate the money for this purpose, if you decide that this wall be finished.

With sincere greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Robert Martyn

Mr. Montag

KURUKH JUBILEE

June 9, 1965 marks the 115th year of the Baptism of the first four Uraons by German Missionaries which is a unique occasion of the Renaissance of the Adivasis [Tribals] of Chotanagpur, the starting point of the awakening of this whole Industrial Belt fondly called the Ruhr of India.

To Commemorate this great event a Memorial is going to be unveiled and the 115 th year's Jubilee is to be celebrated on June 9, 1965 at Ranchi G. E. L. Church Compound.

You are very cordially invited to take part in the celebrations.

Ranchi 24-5-65.

Sd/ Rev. J. A. Kujur

Chairman

Jubilee Committee

Sd/ Mr P. D. Panna

Secretary

Jubilee Committee

Sd/ Dr. M. Bage

Pramukh Adhyaks

G. E. L. Church

Sd/ Rev. J. Lakra

Patron

Jubilee Committee

BALI PRESS, Hindpiri, Lake Road, Ranchi.

NO CELEBRATION TO THE MEMORY
OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES.

जी० ई० एल० चर्च, कुंडुख जुबली, कार्य-क्रम **राँची, ९वीं जून १९६५**

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- (क) प्रोसेसन—(१) आरम्भ—सुबह साढ़े चार बजे से। *जेट*
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२ जुबली स्मारक स्तम्भ का उद्घाटन— पद्मश्री रेभ० जे० लकड़ा द्वारा।

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 (६) समर्पन प्रार्थना
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३ धन्यवाद गिरजा—(उद्घाटन के बाद मंडली का १०वें गीत गाते हुए गिरजा में प्रवेश करना।)

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 उपदेशक —डा० एम० बागे।

४ दूसरी बेला--चार बजे से। जुबली लैत्रेरी स्थान के पास सार्वजनिक सभा।

सभा का कार्य-क्रम

- (१) चेयरमैन—पाद्री जे० टोप्पो वाइस चेयरमैन कुंडुख जुबली कमीटी
 (२) छोटी आराधना—पाद्री सन्तोष सुरिन
 (३) लैत्रेरी की नींव डालना—श्री पी० डी० पन्ना, सेक्रेटरी, कुंडुख जुबली कमीटी।
 (४) रिपोर्ट—श्री पी० डी० पन्ना सेक्रेटरी, कुंडुख जुबली कमीटी
 (५) अन्तिम प्रार्थना—पाद्री सी० वी० मिंज, अध्यक्ष, उत्तरी पश्चिमी अंचल

५ शाम का कार्य-क्रम--साढ़े सात बजे से

- (१) भजन होड़
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Programme. 9th June. 65

Fore noon

1. Procession — from 4.30 A.M. morning.
2. Unveiling of the Jubilee Memorial Stone.
3. Thanks giving Service

After noon

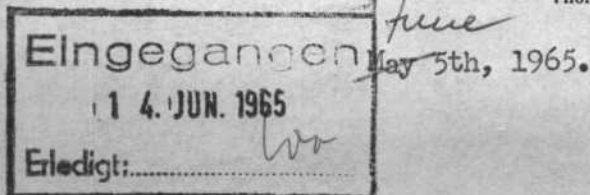
1. Holy Communion 2 P.M.

2. General Com' Meeting 4 P.M.
and Laying down
of the Jubilee Library
Foundation.

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1, Berlin 41 (Friedenau),
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West Germany.

Dear Dr. Berg,

Subject - Lal Bungalow, Ranchi Compound.

It is with great regret that I must inform you that the question of Lal Bungalow still remains unsettled. After complying with all the requests made by Revd. Toppo we finally came to the stage that we had cleared completely the Elizabeth Hospital building, repaired the roof, built a bathroom and toilet and other minor repairs, so that all was in readiness for Revd. Toppo to move into this building.

Yesterday he sent letters to Dr. Bage with copies to the Property Board and the Ranchi sub-committee stating that he would be prepared to move providing (and here he gave a further list of requirements and alterations) were carried out.

Both myself and Pastor Schmidt are furious with this new development. I replied to the note to Dr. Bage informing him that unless Revd. Toppo moves out of Lal Bungalow immediately I am going to make my own arrangements for my future accommodation.

There is a limit to any human being's patience and I think that in my opinion and also that of Pastor Schmidt this limit has been reached. I would be most interested to hear your comments on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Monty

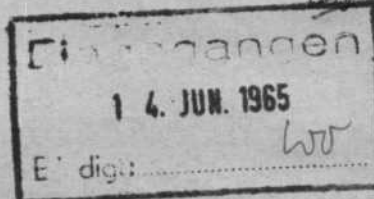
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May 5th, 1965.

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Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you very much for your letter dated 31st May 1965.
By the time you receive this letter you will be in possession of
my reports on the purchase of the bank building and also the full
report on the Property Board meeting held on Friday 21st May 1965.

I will try and answer each point contained in your letter in
turn.

- a) The banking account Schwerk/Montag is approved and merely needs
the account to be opened with specimen signatures etc. of both Brother
Schwerk and myself. Unfortunately it has not been possible to go to
the Bank with Brother Schwerk in the past 10 days, he has been very
tied up in Phudi and also been away on a tour. I had a talk with him
last night in Phudi and we hope to be able to go to the Bank together on
Monday, 7th June. As soon as this account has been established you will
be informed immediately.
- b) It will be very possible that the Rs12,000 set aside for the bank
building or youth centre will not be sufficient to cover all the costs
involved. During Pastor Ishada's stay in Ranchi I discussed this matter
with him and informed ~~me~~ that the Gossner Mission had already granted
Rs12,000 out of the 10 year plan, I asked him if it were possible that
the Lutheran World Federation could contribute anything through the budget
of the K.S.S. in their special building fund. He was of the opinion that
this could definitely be arranged and this money could be included in the
1967 budget. If the Planning Commission would do the necessary repair
work now, the money granted by the L.W.F. in 1967 could be repaid to the
Planning Commission through the K.S.S.
- c) With reference to the payment to the Anchals of money for the 10 year
plan, after long discussions with Brother Schwerk, he was of the opinion
and I agree with him, that during your stay in Ranchi when you attended
the Planning Commission meeting it was decided that each Anchal could
submit plans in the year 1965 up to the sum of Rs15,000 each Anchal.

At the moment, the only Anchal to have taken advantage of this scheme has been the North West Anchal with the repair of a Church in Chainpur. Brother Schwerk has submitted an account of this repair which came to approximately Rs4,000.

The South East Anchal intend to submit their top priority in the next few weeks, which will be the Anchal headquarters in Khunti. When this plan and estimate has been submitted to the Planning Commission, they will of course be entitled to their portion of Rs15,000.

It is my opinion, and also Brother Schwerk's, that this was the plan for distributing the money of the 10 year plan, it will be interesting to hear from you if you agree.

I took over the Planning commission account a few weeks ago and must inform you that there was no cash available at all. I had to use Rs500 from my own budget to establish the account. The position is now that the only money available in the planning commission account is the 35,000 DM you recently transferred from Germany. Before my finally taking over the Planning Commission account from Brother Schwerk I must do an audit, this unfortunately has not been possible as Mr. Adomite has been on leave and is holding some of the books and accounts. He will be returning on Sunday, 6th and after auditing the account I will have to sit down with Brother Schwerk and make some arrangements with him, in which way he can best start to repay the large amount of money he is holding on the Planning Commission account. This is doubly necessary as the Planning Commission Committee have requested me to give them a financial statement during the next meeting.

D) I am, of course, waiting to pounce on Brother Rech as soon as I know that he has received his money from Geneva, he will then, of course, be in a position to repay his loan in full.

e) I agree with you completely that every effort must be made to assist Brother Bruns. I have met him two or three times in the last few weeks and am fully aware of his very poor financial position. If we are going to give the support which Brother Bruns needs, it can only be done by advancing him some form of loan on a long term, whether this be from the Planning Commission or from Brother Mittenhuber's Printing Press fund, remains to be seen.

f) I think I have reported to you in a previous letter that the K.S.S. bought the Gossner Mission jeep for Rs6,000. Rs5,000 was paid immediately in cash, and the balance of Rs1,000 would be paid at the close of the year 1964/5. The Rs5000 in cash I took into my own personal budget, and this I am sure met with your approval.

Reference your suggestions on my attending the Kuratorium meeting in October, you have now received my suggestions and reports and I leave it entirely up to you as to what action you take in this matter. Personally I feel confident enough in your decisions to fall in line and any arrangements you care to make, as far as my final report on the compounds of the G.E.E.L. Church are concerned I would like to inform you that I now have a young English lady who is a perfect stenographer and I will be starting on this report immediately, I hope that I can finish this by the end of June.

The weather here is very hot indeed and even goes up into the 100s in Fahrenheit, but personally I seem to be able to take this heat fairly well and up to date am not suffering from any physical ill effects.

I look forward to hearing from you with your comments on the above and in the meantime send my sincere Christian greetings to you and all in the Gossner-Haus.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montoy

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G.E.L. Church Compound

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Lieber Bruder Montag!

Ich weiß nicht, ob dieser Brief überhaupt noch rechtzeitig eintrifft, aber will es der Ordnung halber doch noch tun. Herr Kujur hat von uns DM 600.-- mitbekommen. Davon waren DM 75.-- Gehalt für den Monat Juni und DM 525.-- bei Ihnen anhand vorzulegender Quittungen abzurechnen. Sie müssen dann mit Berlin klären, wohin der Restbetrag begüht werden soll.

Ich sehne mich nach der indischen Wärme und Gelassenheit, denn bei uns ist es nach wie vor kalt und regnerisch, sodaß wir zeitweise sogar noch heizen müssen. Dazu kommt ein gehetzt sein, sodaß von einer besinnlichen Arbeit nicht mehr gesprochen werden kann. Aber sicherlich wird es bei Ihnen an diesem Punkt nicht wesentlich anders aussehen. Freuen tue ich mich, daß Frau Schwerk diesen Monat noch 4 Tage zu uns kommt und außerdem Familie Wright mit einer indischen Mitarbeiterin aus Calcutta für 3 Tage kommen. So bleibe ich doch ein klein wenig in Kontakt mit den eigentlichen Problemen in Indien. Ansonsten geht es uns aber gut und wir haben keinen Grund zu klagen.

Laßen Sie sich für heute mit allen Brüdern und Schwestern herzlich grüßen. In Gedanken bin ich viel bei Ihnen.

Ihr

F. Weissinger
(F. Weissinger)

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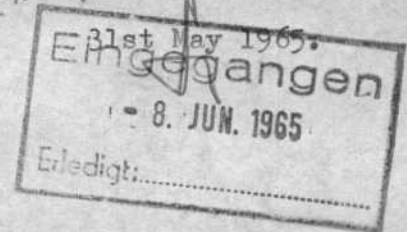


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Gossner Mission,
attention Director Dr.C. Berg.



Dear Dr. Berg,

Herewith an item of interest which may make an item for
the Biene:-

In the G.E.L. Church Compound Ranchi there stands an imposing building still known as "the bank building". In this building the Gossner Church attempted to run a Co-Operative bank, unfortunately this attempt failed, the result was that the bank went into liquidation and the building passed into the hands of the liquidator of the Co-operative banks of the state of Bihar.

For the past ten years this "old bank" has stood empty and served as a grim reminder to those in office that finance is a vital part of our daily lives, and must be organised accordingly.

In the last year there appeared in the history of this "old bank" a Saviour, in the form of our co-worker Pastor C.Schmidt, who is Youth Director and comes from Australia. He decided that this was an ideal building for a Youth Centre, and would make an excellent H.Q. for his Youth programme.

After many weeks of negotiations with the authorities concerned I am now able to report that with the help of the Gossner Mission ten year plan, the "old bank" has been purchased and now belongs to the G.E.L. Church. Work is going on at great speed to re-decorate and re-model the building before the rainy season starts. We often see Pastor Schmidt bustling about directing operations, he is very excited and keen to move into his Youth Centre.

So once again the doors of this fine old building will be opened, this time the Gossner Christians here in India will be entrusting a much more precious charge than money to the "old bank", it will send its Youth ^{through} these doors. Let us all pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, that on this occasion a good dividend will be paid out by the "old bank". We wish Pastor Schmidt all Gods blessings for his new Youth Centre.

Sincerely
Robert Montag

Herrn
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Lieber Bruder Montag !

Einige finanzielle Fragen: Wir sind nun natürlich jeden Tag gespannt - wie kurz oder ausführlich immer die entsprechende Nachricht sein wird - was die Vollsitzung des Property-Boards in der bedeutsamen Frage erbracht hat, die am 12. April ausgesetzt wurde. Aber da Sie bei der jetzigen Hitze alle etwas reduziert in Ihrer Arbeitskraft sind, warten wir geduldig.

Nicht eigentlich entschuldigen möchte ich mich gleichzeitig dafür, daß ich Ihnen mit Bruder Schwerk eine nicht ganz einfache und alltägliche Mission beim anglikanischen Bischof zugemutet habe, der Sie sich sicher verständnisvoll und mannhaft gemeinsam unterziehen werden. Über die Details, die dahinterstehen, wird Sie Bruder Schwerk zur gegebenen Zeit hinreichend orientieren. Haben Sie jedenfalls Dank dafür, wenn Sie gerade auch diese nicht leichte Sache mit auf Ihre Schulter nehmen.

Aber nun die Fragen dieses Briefes:

- a) Ich würde Ihnen gern baldmöglichst 30.000 DM für Herrn Mittenhuber sowie DM 5.600 für das II. Quartal 1965 des Budgets P. Kloss übersenden, ebenso sogleich Anfang Juli die dritte Rate des 10-Jahres-Planes und den Budget-Anteil III. Quartal für TTC Fudi, wenn Sie mit Bruder Schwerk das gemeinsame Konto eingerichtet haben. Wie steht es damit ? Ist eine Nachricht darüber bald zu erwarten ?
- b) Es gab eine erfreuliche Nachricht von Pastor Schmidt, daß jetzt grünes Licht für die Renovierung des Jugendzentrums da ist. Kommen Sie mit den 12.000 Rs. aus für den Rückerwerb und die Renovierung ? Sonst müßten aus Mitteln des 10-Jahres-Planes (Investitionsbeträge) möglicherweise nochmals einige Tausend Rupees zugeschossen werden.
- c) Wie steht es überhaupt mit den begründeten und endgültig genehmigten Anforderungen der vier Anchals im Blick auf die erste Hälfte (90.000 Rs.) des 10-Jahres-Planes? Haben Sie schon ausgezahlt ?
Und zum anderen: Wie sieht das Bild für die zweite Seite des 10-Jahres-Planes aus ? Bruder Schwerk hält davon einen größeren Betrag. Die Ranchi-Compound Wall will aus diesen Mitteln wohl eine erhebliche Summe entweder als Bevorschußung oder endgültig haben. In Govindpur werden möglicherweise im Herbst daraus Beträge nötig werden. Wie stellt sich Ihnen das Bild dar?
- d) Freund Rech wird zweifellos, sobald er im kommenden Monat seine Mittel aus Genf erhält, sein Darlehen abzahlen. Das wird Ihrer durstigen Kasse gewiß wohl tun.
- e) An Punkt a) liegt mir deshalb viel, Sie bald ausstatten zu können, weil ich fürchte, daß Freund Bruns überraschend schnell in Not kommen und um einen Zwischenkredit bitten muß. Da sollte ihm geholfen werden, und der

- e) Fonds für Herrn Mittenhuber könnte eine willkommene Basis dafür sein, weil er ja nicht rasch die Beträge verwenden und anlegen kann.
- f) Hat die GELC den Jeep bezahlt, so daß Sie mit Ihrem kleinen Budget solange auskommen, bis Sie uns per Ende Juni Ihren Bedarf für das II. Halbjahr mitgeteilt haben?

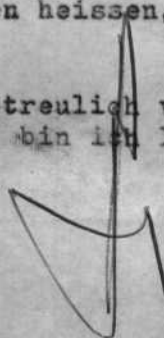
Das sind einige der Fragen, lieber Bruder Montag, die ich am liebsten in mündlichem Gespräch mit Ihnen vertieft hätte.

Heute schon folgende Überlegung: Ich halte es für möglich, daß Sie und wir, wir und Sie das dringende Bedürfnis hätten, Sie anläßlich der Sitzung des Kuratoriums am 14. Oktober einige Tage hier zu haben, wenn Ihr Survey vorliegt, damit er gründlich besprochen und manche damit zusammenhängende Fragen geklärt werden könnten. Es würde auch eine Gelegenheit sein, daß Sie einmal dem gesamten Kuratorium vorgestellt werden würden, wozu es vor Ihrer Abreise nicht kam.

Frage: Könnten Sie in den Wochen des Früh-Herbstes u.U. Ihren Urlaub zu Ihrer Familie verlegen und ihn mit der Dienstreise nach Berlin verbinden? Die Mittel dafür müßten aus dem 10-Jahres-Plan bestritten werden, weil die persönliche Information nach dem 3/4 Jahr Ihrer angestrengten Arbeit unter Umständen unerläßlich sein könnte. Meditieren Sie doch einmal über diesen Gedanken gründlich, besprechen sie ihn nicht mit zu vielen Leuten und lassen einmal Ihr Echo hören. Voraussetzung ist natürlich, daß Sie bis Mitte September wirklich mit dem Bericht klar kommen, wofür ja Ihre Compound-Besichtigungen schon eine Menge Material erbracht haben.

Soviel für heute. Es wird bald Gelegenheit sein, wieder an Sie zu schreiben. Zum Gedenken an Sie, zumal in diesen heißen, bösen Wochen, ist fast täglich Grund genug.

Getreulich verbunden
bin ich Ihr



17. Mai 1965

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Ranchi / Bihar
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Betr.: Ihr Schreiben vom 10. Mai 1965

Lieber Bruder Montag !

Eben zurückgekommen von einer arbeitsreichen Woche in München, finde ich Ihren Vorschlag wegen des Women's Handicraft Training Centre vor. Ich möchte sofort drauf antworten.

Eine Entscheidung von hier aus ist schwer möglich, und ich überlasse Ihnen diese gemeinsam gern in Indien, weil das Ineinandergreifen der verschiedensten Probleme, der zu gewinnenden Frauen, der Besorgung des Rohmaterials, des Absatzes und der Arbeitsräumlichkeiten ja eine sorgfältige Planung und Überlegung nötig machen. Wenn alle Beteiligten von Dr. Bage bis Frau Schmidt, von Fräulein Hemrom bis zu Bruder Schwerk und Ihnen sowie Mr. und Mrs. Singh aus New Delhi so ungeteilt positiv die Möglichkeiten beurteilen, ist es genau richtig, was Sie vorschlagen, daß dafür eine Investition von ca. 15.000 Rs. aus der zweiten Sparte des 10-Jahres-Planes bzw. der Planing Commission (produktiver Einsatz der Unterstützung der Gossner Mission aus diesem Titel) das Gegebene ist. Mit kurzen Worten: Einverstanden ! Die Verantwortung liegt bei Ihnen allen in Indien, die Sie so hoch interessiert an dieser Sache sind.

Ich habe nur eine Bitte: Daß der Finanzberater Robert Montag in nicht zu starkem Maße zeitlich von dieser Sache in Anspruch genommen werden möchte. Sie können ein wenig hinter den Kulissen steuern, aber die Hauptlast der Organisation und der handwerklichen wie auch kommerziellen Arbeit muß von anderen getragen werden, damit von Ihrer kostbaren Zeit nicht zuviel drauf geht. Bei Ihnen haben jetzt andere Dinge die erste Priorität. Aber sonst, die herzlichsten Wünsche zum guten Gelingen und die Hoffnung, daß Sie in einer so aussichtsreichen Sache Schritt für Schritt vorankommen.

Sie werden inzwischen meinen handschriftlichen Brief aus München bekommen haben und wissen, daß ich Ihrer sehr in den Tagen vom 20. - 22. Mai gedanke in der Hoffnung, daß die Dinge besser laufen, als man befürchten könnte.

In der Hoffnung, daß Sie einen etwas ^{festen} feierlichen Geburtstag gehabt haben, wenn dieser Brief Sie erreicht,

bin ich getreulich verbunden

Ihr



13. Mai 1965

Mein lieber Bruder Montag !

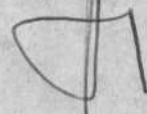
Dieser Brief soll keinerlei geschäftliche, amtliche oder finanziellen Mitteilungen enthalten, sondern kommt zu Ihnen mit den herzlichsten Segenswünschen zu Ihrem 45. Geburtstag, den Sie statt im schönen Mai in London mit den Ihren im fast heissesten Monat Indiens ohne Ihre liebe Familie feiern müssen. Um so mehr sollten alle Ihre Freunde Ihrer sehr gedenken, und das wollen wir alle, voran ich persönlich, auch tun und Ihnen für das neue Lebensjahr Kraft von oben, Energie und Freude in der Arbeit und ein gutes Gelingen in diesen nicht leichten Aufgaben wünschen. Sie wissen, wie froh ich bin, Sie in Chota Nagpur am Werk zu wissen, und für diesen Tag will ich das noch einmal sehr betont aussprechen. Möchte es Ihnen gelingen, Freunde zu gewinnen, die an den klar gesetzten Aufgaben mitarbeiten, auch immer stärker erkennen, wie notwendig es ist, die Hände zu rühren und sich anzustrengen, daß das Äußere und innere Gesicht der Gossner Kirche mehr Kraft gewinnt. Das ist wahrlich vonnöten.

Sie werden mit Schmidts sicher festlich zusammensitzen, auch N.E. Horo wird sicher dabei sein und noch einige andere. Womöglich wird sogar die Jugend, die Sie nicht wieder weglassen will, Ihnen einen Bhajan singen, wenn nicht gar einen Fackelzug bringen. Kurzum, Sie sollten nach dem Mittag alle Akten und Arbeiten aus der Hand legen und den Festtag genießen, um so mehr, als Sie ja doch die Ihren an diesem Tag schmerzlich entbehren werden.

Wenn ich mir vorstellen dürfte, daß der Einzug in das Lal-Bungalow schon stattgefunden hätte, wäre ich nochmals sehr froh für Sie, aber da gilt es wohl, mit Ihnen und für Sie Geduld zu haben.

Es wird schnell wieder Alltag werden, und die Arbeit wird Sie dann in vollem Umfang fordern. So nehmen Sie nochmals unser aller herzliches Gedenken und viele Glück- und Segenswünsche entgegen.

Mit vielen Grüßen
Ihr



P.S.

Ich bekam übrigens vor wenigen Tagen einen reizenden und sehr freundlichen Brief Ihrer lieben Frau, die sich darüber freut, daß ich, wenn irgend möglich, ein Kommen nach London ~~für Sie~~ im nächsten Frühjahr vorgesehen habe, wie wir ja in Ranchi besprochen hatten.

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Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Women's Handicraft Training Centre.

- 1) It has occurred to me that an excellent way of subsidizing the family income of our church workers, whose salaries, as you know, are very low indeed, would be to try and find some means of allowing the wives to earn some extra money.
- 2) Amongst the many activities of the Indian women, the one of handicrafts appears very high on the list, and there should be a very ready market both here in India and abroad for such articles.
- 3) In consultation with Brother Schwerk it has been ascertained that to erect a building which could accommodate approximately 70 women, and also allow space for store room etc. would cost around Rs5,000 to build. To purchase tables, forms and other furniture would cost around Rs2,500. Initial stock of raw materials, plus a repeat of this stock would cost around Rs5,000. Thus the total expenditure to start such a project on our compound in Ranchi would be around the figure of Rs12,500.
- 4) This idea has been put forward to several people including the Pramukh Adhyaksh, and all parties concerned appear to be very keen on this idea. At Eastertime I gave a breakfast party for a Mr & Mrs. J. Singh, this couple are both members of Parliament in New Delhi. Mrs. Singh has already started such a handicraft centre in a small way here in Ranchi and she is even employing a few women belonging to our church. Mrs. Singh is also very interested in the formation of a handicraft centre and has promised us every support should we start such a programme.

- 5) As you are most probably aware on the Anglican Compound there is a Blind School which is being run by an English gentleman, Mr. R. Messer,

he too has shown great interest in this proposed project and has very kindly promised to give us any assistance that he can make available.

6) Mrs. Schmidt, the wife of Pastor Schmidt, has also expressed very keen interest in this scheme and is prepared to take over the position of one of the teachers, she has had some training in Australia in various branches of handicraft work.

7) Recently I took the opportunity of discussing the above scheme with Daisy Hemron, she too was very enthusiastic. She thought it would be an excellent scheme if a fulltime handicraft teacher be employed in Govindpur, in fact she informed me that she has often pressed for such a teacher without avail.

8) Should this handicraft centre prove to be successful it would be an excellent opportunity to open such centres at as many of our compounds as possible. If you would refer to my report on Tezpur you will see that very close to the compound there exists a handicraft training centre, this is being sponsored by a special trust fund set up by the daughter of the late Prime Minister Nehru.

Would you please consider the suggestion put forward and if an experimental scheme such as this meets with your approval would you please grant your permission for the expenditure of around Rs15,000. This sum could be taken from the planning commission.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Maty

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Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

I am enclosing herewith the minutes of some of the meetings of the Ranchi sub-committee.

This committee is a very active one indeed and you will be pleased to hear that already one or two very important decisions have been taken and also carried out. For instance the census of the Ranchi compound is now complete, and new rents have been fixed. The new rents which are now being paid should provide an income of approximately Rs20,000 per year, to the Ranchi sub-committee and Property Board. This figure does not include rents for shops and other buildings on the compound, but purely for living quarters. I have asked Mr. Kess, who is the secretary of the Ranchi sub-committee, to send you a copy of the minutes of all future meetings directly to your office.

As most of the people on the compound are now paying their new rents it was very important to let them see that in the future some sort of maintainence would be carried out on the most needy houses. As you put forward the suggestion and it was agreed upon, that half the rents collected should go into a special account to be used for maintainence purposes, and as this account has practically no money available as yet, I took the step of allowing them a loan of Rs1,000 from the Planning Commission fund to be repaid by December of this year in order that an immediate start on repairing roofing etc. could be made before the rainy season. I hope this meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. T. S.

7. Mai 1965

Herrn
R. Montag
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Lieber Bruder Montag !

Bevor ich morgen das Gossnerhaus für 10 Tage nach München und Beienrode verlasse, soll doch geschwind Ihre Sendung mit den verschiedenen Briefen und der sorgfältigen Beantwortung der einzelnen Fragen und Schreiben meinerseits ein Echo bekommen. Haben Sie sehr Dank dafür.

1. Es ist erfreulich, daß Sie für Schwester i.R. Anny Diller durch das Sub-Komitee auf dem Ranchi-Compound eine Bleibe zu finden hoffen.
2. Ich freue mich, daß Sie in der Frage der Mittel für die Missionstätigkeit in Assam ein gleiches Urteil haben wie ich; aber auch die Empfehlung aussprechen, die notwendige Summe zu senden. Das ist inzwischen unmittelbar an die GELC geschehen.
3. Auch das Protokoll der Sitzung des Kuratoriums und die sorgfältige Behandlung desselben haben Sie dankenswerterweise bestätigt. Auch das Protokoll der Sitzung vom 7. Juli wird Ihnen dann wiederum zu Ihrer Information zugehen.
4. Im Zusammenhang mit den Bemühungen von Rev. Lakra haben Sie Recht, daß bald an die Erstellung des Masterplans gegangen werden muß, um allen inkompetenten Leuten die Möglichkeiten zu unzuständigen Eingriffen zu nehmen. Es ist auch wünschenswert, daß das Sub-Komitee des Ranchi - Compounds sich nicht nur mit den Mietfragen beschäftigt, sondern gerade auch mit diesen weitreichenden Problemen, zumal Sie seine Leistungsfähigkeit und Arbeitswilligkeit so gut beurteilt haben. Da ich gestern einen längeren Brief an Bruder Schwert wegen der Planung des Hospitals schrieb, wird er sowieso auf eine Planung für den Ranchi-Compound von verschiedenen Richtungen her als eine dringliche Aufgabe geführt werden.
5. Und endlich habe ich mich gefreut über Ihre Initiative über die Arbeitsstätte für Pastor Schmidt und bin mit einer Zwischenlösung einverstanden. Möchte Ihnen gleichwohl auf der klar begrenzten finanziellen Grundlage - jawohl Sie haben Recht mit Ihrem Statement - die endgültige Wiedergewinnung und dann die Übergabe des Bankgebäudes gelingen.

Mit freundlichem Gruß
bin ich Ihr

4.5.1965
Dr.Bg/Wo.

Mappe München

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3) z. H. Montag

Aug 5/5

Mr.
Robert Montag
GEL Church Compound
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Lieber Bruder Montag!

Ich möchte Ihnen sogleich Ihren dicken Brief, der heute zu unserer Freude ankam, bestätigen mit den Berichten über Ihre Besuche der Compounds im Süd-Ost-Anshal, in Tezpur, Lohardaga, Singhari, Chakradharpur, Maibasa, Jamshedpur, Berajan und Baithabhaga. Was für eine Unsumme von Reisen, Anstrengungen, Beobachtungen und Verhandlungen in schon relativ heißer Zeit stecken dahinter!

Mit etwas Sorge habe ich gelesen, daß Sie von den Moskitos in Assam wegen der schlechten Übernachtungsmöglichkeit geplagt wurden. Hoffentlich haben Sie keine gesundheitliche Schädigung erlitten. Ob Sie sich in Ranchi von einem Arzt nicht doch eine Gegenimpfung oder einige Spritzen verabfolgen lassen sollten, damit Sie nicht die Malaria auffangen?

Ihre Bemerkung über organisatorische Unzulänglichkeiten in der Vorbereitung durch Adhyaksh Horo hat mich nicht ganz überrascht, obwohl doch bekümmert. Er hätte wirklich das seltene Kommen eines Europäers nach Assam wenigstens besser vorbereiten sollen. Keinesfalls sollten Sie jetzt in der heißen Zeit nur nach Tinsukia Ende Mai mit ihm fahren. Das mag einmal im kommenden Winter, wenn sich mehr Stoff angesammelt hat, wieder geschehen. Dies wäre also mein dezidiertes Votum, wenn nicht gar eine Weisung.

Schade, dass Bruder Schwerk von der Reise Abstand nehmen mußte. Ich hätte es auch um seiner willen gewünscht, daß er mit Ihnen gefahren wäre. Aber die Notwendigkeiten werden Sie besser beurteilen können.

Und nun noch einiges zu Ihren verschiedenen Briefen und Aufzeichnungen:

1. Außerordentlich hat mich gefreut, daß Sie mit Mr. Kandulna/Jamshedpur einen so guten Abschluß wider alles Erwarten erreicht haben. Das war ja eine lange schwelende Wunde. Und es ist wohl in der Tat so gewesen, daß man ihn nicht recht behandelt hat. Überrascht hat mich, daß entgegen festen Behauptungen keine Geldforderungen ihm gegenüber mehr bestanden; sondern er sogar noch auf Forderungen verzichtet hatte. Schön, daß Sie die verschiedenen wichtigen Unterlagen für das Property Board nun von

ihm erhalten haben. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zu dem, was Sie erreicht haben.

2. Vergessen Sie doch nicht, auch noch einen einseitigen report über den compound Purulia anzufertigen, den wir ja gemeinsam gesehen haben, damit Ihre Sammlung der meist städtischen compounds vollständig ist.

3. Der Ordnung halber bemerke ich, daß das Protokoll über das letzte Subcommittee Meeting wegen des Ranchi-compounds Ihrer Briefsendung nicht beilag. Offenbar ist es bei Ihnen liegen geblieben und schicken Sie es beim nächsten Brief mit, weil mich der Fortschritt gerade dort sehr interessiert.

4. Schön, daß Sie die Abrede wegen des Missions-Jeeps beim Sekretär korrigiert haben und die Bezahlung der vereinbarten 1.000,- Rs gegenüber dem Protokoll noch geltend machten. Man wird dieser Erinnerung sicherlich entsprechen.

5. Ja, ich bin sowohl gespannt auf Ihre weiteren Kommentare in der Affäre des Property Boards wie auch auf das, was mir Bruder Seeberg aus seinem Gespräch mit Dr. Bage in Jerusalem am Sonnabend in München berichten wird. Ich schickte übrigens Herrn Mittenhuber Kopie eines Briefes in deutsch an Dr. Bage wegen des ominösen Herrn Kerketta von der Printing Press, worin ich auch zu der schmerzlichen Sitzung am 12.4. Stellung nahm. Bitten Sie einmal Herrn Mittenhuber um Einsichtnahme in die Kopie.

6. Sehr erfreulich, daß der Audit-Report über Fudi schon unterwegs ist nach hier, und ich danke Mr. Benghra heute schon sehr für alle geleistete Hilfe. Ich hoffe sehr, daß er die Herren in Stuttgart befriedigen wird und daß dann diese Angelegenheit abgeschlossen werden kann. Es wäre ein guter Schritt vorwärts.

7. Und nun einige wenige Bemerkungen zu dem Gesamteindruck, den ich von Ihren Compound-Besuchen empfang.

- a) Es ist schön, daß Sie für Chakradharpur und auch Chai-basa bessere Möglichkeiten sehen, als ich sie befürchtet hatte;
- b) daß Sie mit maßgeblichen Herren von Esso und Caltex in Jamshedpur verhandeln konnten und die Hoffnung haben, bald zu festen Geld erbringenden Vereinbarungen kommen zu können;
- c) daß Sie auch Jamshedpur in den einzelnen Gemeinden so intensiv und detailliert besuchten und beschrieben haben;
- d) daß Sie jenen jungen Rechtsanwalt droben in Assam fanden, der Ihnen nun bei mancherlei Verhandlungen in dem entfernten Anchals behilflich sein kann, obwohl er seltenerweise der Sohn eines Sektierers ist.

Jedenfalls habe ich die verwirrende Fülle der Probleme, die jeder einzelne compound bietet, sehr interessiert gelesen und in mich aufgenommen. Aber dazu nun der folgende Gesamteindruck bzw. die Frage für Ihren großen survey:

- a) Die Fülle dessen, was mehr oder weniger dringlich ist, verlangt ja nach einer Priorität dessen, was in Angriff zu nehmen ist. Es sind ja mehrere Dutzend von Empfehlungen, die Sie aus-

sprechen.

Was etwa kostet jede einzelne Maßnahme?

Wie hoch wäre die Gesamtsumme?

Wie hoch wäre allein der Betrag für das, was vordringlich notwendig ist?

Das wird ja in Ihrem Bericht gewiß eine Rolle spielen.

b) Damit eine solche Aufstellung überhaupt realistisch ist, steht ja nun in erster Linie die Gewinnung eigener Mittel durch die GEL Church, das heißt das Vorantreiben bestimmter Landverkäufe oder Verpachten an Firmen wie Esso, Bhirma Shell oder Caltex. Mit welcher Summe kann da nüchtern gerechnet werden, die bis zum Jahresende zu erzielen wäre oder ab 1966?

c) Sie bzw. das Property Board brauchen ja eine Reihe guter Gewährsleute, die teils am Ort die Dinge weitertreiben und beaufsichtigen oder aber wichtige Verhandlungspartner zum Kommen nach Ranchi veranlassen. Ich denke an einen solchen Mann wie den Advokaten Tiru u.a.

d) Wichtig wäre auch bei solchen Vorhaben wie der Errichtung der compound-walls, besonders, wenn sie in zum Teil ländlichen Bereichen notwendig werden, sich der Mitarbeit der Gemeindeglieder zu versichern, daß nicht nur alles von Traktoren für sie, sondern auch unter ihrer Beteiligung von und mit ihnen geschieht. Das erhöht das Interesse.

e) Sind schon irgendwelche Auszahlungen aus Mitteln der Planning Commission von Ihnen als dem treasurer veranlaßt oder - da ich von großem Mangel an Zement höre als einem absoluten Engpaß - sind mehr oder weniger alle Bauvorhaben bis nach der Regenzeit in den Oktober verschoben?

Kurzum, lieber Bruder Montag, ich hätte eine Menge Fragen des Prozedierens, über die ich nur zu gern mit Ihnen wieder einmal eine Reihe von Stunden zusammensitzen würde, am liebsten, wenn Sie in Ihre neue Behausung eingezogen sind. Aber nochmals vielen Dank für Ihre sorgfältigen Berichte, die ja schon ein wesentlicher Grundstock Ihres Gesamtberichts sind. Hoffentlich kann Hermann Lakra ähnliche exakte Unterlagen und Empfehlungen über die ländlichen Liegenschaften der Goßnerkirche anfügen.

Mit den herzlichsten Grüßen an Sie und die Freunde

bin ich
Ihr



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Dr. C. Berg,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

Reference your letter dated 21st April enclosing Protocal of the Kuratorium meeting. Your instructions have been carried out and the correspondence has been enclosed in my private and personal file.

I understand fully the attitude being taken in regard to Brother Kloss and am sure that both you and the Kuratorium will take the right decision, in this very difficult case. There is nothing that I personally can say in this matter. My connection with Brother Kloss since arriving here has been purely social one, which of course has no bearing on this case whatsoever. It would be interesting if one day it were possible to carry out an audit of the many obscure accounts that Brother Kloss is holding here in India and I would like to suggest that if such an audit were possible many of these accounts should be closed. It seems quite superfluous that funds coming from Berlin should be split up and held by so many different co-workers.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Monting

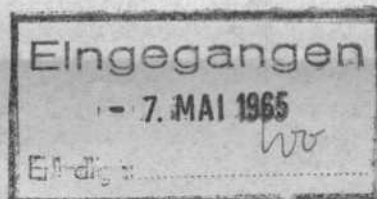
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May 3rd, 1965.

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Dear Dr. Berg,

Reference your letter of the 21st April regarding living accommodation for the retired mission teacher, Anny Diller.

It is in my opinion of no value to take up any communications with Mr. H. Lakra, on this point. However, I think this problem should be taken up in a Property Board meeting. There does not seem to be any reason why some form of accommodation could not be found for this lady. I take it that she will not be any financial burden to the Gossner church here in India as she must probably be in receipt of a fair pension. There is also every possibility that this lady is still quite active and could be of some assistance in any church work on the compound here. When Dr. Bage arrives back from Jerusalem I will take this point up with him and find out his attitude on this subject and as soon as this is possible I will write you a further report.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. King

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Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you for the copy of the letter addressed to Brother Kloss in South India dated 21st April 1965.

I am entirely in agreement with paragraph 2 of the letter and also feel that it was quite unnecessary to have informed Adhyaksh Horo that the money budgetted for his account was loaned elsewhere. Apart from this point, during my visit to Assam I became very doubtful as to the desirability of any large sums of money being made available to this Anchal unless a very clear and detailed proof showing how this money was to be spent is made available.

Despite the above comment, as we have already promised the Anchal that this money will be made available if such a report were submitted, and as according to Brother Kloss in his last few days here in Ranchi that he has actually received this report, it seems that we have no other alternative other than to make this money available as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Montney

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May 3rd, 1965.

Dear Dr. Berg,

It was with great interest that I read a copy of a letter you received from Revd. J. Lakra dated 17th April 1965.

After you left Ranchi this gentleman tried his very best to persuade the Church to allow the exhibition from Patna to be held on our compound, all his efforts, however, were frustrated by the Ranchi Sub-committee who turned down this suggestion flatly, and I think that this new stirring up of trouble in connection with the Improvement Trust and our compound is direct method of instilling fear into the minds of both the KSS. and the Ranchi Sub-committee. There is no doubt that a certain amount of danger exists if we do not at a very early date present a master plan to the authorities, you were aware of this before leaving Ranchi and Brother Schwerk is also fully aware that such a master plan must be completed at a very early date. However, it is of no assistance to the Church if Revd. J. Lakra is constantly running round to the various Government departments making enquiries in this case, there is the old saying which says "out of sight, out of mind" and the less we bring ourselves to the attention of the authorities the better for our cause.

Your answer to Mr. Lakra's request for a loan of Rs10,000, I find quite classic. I am sure he must have been very frustrated in this round about undiplomatic method of asking for money.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. Montgomery

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May 3rd, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
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Dear Dr. Berg,



It is time that a report was given to you on the progress of obtaining the bank building on the Ranchi compound and remodel it for use as a youth centre.

It was quite obvious that the Co-operative Societies in Ranchi and Patna were not particularly interested in showing any form of priority in settling this matter. One can hardly blame them, if one thinks back, that they approached us nearly two years ago and asked us if we desired to purchase this building. It is only at the end of January this year that we have even answered any correspondence these people had put to us. However, this of course was not proving of any assistance to our good co-worker, Pastor Schmidt and I therefore decided to put it to him pointblank that these negotiations may drag on for some weeks, together we approached Professor Surin and asked him if there were any objections in using a building on the Theological college compound as a temporary youth centre as this building was not in any of the plans put up by the Theological college, he agreed to this instantly, we then approached Brother Shhwerk to obtain his blessings to this suggestion and he too was of the opinion that really and truly this building had no part in the plan of the theological college and he had merely allocated it to them for want of a better purpose. The situation at the moment is that for a small sum of money (about Rs1,000) it has been possible to redecorate and bring this building into the required state that Pastor Schmidt needs so that there is no reason why on the arrival of Mr. Ishada from the L.W.F. it would be possible for Pastor Schmidt to at least hold his youth meetings.

A few days ago the Minister in charge of Co-operatives arrived here from Patna and through some connection with Mr. N.E. Horo, it was made possible for myself, Mr. Horo and Pastor Schmidt to obtain an

interview with this Minister. We put our case forward to him and he was most sympathetic and at once ordered the deputy Registrar in Ranchi and the Registrar in Patna to close this matter immediately. This seemed to have the desired effect and I think that in the next few days a decision will be taken by the authorities concerned. The fact that we should not pay more than the sum of Rs2,500 for this building is of the utmost importance. I consider this a matter of principle for all our future dealings with any Government officials; if we are constantly going to accept their decisions with regard to financial compensation (I am thinking of the high price paid for the military barracks) this will have an adverse effect. Added to this in my opinion this building is in such a dilapidated condition that if a small grant was given by L.W.F. in addition to the very generous sum the Gossner Mission has already allocated, in consultation with Brother Schwerk, it would seem that a new youth centre could be erected on this site.

I hope that this report will put you in the picture regarding the youth centre and that you are satisfied with the measures being adopted.

Yours sincerely,

Robert M. May

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April 29th, 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
The Gossner Mission,
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Dear Dr. Berg,

I have just returned from my trip to Assam. I was accompanied by Mr. N.E. Horo. Brother Schwerk unfortunately could not come with us. He has a considerable amount of work to do in Fudi and added to this as you already know Mrs. Schwerk is in Germany and this would have meant leaving the two children entirely alone. I must say that in view of his comments at the moment I was inclined to agree with his decision not to accompany us.

You will see from the reports on my Assam visit that Tinsukia was not visited, unfortunately there was no plane available for at least six days and I decided that it would not be possible to wait for this amount of time. However, the business of the Petrol station in this city has been cleared up. Mr. Tiru who is an Advocate in Tinsukia was able to give me a good estimation of the value of the land that the Petrol Company require and for your information we have sent an offer to them from Ranchi asking for a monthly rent of Rs1,200 on a seven year recurring lease, five years rent payable in advance.

You will find in my report the information that the Assam Anchal in my opinion is very disorganised; no preparations had been made for our coming and it was only with very great difficulty that I managed to find some accommodation in a Tea Planters' club situated in Tezpur itself. As these premises had not been used for many years and no mosquito nets were available (you know from experience the amount of mosquitos in Tezpur!) I am still suffering from the effects of the many hundreds of mosquito bites received during my visit, but even apart from this minor detail Adhyaksh Horo who is personally a very nice fellow indeed, does not seem to possess the necessary qualifications for the organisation to be carried out in this very difficult area.

He is coming to Ranchi on the 19th May for a K.S.S. and Property Board meeting and although I have said I will accompany him to Tinsukia on his return, I am not sure that this is entirely necessary. Your comments on this point would be appreciated.

Thank you for your many letters, I found waiting for me on my return from Assam and I am most gratified to know that you are in agreement with the stand I took at the last Property Board Executive meeting. I, of course, have no objections whatsoever to Pastor Seeberg taking this matter up with Dr. Bage in Jerusalem. Dr. Bage is fully aware of the report I sent to you. I made a point of showing him the report before posting it although I did not find it necessary to give him a copy ~~of my report~~. It was entirely an affair, at this stage, between myself and you in the Gossner Mission. In the next few days I will be writing my full comments about this ~~affair~~ to you.

Enclosed you will find reports on my visits to the compounds of the South Eastern Unchal and the North West Unchal and also Assam. Also you will find the Minutes of the Ranchi Sub Committee meetings which I am sure will interest you. I must report that young Mr. Kess is a very active secretary in this committee. As you probably know he is an Orian and recently informed me that most of the young Orians in the North West Unchal are pressing to put up a petition asking that I should not return to Europe and leave my work here; how this rumour started I have no earthly idea, but it is still gratifying to know that amongst the younger generation this old myth of 'Munda/Orian' does not seem to apply.

The Audit report of Fudi has now been closed and the audit report together with the balance sheets and my own personal comments to you will leave Ranchi on Friday morning under registered post. I would be very interested to hear if you and your accountants consider it acceptable in the form we have returned it or whether in fact you require any changes or clarifications to be made. There are many other small matters that must be reported to you but as these are not urgent I will include them in a separate letter.

I wish you all the very best in Berlin and close with Christian greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Matray.

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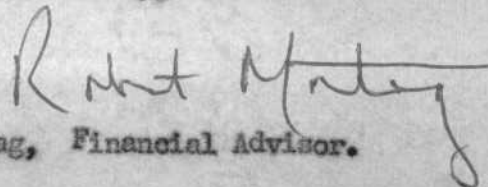
The Secretary,
G.E.L. Church,
Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

Reference K.S.S. Minutes of 9th and 10th April and your letter No. 386/65 - KSS/41. Item No. 3. former J.M.B. Jeep. I would like to point out to you that the statement in your Minutes is not correct. The Jeep was purchased from the Gossner Mission for the sum of Rs6,000, Rs5,000 to be paid in cash and Rs1,000 to be paid at the end of the 1965 financial year.

Would you kindly arrange to amend your resolution accordingly and please confirm this to me in writing.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Montag, Financial Advisor.

cc. to Dr. C. Berg. Berlin. ✓
~~Rev. H. Moss.~~

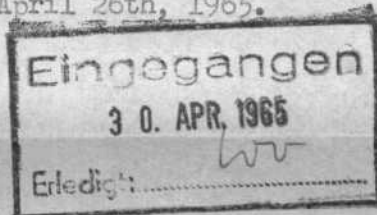
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For the Attention of Dr. C. Berg.

Dear Dr. Berg,

You will probably be pleased to hear that the matter of Mr. P.D. Kandulna, Jamshedpur, has now finally been settled.

During my visit to this city I met Mr. Kandulna at his home and after a long conversation with him, he agreed to come to Ranchi in order to settle up all the outstanding matters which arose during his time as Manager of the Property Board. On arriving back in Ranchi I sent Mr. Kandulna a return air ticket to Ranchi and he was met at the airport by the Pramukh and myself. We arranged some very good accommodation for him on the compound as he is a very sick man. He brought with him a number of files belonging to the Property Board which we were in urgent need of. He then cleared up all the financial commitments he had to the Property Board and even waived^x claims that he had to the extent of Rs700/-.

Despite all previous reports given to me I found Mr. Kandulna most co-operative, I think that this gentleman had been grossly (*abused*) ill-treated by the G.E.L. Church in the past.

As far as this office is concerned, the matter is now closed.

With Christian greetings,

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Yours sincerely,

R. abt Matroy

cc to Dr. A. Sovik, Directory, Department of World Missions,
Lutheran World Federation, 150, Route D. Ferney, Geneva.

Berlin 41, den 22. April 1965

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Lieber Bruder Montag !

Während ich hier am Schreibtisch sitze und soeben Ihren ausführlichen Brief empfangen habe, sind Sie hoffentlich mit Bruder Schwerk bereits in Assam. Ich bin außerordentlich gespannt darauf, welcher Bericht mich nach Ihrer Rückkehr von dort erreichen wird. Möglicherweise kommen dann die beiden Berichte über den Süd-Ost-Anchal und Assam zusammen.

Über einige Punkte Ihres soeben empfangenen Briefes habe ich mich gefreut; natürlich nicht über den Bericht der Exekutiv-Sitzung des Property Boards am 12. April 1965. Aber zunächst gehe ich noch einmal auf Ihre Punkte ein.

1. Schön, daß Bruder Schmidt Geduld hat. Wie sollte ich sie nicht haben ? Ich würde wie Sie sagen: Bleiben Sie hart und bieten Sie nicht mehr als 2.500 Rs. für das Bankgebäude.
2. Ihre Nachricht über den guten Fortgang des Fudi-Audit war erfreulich; auch, daß Sie keine größeren Schwierigkeiten mehr erwarten und ihn bis Ende April mit der Hilfe des wackeren Mr. Benghra fertiggestellt zu haben hoffen.
3. Einverstanden mit der erfreulichen Nachricht, daß das KSS den Missionsjeep erworben hat. Ich folge gern Ihrer Empfehlung, daß 5.000 Rs. - für Ihr Budget ! - sogleich und die restlichen 1.000 Rs. Ende 1965 bezahlt werden. Natürlich wollen wir keinerlei Profit daran haben. An LWF nach Genf sollte keine Zeile mehr über diese Affaire geschrieben werden, nachdem sie sich ein wenig pingelig verhalten haben. Sie mögen Mr. Ishida, wenn er im Mai kommt, sagen, daß die Sache erledigt sei. Vor allem: Möchte Pastor Schmidt gut mit dem Fahrzeug hinkommen.
4. Erfreulich die Nachricht, daß Sie die Sache mit den Radio Transmitters unter Arbeit haben und daran bleiben.
5. Hoherfreulich auch, daß Freund Mittenhuber's Geldaffaire nicht versandete, sondern Hoffnung auf positive Erledigung besteht.
6. Die Bewilligung für Bruder Rech (25.000 Dollar) ist erfolgt. Anfang Mai, wenn Sie ihn sehen, wird er wahrscheinlich schon Nachricht haben. Da er grundsätzlich bereit war, jene 25.000 Rs. zurückzuzahlen, können Sie zweifellos bis Mitte des Jahres mit diesem Betrag zugunsten der Planungskommission rechnen.

7. Schön der Tag, an dem Sie mir mitteilen können, daß Sie in den Lal-Bungalow eingezogen sind. Dann trinke ich mit Bruder Seeberg einen guten Schluck auf Ihr Wohl. Ja, ich werde geduldig sein und an diesem Punkt nicht mehr nachfragen.
8. Wegen des Landkaufs in Hatia - ich ziehe diesen Punkt vor - höre ich gewiß in Ihrem nächsten Bericht Näheres, wenn Sie sich zur Zustimmung des Erwerbs zu Lasten des Fonds in Ihren Händen entschlossen haben.
9. War übrigens Bruder Schwerk bereit, mit Ihnen das erwähnte Bankkonto zu eröffnen, und ist diese Sache eingeleitet ?
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10. Aber nun kommt der sehr viel ernstere Punkt Ihres Berichtes über jene unselige Sitzung des Exekutiv-Komitees des Property Boards. Ich stimme Ihrer Analyse zu, billige auch Ihr Verhalten, daß Sie ruhig waren und nicht auf den Tisch geschlagen haben. Wie so das eine Störung der Stammes-Balance sein soll, wenn Hermann Lakra und Freund Benghra als Kollegen in dem Board zusammenarbeiten, kann ich absolut nicht verstehen. Hier muß tieferer, aufgestaunter Ärger zur Auswirkung gekommen sein. Daß ein kostbares halbes Jahr bis zum Oktober vergehen soll, wo in der alten völlig unmöglichen Weise weitergewurstelt wird, macht mich grimmig und zornig. Daß es Ihnen noch mehr so geht, weiß ich genau. Ob ich vorher einen persönlichen Brief in Deutsch an Dr. Bage schreibe und Pastor Seeberg nach Jerusaelm mitgebe; oder ob ich das mündliche Gespräch im Juli mit Bruder Aind abwarte, weiß ich zur Stunde noch nicht. Ich werde beide Freunde völlig außer Zweifel lassen, daß wir nicht gewillt sind, in den nächsten Jahren bis zu 1 Million Rupees in die GELC zu geben, wenn sich das völlig unqualifizierbare Management des Property Boards fortsetzen sollte. Sie mögen auch in Gesprächen mit diesem oder jenem gern erwähnen, daß die Gossner Mission nach Ihrer Meinung nicht mehr lange zusehen werde, wenn wegen Stammes-Eitelkeiten und -komplexen unbedingt erforderliche Schritte für eine verantwortbare Führung der Property Geschäfte unterlassen würden. Äußern Sie das ruhig als Ihre persönliche Meinung und nicht als vom Gossnerhaus dazu Beauftragter. Übrigens: Darf ich mich in einem Brief an Dr. Bage, den ich vielleicht doch noch schreiben werde, darauf beziehen, daß ich durch Sie in großen Zügen über den Gang dieser Sitzung unterrichtet worden sei ? Ich meine eigentlich ja, denn jeder in Ranchi muß doch wohl annehmen, daß es zu Ihrer dienstlichen Verpflichtung gehört, dem Leiter der Gossner Mission über die wichtigen Vorgänge Bericht zu erstatten. Dies ist wahrhaftig keine kleine Affaire, um ein halbes Jahr den sachgemäßen Aufbau des Property Managements zu verzögern ! Ich bin wirklich um der Sache willen tief bekümmert.

Ja, nun - lieber Bruder Montag - es geht durch Höhen und Tiefen. Wenn Sie diesen Brief lesen, haben Sie noch all die Erlebnisse in Assam im Kopf und viele Fragen von dort mitgebracht. Gott behüte Sie und erhalte Sie gesund an Leib und Seele.

Getreulich verbunden
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Berlin 41, den 21. April 1965

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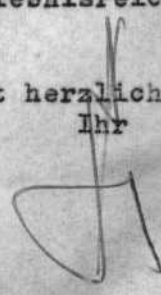
Lieber Bruder Montag !

Ich bin dankbar dafür, wenn ich ein Protokoll der Sitzung des Kuratoriums nach Indien schicken kann, damit bei etwaigen Gesprächen im Mitarbeiterkreis Sie falsche Auffassungen korrigierend richtig stellen können, so wenig ich erwarte, daß Sie es anderen Mitarbeitern wörtlich zu lesen geben. Daß ich aus naheliegenden Gründen dieses Protokoll nicht an Pastor Kloss schicke, werden Sie nach der Lektüre sehr schnell und klar erkennen. In der Sitzung im Juli oder im Oktober sind noch deutlichere Beschlüsse zu erwarten. Nehmen Sie also freundlich Kenntnis und heften es in die Mappe "Korrespondenz mit Gossnerhaus Berlin", ohne daß Sie direkt etwas darauf veranlassen müssen.

Im übrigen warte ich täglich auf das schriftliche Ergebnis Ihrer zweiten Rundfahrt in den Süd-Ost-Anchal und bin auch begierig zu erfahren, wann Sie nach Assam aufbrechen. Frau Schwark, die glücklich angekommen ist, aber bei dem kühlen und regnerischen Wetter mit Grippe ihrer Kinder zu kämpfen hat, wußte noch nichts Definitives, wann Sie und Bruder Schwark sich auf diese wichtige und sicher erlebnisreiche Reise begeben werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihr



Anlage

Robert Montag,
Financial Adviser,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

14th April 1965.

Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft,
attention Director Dr. C. Berg,
1. Berlin 41. (Friedenau)
Handjerystrasse 19/20.

Dear Dr. Berg,

Thank you for your letters dated 30th and 31st ^{May} April. The contents have been duly noted and I thank you for the pleasant remarks. I am sorry that this reply is somewhat late, as you know I have ~~once~~ again been on tour and on my return have been fully occupied with KSS meetings and various other conferences including executive meeting of the Property Board, for this meeting you will find enclosed a special report.

I will first of all answer the 11 points of questions you have put to me :-

1. We have had a letter from the Registrar at Patna informing us he ^{Leukhryt} is arranging for a civil engineer to look at the building to determine its approximate value. On receiving this letter I telephoned him, he explained that as we have offered a low price he must take this step in order to justify himself, he foresees no difficulties. Although this may be disappointing news for you I am of the opinion that we under no circumstances offer any more than the Rs 2500 already suggested, I am sure that we will get this building even if it takes one or two weeks more, after all this negotiation has been going on for 3 years, and has been absolutely neglected by the property board, so this added time is justified.
2. I have spoken to Brother Schwerk about a telephone for Fudi, he does not seem to be in favour of such an installation as all connections go over Khunti, and this is a very poor Post Office, however we have asked for an estimate in any case, you will of course be consulted before final steps are taken.
3. Would you please refer to the attached Property Board report on this question.
4. This work is not yet started, firstly Adomite has been away on the Church repair, secondly it has only just been taken up by the Ranchi sub-committee. A start will be made soon after Easter.
5. Our friend "Mr Tuesday" Benghra is now coming to the close of the Fudi audit, he has been very busy and has done a very good job, we are now in the process of finishing 1964, there then only remains the balance sheets for each year, final balance, and audit report, I still am sure we will finish this work by the last week of this month, as you realise we have Easter in between, up to now we have not had any major difficulties, this audit will close in a satisfactory manner.
6. Please refer to enclosed report, which I think will answer this question.
7. The jeep has now been sold to the KSS. Pastor Schmidt is running it on their behalf much the same way as Pastor Kloss did for us. I have told the KSS I would ask your approval to allow them to pay Rs 5000 cash at once, the balance of either one or two thousand by the end of 1965. I had the vehicle price estimated, the answer was about 6-7 thousand Rs. If you approve of Rs 6000 this will leave a balance of Rs1000 to recover. Whatever you decide will be acceptable to the KSS. I suggest we ask Rs 6000, after all I don't think you want to show a profit on this transaction. As to the LWF answer to my letter, the whole matter is so petty I think we should ignore this matter as it has now reached a satisfactory conclusion.

8. This point was taken up by Brother Schwerk during his visit to Germany. He has a Brother in this business and has asked him to try and beg one or two Radio Transmitters for the Gossner Church. I have also written to my wife to ask Oberkirchenrat Klapper to try and interest Blaupunkt in this project, she will approach him during his stay in England.
9. This point has liquidated itself by the virtue of a recent letter from the Customs Authorities informing Brother Mittenhuber that the case is now under review.
10. As soon as I am able to meet Brother Rech I will of course take the action you suggest. I will be seeing him after my visit to Assam, which will be the first week in May 1965.
11. To this point I am afraid I must give you a negative answer, things move very slowly here as you know, and I have no desire to aggravate the situation, but prefer to let it run its normal course. However as I am touring quite often I think the next few weeks will not be so bad, so that when I return from Assam things should be ready for my move.

So my dear Dr. Berg this has answered your points, not a very satisfactory picture I admit, but we must hope and pray that things will move with a little more momentum in the future, I think the attached report will also answer this remark.

As to your P.S. of course this will be O.K. my wife will be quite able to wait untill the end of April for your money transfer, so please dont let this matter cause you any undue worry.

I close this letter to you with the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ bestow upon you the necessary power to enable you to take the important descisions you will have to be making in the near future. My sincere Christian Greetings to all Brothers and Sisters in Berlin.

Yours very sincerley,

Robert Matney

, 2.4.1965
Dr.Bg/Wo.

Mr. Robert Montag
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi/Bihar
India

Lieber Bruder Montag!

Obwohl gestern erst ein Brief an Sie abging, soll doch heute postwendend ein nächster folgen, nachdem eben Ihr gewichtiger Brief mit der Vergewisserung der guten Ankunft der Kühe samt den instruktiven Empfehlungen über die besichtigten compounds ankam. Lassen Sie mich geschwind dazu folgendes sagen:

1. Es ist sehr dankenswert und lieb von Ihnen gewesen, daß Sie trotz eigener Übermüdung dem guten Bruder Bruns entgegengefahren sind und ihm brüderlichen Beistand erwiesen haben. Die große Strecke des Weges im Mercedes wird ihm nicht nur körperlich wohlgetan haben, sondern daß jemand mit da war, der die Verantwortung für diesen einmaligen Transport der wohlbehalten angekommenen Kühe nach Khuntitoli mit ihm trug. Haben Sie sehr herzlichen Dank dafür. Solche Tage verbinden mehr miteinander, als lange Jahre des Nebeneinander-Lebens und -Arbeitens.
2. Wenn dieser Brief in Ranchi ankommt, sind Sie schon unterwegs zu Ihrem zweiten trip bis nach Jamshedpur hin, und ich hoffe sehr darauf, daß bis Ostern ähnlich knappe und sehr aufschlußreiche Beschreibungen und Empfehlungen hier ankommen für das, was möglich ist und getan werden sollte.
3. Nahezu alle Ihre Empfehlungen von Khuntitoli und Chainpur bis nach Rajgangpur waren mir überzeugend und verständnisvoll. Überrascht war ich freilich einmal, daß in Rajgangpur kein Interesse der Zementfabrik am Landkauf mehr besteht und also die Hoffnung, auf diese Weise rasch Kapital zu gewinnen, als vergebliche Hoffnung abgetan ist; zum anderen, daß jenes von unseren Gemeindegliedern in Rourkela gekaufte Land doch immerhin fast 5 km außerhalb des Zentrums liegt. Ich pflichte Ihnen bei, daß auch hier der Erwerb ermöglicht werden sollte, und habe mich sehr darüber gefreut, daß Sie ebenfalls dafür eingetreten sind, vom nächsten Herbst ab, wenn Bruder Aind nach Ranchi zur Übernahme der Präsidentschaft der Gossnerkirche umziehen muß, Rourkela für die Verlegung des Anshal H.Q. vorzusehen.
4. Nehme ich alle die verschiedenen Empfehlungen von Landkauf (Gumla und Rourkela), Reparaturen, Umzäunung und Wohnprogrammen zusammen, wird zweierlei deutlich:

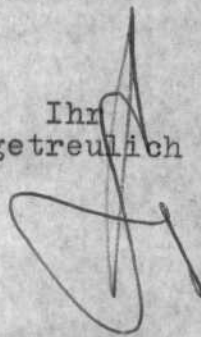
- a) daß schnellstens Kapital nötig sein wird, das nur zu einem kleineren Teil von LWF oder GM kommen kann, im wesentlichen aber durch Verkauf geeigneter Landstücke seitens der GEL Church gewonnen werden muß;
- b) daß die kleineren Fonds, die wir verfügbar haben (Zehnjahrplan), außerordentlich dringend sind und strapaziert werden.

Ich nehme an, daß sich diese Tendenz Ihrer Berichte bei dem zweiten report dann auch nach Ihrer Assam-Reise fortsetzen wird.

- 5. Dankbar war ich Ihnen endlich für die guten Zwischenbemerkungen über den Fudi-report und Ihre Bemerkung an zwei oder drei Stellen, daß Hermann Lakra in der Begutachtung landwirtschaftlich nutzbarer Plätze auf Grund Ihrer Empfehlungen eingeschaltet werden soll.
- 6. Endlich füge ich Ihnen eine Kopie eines Briefes an Dr. Bage bei, worin Sie wenigstens das Echo auf meinen Bericht über die GEL Church in der vorgestrigen Sitzung des Kuratoriums erkennen; neben manchen anderen Dingen war Khuntitoli der schwerste Brocken in den Beratungen - aber davon will ich heute nicht mehr sagen.

In herzlicher Erwidern Ihrer Grüße und mit der gleichen Empfindung, die Sie meinem Besuch gegenüber haben, daß ich froh bin, Sie auf dem Ranchi-compound als Wächter, Mahner und Helfer zu wissen, bin ich

Ihr
Ihnen getreulich verbundener



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Berlin, den 31.3.1965

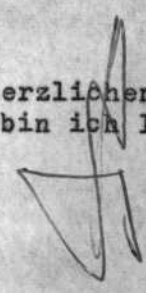
Mr. Robert Montag
G.E.L. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Lieber Bruder Montag !

In diesem besonderen Brief möchte ich unsere Abrede an einem meiner letzten Tage in Ranchi schriftlich bestätigen, daß wir es beide für gut hielten, wenn nicht Ende September, sondern Ende Dezember 1965 als Termin dafür gewählt würde, daß Ihnen wie uns die Freiheit gegeben sei, von dem geschlossenen Vertrag zurückzutreten. Sie werden sich gut erinnern, daß wir diese gemeinsame Überzeugung hatten, weil Sie zu dem genannten Zeitpunkt wissen werden, welche Konsequenzen die GELC aus dem von Ihnen bis möglichst 15. September vorliegenden Survey ziehen wird. Die Kopie dieses Briefes nehme ich zu Ihren Vertragsakten und bitte Sie, das gleiche zu tun, damit unsere gemeinsame Abrede unzweideutig feststeht. Im übrigen möchte ich noch hinzufügen, daß ich es nicht für ausgeschlossen, sondern u.U. für in hohem Maße geboten hielt, wenn Sie nach Erstattung Ihres Berichtes an der Sitzung des Kuratoriums ca. 10. Oktober anwesend wären und mit dieser Reise einen Urlaub und Besuch Ihrer Familie verbinden würden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen
bin ich Ihr



30.3.1965

Herrn
R. Montag
G.E.L. Church Compound

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India

Lieber Bruder Montag !

Es ist mir eine herzliche Freude, Ihnen an meinem Geburtstag heute zwischen den verschiedenen Besuchern einen Brief diktieren zu können, von dem ich freilich weiß, daß er erst in Ranchi ankommt, wenn Sie nunmehr Ihre zweite größere Besichtigungsreise in den Süd-Ost-Anchal angetreten haben. Ich hoffe, daß die erste Fahrt, auf der Sie viel gesehen haben, gut verlaufen ist und Sie viele neue Erkenntnisse und Gesichtspunkte gewonnen haben. Dasselbe, wie gesagt, erhoffe ich von der zweiten Fahrt.

Es war sehr lieb von Ihnen, uns das Telegramm zu senden, das ich Ihnen hiermit bestätigen möchte. "Cows safely arrived, letter will follow." Einen Augenblick haben wir gedacht, es wäre besser gewesen, wenn noch das Wort Khuntitoli dabei gestanden hätte, aber wir nehmen als sicher an, daß Sie dies gemeint haben, weil Sie wahrscheinlich am Wochenende bei Ihrer Rückkehr von Rajangpur die Ankunft des großen tracks von Kalkutta miterlebt haben. Freundlichen Dank und durch Sie Freund Bruns herzliche Glückwünsche und Mitfreude, daß offenbar alles ohne größere Schwierigkeiten gelungen ist. Die Nachricht war uns eine große Erleichterung.

Und nun fasse ich einfach noch einmal einige Fragen auf, damit Sie die Gewissheit haben, daß ich sehr auf entsprechende kurze Nachrichten gespannt bin und mich über jeden kleinen Fortschritt freue.

1. Ist endlich von Patna eine Genehmigung und ein positives Echo über den Rückkauf von P. Schmidt's Youth Centre gekommen, so daß die Reparaturen beginnen und noch vor der Regenzeit vollendet werden können ?
2. Haben Sie mit Bruder Schwerek während der Arbeitswoche in Ranchi die Frage des Telefons für Fudi bereden können ?
3. Wie stehen die Verhandlungen über das verschiedene Gelände in Hatia ?
4. Geht die Arbeit an dem Ranchi-Wall weiter ? Und hat die zweite Sitzung des Ranchi-Subkomitees am gestrigen Tage (29.3.) einen befriedigenden Fortschritt gebracht ?
5. Ist Freund Benghra ("Mr. Tuesday") fleissig und ohne viel Seufzen bei dem Fudi-Report ?
6. Wie war die Reaktion des Altpräsidenten Joel Lakra, dem Sie freundliche

Grüße von mir übermitteln mögen mit dem Bedauern, daß ich ihn vor meiner Abreise nicht mehr habe sehen können, weil er noch nicht aus Delhi zurück war? auf Ihren Brief bezüglich des Ranchi Compounds?

7. Was sagen Sie zu dem Brief aus Genf wegen der Erwerbung des mission-jeeps für Bruder Schmidt? Ich hoffe, Sie haben gemeinsam gegen die Absicht bzw. Gefrorenheit der Genfer Herren den Stachel gelockt und werden Herrn Ishida bei seinem Besuch im Mai entsprechend Gegenfeuer geben. Wenn die Herren hart bleiben, müßte die Kirche den Jeep für P. Schmidt erwerben. Das wäre meine Meinung.
8. Ist irgendein Fortschritt in den Ermittlungen über die Herstellung der drahtlosen Nachrichtenverbindung unter unseren verschiedenen Stationen erreicht worden?
9. Lassen Sie sich doch von Bruder Mittenhuber einmal seinen Kummer mit der Rückerstattung der 18.000 Rs. aus Calcutta oder Delhi erzählen und überlegen mit ihm, was wirksam getan werden könnte. Die Summe ist zu groß, um sie einfach dem Schlendrian untergehen zu lassen.
10. Freund Rech scheint seine zweite Ausstattung von BFDW via Genf im Mai bekommen zu sollen. Ich schrieb ihm deswegen und habe ihn ermahnt, dem treasurer der planing commission (Ihnen) nach Empfang des Geldes sobald als möglich die geliehenen 25.000 Rs. zurückzahlen. Sie werden nach Ihren Besichtigungsfahrten in den verschiedenen Anchals sicher bedürftig neuer Mittel sein. Im übrigen hoffe ich, wenn Anfang April die zweite Rate des Zehn-Jahres-Planes auf den Weg gebracht sein wird, daß schon Anfang Juli zu Beginn des 3. Quartals wiederum 35.000 DM abgesandt werden können, damit Sie Ihre Verpflichtungen gegenüber den einzelnen Anchals erfüllen können, ohne Freund Schwerk die ihm geliehenen 50.000 Rs. in Frage stellen zu müssen.
11. Und endlich nicht das Unwichtigste: Ist Ihr Umzug in das Lal-Bungalow in die Nähe der Verwirklichung gerückt?

Das wärs für heute, lieber Bruder Montag. Sie sollten aus diesen vielen Punkten merken, wie sehr ich jeden Ihrer Schritte und alle einzelnen Aufgaben intensiv verfolge und weiß, daß Sie ein gerütteltes Maß an Arbeit und Verantwortung haben. Gottes Kraft sei täglich mit Ihnen.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und Wünschen
bin ich Ihr

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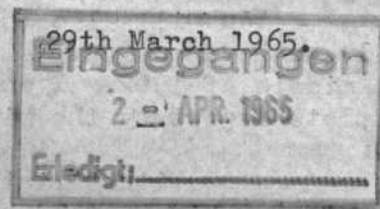
Kommt Ihre Familie in London irgendwie in Schwierigkeiten, wenn wir für das gesamte II. Quartal die persönlichen Zahlungen am 20. April auf den Weg bringen? Das war angesichts unserer gegenwärtigen Kassenlage unsere Absicht.

D.O.

A. J. Fine 3, 1965

Robert Montag,
G.E.L. Church Compound,
Ranchi/Bihar.

Gossner Mission,
attention Mission Director Dr. C. Berg.
Berlin.



My Dear Dr. Berg,

It was good to hear from Mr. Schwert that you had arrived safely in Germany. I sincerely hope that you have had a little rest from all the work you carried out here in India. I must say that it was a great pleasure for me to see your methods of working, the Gossner Mission are lucky to have a man of your calibre at the head of this important Mission, as for myself I learned a lot from working these few weeks with you.

Enclosed you will find reports we have made from our first tour of Compounds. We have picked out the most important items and not included the smaller problems which we settled on the spot. You will see that our tour was very extensive and no time was wasted. I would like to stress the importance of the schooling problems, it is a fact that the Catholic Church are trying to start schools as close to our Compounds as possible, and they do not hesitate to take our Lutheran Christians for Catholic conversions, this seems to me ridiculous, why they don't try and do some good work among non-Christians is beyond me.

On arriving back in Ranchi late on Thursday evening Brother Kloss showed me a telegram from Brother Bruns with his request for a jeep to meet him and the cow transport near Calcutta, as usual there was great chaos, nobody knew the way, no driver etc. So in good Weissinger tradition I started off to meet Brother Bruns in the Mercedes. I met the convoy 20 miles from Calcutta, Brother Bruns was very happy to see me, he and the Vet. Surgeon travelled with me, and after a lot of trouble (a calf was born in the truck at the roadside) we arrived in Ranchi at 5 o'clock the next evening. By this time I was completely exhausted as I had travelled 2000 miles, and not slept for 2 nights, Mr. Mittenhuber took over from me and helped for the rest of the journey to Khutitoly. I hope you received my telegram informing you of the safe arrival as I promised you. I am enclosing one or two newspaper cuttings for you, if we find any more I will of course send them, I will leave it to Brother Bruns to give you a full report for your magazine.

So my dear Dr. Berg, I will close this short letter as I would like to get it to the evening post. Please give my very

kind regards to all in Berlin. I will send you as many reports as possible after completing my tours. I am also going to send a copy of my tour reports to the LWF, I hope that this meets with your approval.

You will also be pleased to hear that the TTC Audit is going well, we have now completed a balance for the year 1961, and are in the middle of 1962. I am sure we will be in a position to give a complete report by the middle of April.

With Christian Greetings to you, may God bless all your efforts for His Church.

Sincerely Yours.

Robert Montgomery

I have had you and your family in my thoughts. I sincerely hope that you have had a little rest from all the work you carried out here in India. I must say that it is a pleasure to hear from you and to see your reports of working. The Commission is very glad to have a man of your calibre at the head of this important mission, and for myself I learned a lot from working these few weeks with you.

I thought you will find reports we have made from our first tour of Gomphunda. We have picked out the most important items and not touched the smaller problems which we settled on the spot. You will see that our tour was very extensive and no time was wasted. I would like to stress the importance of the schooling problem, it is a fact that the Catholic Church are trying to start schools as close to our Gomphunda as possible, and they do not hesitate to take our Lutheran children for Catholic conversions, this seems to me ridiculous, why they don't try and do some good work among non-Christians is beyond me.

On arriving back in Ranchi late on Thursday evening Brother Klaus showed me a telegram from Brother Bruno with his request for a jeep to meet him and the cow transport near Jaltara, as usual there was great chaos, nobody knew the way, no driver etc. So in good haste I started off to meet Brother Bruno in the morning. I met the convey 20 miles from Jaltara, Brother Bruno was very happy to see me, he and the vet. (nurse) travelled with me, and after a lot of trouble (a calf was born in the truck at the roadside) we arrived in Ranchi at 10 o'clock the next evening. At this time I was completely exhausted as I had travelled 2000 miles, and not slept for 3 nights. Mr. Hiltbrunner took over from me and helped for the rest of the journey to Khuttol. I hope you received my telegram informing you of the safe arrival as I promised you. I am enclosing one or two newspaper cuttings for you, if we find any more I will of course send them. I will leave it to Brother Bruno to give you a full report for your magazine.

Do not hear of Robert. I will close this short letter as I would like to rest it to the evening post. Please give my very

REPORT ON GUMLA G.E.L.CHURCH COMPOUND

Area : 17.93 acres.

This compound is situated off the main Ranchi- Simdega Road. It has no frontage on the main road itself, but lays back about 100 yards. The following advice is suggested:

1. A piece of land be purchased to connect the compound to the main road. A petrol station would be of great value here. Adhyaksh Rev. C.B.Minz is already negotiating for this purchase.
2. There are several good buildings which should be repaired and remodelled. There is also a good hostel building which is in desperate need of repair in order to save it.
3. There is a good fish-pond on the compound which needs repair. It is suggested that Mr. Herman Lakra visit this place to see the possibilities of improving it.
4. A compound wall should be made as soon as possible.
5. A hostel for the college girls is urgently required, this could also be used for high school girls. There is an existing hostel to house 42 girls, it could be extended to house the required 60 girls.
6. At the moment there are only 10 families living in this large compound. I suggest a housing programme of small houses. Each house with 3-4 rooms will approximately cost about Rs. 3 - 4 thousand.
7. In the vicinity of the compound there are two villages in which we own 17 acres of land, not on any main road, but good for cultivation. Mr. H.Lakra has been asked to view these lands and advise the best means of cultivation.

CHAINPUR G.E.L.CHURCH COMPOUND

Area : 39.89 acres.

This compound is situated in an ideal position. It lays even higher than Ranchi, with a cool climate. The compound is clean and tidy. Mr. C.A.Tirkey, the Headmaster of the Chainpur High School is very active here. The following points are suggested:

1. There is an ideal main road front for a petrol station.
2. As this is a beauty spot with many tourists, I suggest small chalets for renting at all seasons. These could be built at a very low cost.
3. As this compound owns good agricultural land, with plenty of water available (there is a large river alongside the compound) I suggest Mr. Bruns and Mr. H.Lakra visit this compound. In my opinion this is where the farm and cows should have been. There are also large fruit orchards here.
4. This area is a vast forest area. Mr. Schwerk should be asked about the possibility of installing a saw mill here.
5. The front of the compound should be walled off, as Mr.C.A. Tirkey makes his own bricks and also has labour available. This could be done at a very low cost. He is going to prepare an estimate.
6. Apart from the church, immediate steps should be taken to repair the old mission bungalow, which is a fine building and would house both the Headmaster and the Pastor. Also a small house should be erected for the catechist.
7. A surveyor should be sent to determine our borders here, as two cases of tresspass have been reported.
8. A first class compound, we must pay very great attention to schooling. The Roman Catholics are very busy in this area and have already taken a lot of our congregations.

REPORT ON KHUTITOLY G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND

Area: 3/2=52 acres

1. There is a small portion of land outside the compound wall near the A.T.C. Main gate on which we should build a Post Office and one or two shops. Unless we do this, the Post Office authorities have threatened to remove it from this site.
2. Rev. P.D.Soreng has started collecting for a church amongst his congregations. A site has been allocated and they have collected about Rs.3000.00. This (Khutitoly) is a fine and healthy synod. I ask seriously that all possible help be given in assisting this community to build their church, congregation hall and Pastor's quarters. They are really prepared to do the large part themselves. Brother Schwerk has been approached for a plan.
3. There is a piece of land on the main road suitable for a Petrol station. This was given to the local community for a community hall. We should offer them an alternate ground and retain this for a Petrol station.

REPORT ON RAJGANGPUR G.E.L. CHURCH COMPOUND

Area : about 30 acres.

This compound is in a disgraceful condition. After a visit to the cement factory we came to the conclusion that there is no danger of any of our land being acquired by this organisation. The General Manager informed us that since the railway line now runs at the rear of the compound, and the main road was congested, there is a new road built bypassing Rajgangpur, he now has no further interest in our property. The following suggestions are made :

1. The Manager of the Cement factory is of the opinion that a housing programme would be excellent. I agree. It may be possible to take up a long term loan for this purpose. I am going to look in to this immediately.
2. Owing to ever existing danger it is imperative that a compound wall be started immediately, at least the frontage should be walled by the rainy season.
3. This is Anchal H.Q. The Adhyaksha's house is in a dreadful condition and should be demolished. There are only 12-14 families living here, an immediate congregation housing programme must start.
4. *Just!* It is worthwhile considering removing this Anchal H.Q. in to Rourkela (see report on Rourkela) if land there can be obtained.
5. There is a large main road frontage. Petrol station and shops would be started.
6. A hostel is required for the schools.
7. A general clean up of this compound must be undertaken without any further delay. We should consider this a top priority after Ranchi compound.

REPORT ON JHARSUGUDA G.E.L.CHURCH COMPOUND

Area : 22.02 acres

This compound is a long way from any main road and runs behind the railway tracks. The following suggestions are made :

1. There are only 14 families living on the compound. There is one very big bungalow, and one smaller bungalow which the missionaries built. Both are in very good condition.
2. It was suggested that work on a church building (they are constructing a church with mud walls in a very unsuitable place) be stopped, and a very large room in the main bungalow be converted in to a chapel. Out of a congregation of about 35 families, the church attendance is only 30 people, but even if this be raised to 150, there would be sufficient seating capacity in the suggested chapel.
3. There is a possibility of producing rents if small houses were erected. Railway workers would be brought in here who are always in need of accomodation.
4. There are teak trees on the compound which can be sold for about Rs.1000=00 Rev. C.B.Aind has been asked to sell these trees as soon as possible.
5. As this compound is off the beaten track, Mr. H.Lakra has been asked to pay a visit here and review the possibilities of an agricultural programme.
6. As far as boundary walling is concerned, barbed wire should be sufficient for here.

REPORT ON ROURKELA

The plot of six acres of ground which was offered to us by a member of the Rourkela congregation Mr. S.J.Horo was viewed. The following suggestions are made :

- I. It is my opinion that this plot of land is too far from the industrial centre (about 3 miles) to be of immediate benefit to us. However, in about 5 years the industrial centres will have definitely reached this area. This property will then be of great value to the work of the Gossner Church. The buying price is Rs.1200= per acre and I advice that this land should, if possible, be purchased.
2. Mr. S.J.Horo is trying to purchase a smaller plot of land in the centre of the heart of industry, this could then be used as an Anchal H.Q. so allowing more attention for this very important industrial city in Orissa.
3. It is my firm opinion that the Lutheran Church must establish itself here. All efforts should be made even if it means calling in financial help from the L.W.F. to help build up this very important lutheran centre.

Just!!

REPORT ON VISIT TO LOHARDAGA.

Size of compound - 24.48 acres.

- 1) This land is held on lease from the Maharajah of Chota Nagpur and immediately prior to our visit we discovered that our lease had expired on the 31st March 1964, and the Property Board had not made any attempt to apply for renewal of the lease. The Maharajah is, of course, dead, and his grandson has in the past proved to be non-co-operative. The Property Board have been informed to try and obtain a new lease from the Government as it is possible that most of the lands owned by the Maharajah have now been vested in the Government under the new land act.
- 2) There are 3 schools on the compound. One is a proposed high school, a middle school and a Girls' Upper Primary school.
- 3) There is a Boys' Hestel under construction and here we should try and give some assistance. It may fit in with our new hostels policy. I think Mr. Schwerk should visit this station.
- 4) The church on this compound is closed and not in use; the main reason being that there is a split congregation here. Adhyaksh Minz has been asked by the K.S.S to try and settle this dispute but up to date very little has been done. Unless immediate action is taken on the church building this will be lost.
- 5) The compound is situated in an ideal place for a petrol station. One side runs parallell with the Lohardaga/Gumla road. There are also good possibilities for building shops.
- 6) Mr. Herman Lakra should visit this compound as some of the land is reported to be ideal for fruit growing.
- 7) There are very few families living on the compound and a small housing project should also be undertaken.
- 8) A compound wall must also be constructed.

Remarks.

There are two main problems on this compound - a) a split congregation, b) no security of tenure as no lease is available. Because of (a) there is no income available. No rent is being charged and there is no station committee. The Revd. N. Ekka seems to be the only person taking any interest in the affairs here. Unless we can obtain a long lease very quickly there is no possibility of starting any projects on this compound.

Report on visit to Singhari.

Size of compound - 16.61 acres.

- 1) There is a large mission built bungalow on this compound which is in very good repair. The housing consists of two brick buildings in very bad repair and are unoccupied.
- 2) The church is of medium size and in good repair.
- 3) There is one school available which is of upper Primary standard and in quite good repair.
- 4) The pastor's quarters and offices and teachers' quarters are situated in the bungalow.
- 5) The only income on this compound is derived from a garden containing vegetables and a number of fruit trees. A contract has been made with a local man who buys a complete crop of fruit for Rs200/- per annum. On questioning this low figure we were told that the contractor provides his own labour and takes the risk of a bad season. As there are practically no residents on the compound itself there is no possibility of the fruit trees being tended and the sale of the fruit being undertaken by us.
- 6) Mr. Herman Lakra should visit this compound in order to give advice about further agricultural undertakings.
- 7) There are possibilities of a petrol station here as one side of the compound runs parallel with the Hazaribagh/Bagoda road.
- 8) We must also try and develop some small industry on the compound with a view to attracting people to live on it. There are no possibilities of development unless people are prepared to live here. A small housing programme could be started.
- 9) A compound wall should be constructed as soon as possible.

Remarks.

This compound was visited one Sunday, together with the Pramukh and the Adhyaksh of the North West Unchun; after church services we held talks with the station committee who are led by Professor P.C.Horo, he is a very active man and is also treasurer of the Hazaribagh Synod.

This compound requires a lot of thought and attention paid to it. The industry that could be developed is some sort of handcraft, we are starting a handcrafts project in Ranchi and will see how it develops there.

REPORT ON VISIT TO TEZPUR.

Compound area about 30 acres.

- 1) Tezpur is situated on the southern fringe of the town about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the centre. It lies on the banks of the Brahma-Putra river and is spread on a hilltop called the Bamuni Hillies.
- 2) The compound area itself is split up into bits and pieces and there are no existing compound walls.
- 3) The following buildings are situated within the compound:-
 - a) Church - good condition.
 - b) One bungalow - mission built, in good condition which houses Unschal offices, Adhyaksha and two other pastors.
 - c) Girls hostel.
 - d) Middle school hostel building.
 - e) High School building - under construction.
 - f) staff quarters built of bamboo and mud.

In all seven or eight families, including the pastors live on the compound. The two hostels are in poor condition and require remodelling.

4) The township of Tezpur is very slowly extending into the area of our compound, such as a village industry centre.

5) Almost opposite to the above mentioned centre we have a piece of land about 7 to 8 acres which is quite flat and any suggested developments would be ideal in this area.

6) Close to the mission bungalow there is a very large bungalow in excellent condition which at the moment belongs to a Mr. P.K. Roy who is a contractor. At the moment he has rented it to the American Baptist Mission and they are using this bungalow as the quarters for one of their American doctors. The contractor has now put this bungalow up for sale for the sum of Rs80,000. The land lying between the bungalow and the road belongs to the G.E.L. Church. Mr. P.K. Roy has fenced off some of this land thereby encroaching on our property. The Baptist Mission who are now negotiating to purchase this building from Mr. Roy have made it quite clear that until any claims of land by the G.E.L. Church are settled they have no intention of purchasing the property. Our first efforts on this subject must be to ascertain from the authorities and survey maps our record of rights and exact position concerning this piece of land, if we can prove conclusively that part of this bungalow stands on our land the Adhyaksh of Assam suggest that we purchase this property if possible. If it were possible to obtain this bungalow at a reasonable price (my estimation is between 40,00 to 50,000 Rs) this would be of great advantage to the Gossner Church as at the moment there is no possible means of putting up any guests.

Remarks.

a) This is a very untidy compound in as much as it is split up into very small sections, some of them so very narrow making them useless for development. However these narrow strips of land in a number of cases border on to the properties of families living outside our compound area, some approaches have already been made to us to sell these small strips and I suggest that this should be done

b) The flat piece of land consisting of about 7 to 8 acres situated opposite the "Village Industries" is ideal for starting up our own handicrafts or cottage centre and I suggest that a building be erected here as soon as possible and advice be obtained from the local Government as to what handicrafts should be started.

c) On this same strip of land we should also endeavour to start a small housing project of say 10 to 12 houses.

d) When the town extends a little more beyond our compound there is every possibility of some shops being built along the road frontage.

REPORT ON VISIT TO Ber

Report on visit to Berajan.

Compound size about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

- 1) Apart from a church on this very tiny piece of land no other buildings exist.
- 2) On our arrival in Tezpur we were informed by the Adhyaksh that a telegram had been sent off to the Manager of the Property Board the previous day requesting him to pay an immediate visit to this congregation and iron out some trouble existing here. The Chairman of the Property Board had telegraphed back to Tezpur requesting that as Mr. Montag was in the area he should visit this congregation.
- 3) In the evening the Pastor of Berajan, the Revd. P. Hemron came to Tezpur and explained that in this village a group of G.E.L. Church congregation had broken away and formed themselves into a new church association called "Assam Lutheran Church". The Pastor, formerly of the G.E.L. Church is the Revd. J. Tiru and he has since ordained another Pastor named the Revd. S. Kula. The G.E.L. Church congregation now find themselves in the minority in this village and are being harrassed by the new congregation. Apparently they occupy the church from early on Sunday morning until midday, so making it very awkward for the G.E.L. Church congregation to hold Sunday morning services and Sunday School classes.

In a recent attempt to establish their rights to the church the G.E.L. group put up a notice in front of the church reading "The G.E.L. Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam". The opposing group immediately attempted to remove this notice by force with the consequence that the Police were called and in order to maintain peace requested the G.E.L. congregation to remove the sign.

Adhyaksh Horo requested me to visit this village early the next morning and I suggested to Pastor Hemron that a new sign be hung in front of the church in the form of a welcome gate reading "The G.E.L. Church of Chota Nagpur and Assam welcomes Mr. Montag from England". This was done and I attended an official welcome in the village church, no trouble was caused and the service passed off peacefully.

Remarks.

Although there is no possible means of developing this tiny compound, in view of the request by both the Chairman of the Property Board and the Assam Adhyaksh I felt it necessary to pay a visit to this congregation and see the actual position existing here.

There is residing in the village of Baithabhaga a young Advocate, Mr. Gerson Tiru. He is the son of Pastor Tiru, the leader of the Assam Lutheran Church group. This young man is an active member of the G.E.L. Church and has refused to join the opposing group. He is now endeavouring to act as mediator between the two groups.

As all former attempts such as sending a commission from Ranchi to mediate in this dispute having apparently failed, and as Mr. Gerson Tiru is of the opinion that he is very close to a compromise between the groups I suggested to him that on my return to Ranchi I would ask the Pramukh Adhyaksh, Dr. Bage to request that three or four representatives from each group together with Mr. Tiru be invited to attend a meeting with him with an aim to clearing up this trouble once and for all. Mr. Gerson Tiru was very much in favour of this and since my return to Ranchi I have made this suggestion to Dr. Bage who is also in agreement and on his return from Jerusalem will make the necessary arrangements.

REPORT ON VISIT TO BAITHABHAGA.

Compound area - 8 to 9 acres.

- 1) The compound is being fenced off by bamboo neeting.
- 2) The following buildings exist on the compound -
 - a) The church building - in good condition.
 - b) Pastor's quarters - being reconstructed.
 - c) Candidates house - bamboo hut.
 - d) A school building - condition fair.
- 3) There is a Station Committee which has just been started and the main income at the moment is from vegetables and fruits being produced on the compound.

Remarks.

This compound should be visited by Mr. Herman Lakra as quickly as possible. There is apparently some excellent soil which is suitable for cultivating Pineapples and Bettlenuts. There are already a large variety of fruits being grown amongst which the Pineapples are the most popular, but the lands available have not been utilised to any extent.

There is a young lad from this congregation, one Simon Tiru who at the moment is attending a course at the A.T.C. Khuntitoli, this training is now coming to an end and I have sent a request to Mr. Bruns that he request Mr. Tiru to come to Ranchi for discussions before returning to Assam.

There could be a good market for poultry produce in this area and together with the Peace Corp, Mr. Tiru could possibly organise this work.

There is also good scope here for a handicraft training school as bamboo cane is easily available and basket making etc. could open up good markets.

REPORT ON VISIT TO CHAKRADHARPUR.

The area of this compound is 4.87 acres.

- 1) There are seventeen families living here in five houses which includes a former missionary bungalow. The missionary bungalow itself is in a damaged condition and serious repair seems to be necessary.
- 2) Here too there is no compound wall and it is absolutely necessary that one be completed as quickly as possible. Already the town authorities have voiced the opinion that they would like to enquire about lease of ground on this property, but unfortunately in the last few months there has been complete silence on this matter. About Rs1,500 are available in the Station fund and I suggested that a survey determining our boundaries be made and these funds be used to make an immediate start on erecting a compound wall. This was agreed to by the Station Committee.
- 3) There is an Esso Petrol Station on the compound boundary for which the Property Board receive a rent of Rs75/- per month, this ridiculous rent was fixed by the Property Board and the total amount is kept by them; I promised that at least half of this rent would be sent to the Station Committee each month. Adjacent to this Petrol Station there are still two vacant plots of land and contact has been taken up with Esso. (Please see report on Jamshedpur). The Committee desire to build a church on the compound and at the moment are using a small hall as a chapel. I voiced the opinion that the top priority was the wall round the compound and that until such a time that funds were available the church building must unfortunately be treated as second priority. This was also agreed.
- 4) Among the few buildings on the compound are some mud huts in a disgraceful condition. I suggested that if we got a large sum of money for the sale of land to Esso, these huts should be pulled down and a small housing programme be started for about 30 families who, I was told, would like to come and live in the compound.
- 5) The frontage of the compound which faces the Main Road makes it ideal for the site for about six shops. This would, however, entail pulling down the mission bungalow which backs on to this site; in view of its state of repair this would be of great importance. The Station Committee were of the opinion that they could interest some prominent business people in the town to start such a building scheme, and would be prepared to invest money. I suggested that they be approached and when negotiations are opened, contact be taken up with the Property Board in Ranchi.
- 6) There is only one small school which is not receiving any Government subsidy, and as it is of Lower Primary standard, requirements for a hostel here does not exist at the moment.

Remarks.

(This is a very active congregation. If the compound wall is built and the lands utilised with the above suggestions, there is no reason why this compound could not be a nice little self-contained unit, even contributing to the incomes of the Property Board.

REPORT ON VISIT TO CHAIBASA.

The area of this compound is 9.85 acres.

- 1) There are only ten families living on this very large compound and the rent income is practically nil due to the condition in which the houses are in.
- 2) There is no compound wall and of course this should be considered top priority. Even here there are cases of trespassing and trouble with the town authorities and it is my opinion that only such a wall will stop these difficulties.
- 3) On the boundaries of this compound there are ten shops. The rental for these premises was fixed at a very low rate. During my visit we called a meeting of all the shopkeepers concerned and new rents were negotiated to take effect from the 1st May 1965 and agreement was reached with all excepting in one case. A promise was also obtained from them in the cases where arrears of rent had accumulated that these arrears would be paid as soon as possible.
- 4) There is also a Petrol station on the compound boundary with a rent fixed at the amazing sum of Rs60/-. This, in my opinion, should have been more like Rs600/-, but as there is, unfortunately, an existing lease there is no possibility of obtaining a higher rental until this lease expires. The Company concerned is Caltex who appear to be very interested in purchasing a piece of land adjacent to the Petrol Station which is also on our compound. (Please see report on Jamshedpur).
- 5) There are two existing hostels on the compound for both boys and girls, both are in a very poor condition and I consider it necessary that Mr. Schwert should visit this compound as soon as possible in order to plan the necessary repairs and re-designing. The books of accounts are kept by the Pastor, who is the Revd. L. Topno. They were found to be incomplete and not at all clear. I understand from the Adhyaksh that this man is in a very unfortunate position as his wife is a mental case and the strain of this situation is affecting his work as a whole. The Adhyaksh would be very grateful if this poor woman could perhaps be sent to our hospital in Amgaon with a view to ascertaining whether medical help would be of any avail or if she should be committed to an Asylum.
- 6) There exists on the compound a converted house which is being used by some 10 students of a local Technical Training Centre. The conditions under which they live are very poor indeed and if we are going to show any interest in this Training scheme, some means should be found to try and improve their accommodation.
- 7) There is a small piece of land (about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre) situated in the town itself, but unfortunately in the centre of a Mohammedan quarter. In my opinion we should not make any attempt to develop anything here and the land be put up for sale.

Remarks.

It was a surprise to me that this compound did not appear to be in the terrible condition that is suggested. It is my opinion that by obtaining good rents from the shops on the compound and by selling a further portion of land to Caltex this compound could be made into a very nice self-supporting station. It is far cleaner than some of the places I have visited and the congregation have one or two very active laymen.

Report on visit to Jamshedpur.

There are four compounds situated in this very large and modern industrial city.

- 1) New Sitaramdera, - approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.
 - a) On this small compound there exists a middle school and Pastor's house.
 - b) The Pastor is the Revd. M. Jojo. There is no church building and Mr. Schwerk is requested to visit this place and draw up a plan.

In my opinion this should be given priority as the compound is situated directly in the centre of the city and Jamshedpur should be treated as an even higher priority than Hatia. The land itself is leased from Tisco Ltd. and efforts are being made to acquire a longer lease.

- 2) Sonari - small plot leased Tisco.

- a) This small compound is situated quite closely to the airport.
- b) A very nice church has been built here, and also a primary school.
- c) There is a fairly large open space on the eastern portion of the compound which we are trying to acquire in order to extend the school buildings and if possible a Pastor's quarters and hostel.

- 3) Kitadih - compound $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

- a) This compound is our own property and is situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the centre of the city.
- b) There is a middle school on the compound and quite a number of buildings have been erected for each class. There used to be a kindergarten which is now in the process of being restarted.
- c) There is a small church which is in good condition and is satisfactory for the congregation there.
- d) Teachers' quarters and Pastor's quarters are in a very poor condition and efforts should be made to improve them.
- e) The compound wall must be considered a priority as the compound itself lies in the middle of a village.

In my opinion this compound could be converted into a neat and tidy self-contained unit and there is no doubt that the city of Jamshedpur will grow into this area in a few years.

- 4) Roahargora - approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.

- a) Although the registration of this land has not been finished they have started erecting a small chapel on this land. I suggested that before any other work be carried out they build a compound wall, after this the chapel could be finished and Pastor's quarters be erected.
- b) This is a very important little compound which is about 3 miles from Jamshedpur and the area is occupied by newly converted Christians.

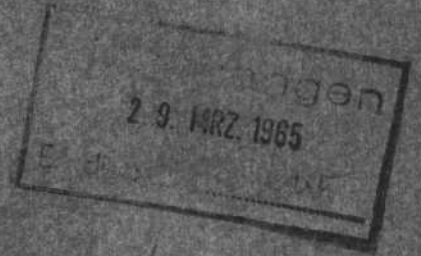
The Church in Jamshedpur is doing some very good mission work in this area

During our visit to Jamshedpur, I paid a visit to Mr. P. D. Kandulna who was a former Manager of the Property Board. Apparently this gentleman had been holding quite a large sum of money in his account which was the funds of the G. E. L. Church. Also he was in possession of a number of files containing documents which were urgently required. After a long conversation with Mr. Kandulna he agreed to come to Ranchi and clear up all these outstanding matters. Since writing this report this visit has taken place and an amicable settlement has been reached and carried out.

Appendix to Jamshedpur report.

1) During our visit to Jamshedpur we visited the head office of Esso Standard Eastern Incorporated and met Mr. Malhotra. The Esso Company are extremely interested in opening petrol stations on some of our compounds and Mr. Malhotra will visit Ranchi as soon as possible. The idea of taking long leases appears to be very attractive to them and no difficulties are foreseen if the sites we offer them are considered suitable.

2) We also had talks with the firm of Caltex. The Agent is Mr. Laxmi who is interested in acquiring two or more plots of our compound in Chaibasa. Caltex already have a petrol station on this compound and they require additional land for building living accommodation and a spare parts shop. Mr. Laxmi was quite in agreement with a long term for which cash payment would be made. This would be of great assistance to the large amount of work which has to be carried out on the compound in Chaibasa.



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March 26, 1965

Mr. Robert Montag, Financial Adviser
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi, Bihar State
India

Dear Mr. Montag:

Thank you for your letter of March 17 addressed to Dr. Sovik, in which you raise the question of whether it is possible for LWF to purchase a used Jeep which has now become surplus to the Gossner Mission in India.

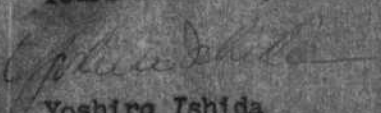
The issue raises a question of principle. We have agreed to provide a worker for the GELC, but the agreement is that the expenses of the programme be put on the church budget, which we subsidize. We do not want to build up a financial programme attached to the missionary except as necessary because he is a foreigner. We allow, therefore, costs for house repairs, furnishing, language study, and such personal expenses.

A car, however, seems to us to be a matter of the Youth Departments' operating expenses, justifiable not because of the person but because of the work, attached not to the person but to the work, if it is justifiable at all. The church may or may not want to assign such a car to the personal charge and use of a person.

Should not the Gossner Mission refer the matter to the church which might request the use of the jeep for the Youth Department?

This is our immediate reaction to your enquiry about the jeep, but we would of course appreciate hearing from you again of any further developments on this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Yoshiro Ishida

cc: Dr. Bage, GELC
Dr. C. Berg, Director GMS ✓
The Rev. C. Schmidt

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Berlin, den 24.3.1965

Herrn
Robert Montag
G.EL. Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar
INDIA

Lieber Bruder Montag !

Seit gestern bin ich wieder wohlbehalten im Gossnerhaus, nachdem ich mit Bruder Schwerk und Fritz Weissinger für eine Stunde auf dem Flughafen in Frankfurt/Main zusammentraf. Davon wird Freund Schwerk Ihnen bei der ersten Begegnung berichtet haben. Nun also soll der erste Brief an Sie abgehen.

Vor allem mit herzlichem Dank für die Wochen gemeinsamer Arbeit und des Zusammenseins, bei dem wir viele Fragen der gegenwärtigen und zukünftigen Arbeit besprechen konnten. Ich denke wirklich mit guten Gedanken und Erwartungen an Ihren Dienst, lieber Bruder Montag, obwohl ich mir klar vor Augen halte, wie schwierig er für Sie in den nächsten Monaten sein wird. So erbitte ich Ihnen insbesondere Stärkung von oben und Gottes reichliche Hilfe. Möchten Sie vor allem bald in Ihr neues Quartier einziehen können und dann gute Nachbarschaft mit Bruder Schmidt haben. Ich bin sicher, daß dieser Umzug jetzt in vollem Lauf ist und Sie mir bald melden können: Bin jetzt im Lal-Bungalow.

Und nun einige Dinge, teils zur Erinnerung, teils neu:

1. Die Kasse war hier völlig leer, als ich ankam, aber einen größeren Beitrag konnte ich relativ rasch in Bewegung setzen, der uns Ende März erreichen wird. Dann kommen folgende Zahlungen an Sie auf den Weg, und zwar zunächst noch über die Kasse der GELC
 - a) 35.000 DM = 2. Rate des Zehn-Jahres-Planes. Nach Ihren Besichtigungsfahrten jetzt werden die Geldanforderungen an den treasurer rasch zunehmen, so daß ich Sie dafür ausstatten möchte.
 - b) 2.000 DM = Der Gegenwert in Rs. ist für Herrn Mittenhuber bestimmt und soll für den Druck des englischen Hymn-books sowie für drei Stipendien von Druckerlehrlingen April - Dez.65 bestimmt sein.
 - c) 6.750 DM = Dieser Betrag ist für P. Rech bestimmt und bedeutet die Restkosten für sein Bungalow, die ich ihm zugesagt habe.
 - d) 5.000 DM = Dieser Betrag ist für Ihr Budget bestimmt und soll die Bedürfnisse möglichst bis Ende Juni 1965 decken. Sollte LWF den Jeep für Bruder Schmidt erwerben, werden Sie im Geld schwimmen, aber das kann ja auf das zweite Halbjahr 1965 vorgetragen werden. Auf jeden Fall wollten Sie mir ja für das zweite Halbjahr einen Budget-Voranschlag einsenden, nachdem Sie einige Erfahrungen über Ihre Ausgaben gesammelt haben. Mr. Bengrahs' Gehalt ab 1.4.65 ist dabei nicht vergessen.
 - e) Die Rechnungen von Bruder Kloss für Weissingers und meine Jeep-Fahrten & 870,50 Rs. + 345,50 Rs.) sowie eine geldliche Ausstattung für Bruder Weissinger in Höhe von 2.200 DM = Rs. 1600. Der Gegenwert dieser Rupees beträgt ca. 2200 DM.

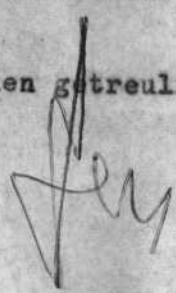
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Wie gesagt, diesen Gesamtbetrag von DM 50.950,-- werden wir an die Kasse der GELC zu Ihrer Verfügung senden, und Sie nehmen dann freundlich die Verteilung gemäß dieser Aufstellung vor. Bitte bestätigen Sie den Empfang des Betrages, von dem ich hoffe, daß er Ende April in Ihren Händen ist.

2. Sehr begleite ich Sie natürlich auf Ihren Fahrten in die drei Anchals von Chota Nagpur in diesen Wochen. Grüßen Sie Mr. N.E. Horo sehr, der Ihnen sicher gute Dienste leisten wird. Hoffentlich werden Sie nicht körperlich und innerlich so erschöpft sein von allem, was Sie sehen und hören werden. An die Rücksprache mit Mr. Kandulna in Jamschedpur denke ich ganz besonders.
3. Wenn Sie am 29.3. das Sub-Committee für den Ranchi-Compound halten, erinnern Sie doch auch Ihrerseits nochmals Herrn Mittenhuber, dem Sie sicher bei dem Protokoll der ersten Sitzung geholfen haben, daß er für uns im Gossnerhaus eine Kopie mitvorsieht.
4. Hoffentlich war Dr. Bage nicht zu abgekämpft, als er von Süd-Indien zurückkam. Beiliegende Kopie gibt Ihnen davon Kenntnis, wie ich ihm persönlich in deutscher Sprache für den Aufenthalt in der GELC gedankt habe.
5. Ich hoffe, daß wir spätestens Mitte April an Ihre liebe Frau in London die Überweisungen vornehmen werden. Von dem entsprechenden Brief werden Sie dann eine Kopie erhalten, so daß Sie wissen, daß auch die kleineren Dinge (Schreibmaschine, Ihre Reisekosten sowie der Gehaltsanteil, der eigentlich zu Ihnen nach Ranchi kommen sollte) nicht vergessen worden sind.

Entschuldigen Sie, wenn ich heute nicht noch auf mehr Einzelheiten eingehe, aber der Schreibtisch ist übervoll, und ich muß mich an Europa wieder akklimatisieren. Nachts ist noch bis zu 5° Kälte. In der nächsten Woche ist dann Kuratoriumssitzung. Dafür gilt es, noch viel vorzubereiten, aber wir werden Ihrer aller und nicht zuletzt des Dienstes des finance advisers besonders gedenken.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen an alle Freunde, bin ich Ihr Ihnen getreulich verbundener



Anlage

Kopie des Briefes
an Dr. Bage

Anweisung für die Buchhaltung

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| " 1b) | aus Mission und Literatur |
| " 1c) | Häuser und Reparaturen in Indien |
| " 1e) | Rückstellung Weissinger |

Der Gesamtbetrag ist nach Eingang des Beitrages aus Westfalen sogleich auf den Weg zu bringen.

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Remarks on visit to Hatia Lands For GEL Congregations

Present: Dr.C. Berg. Mr.R.Montag. Rev Adhyaksh C.Minz.
Rev. Toppo.
(Korrespondenz mit Westfalen)

GM Berlin is very interested in the solution to the land problems, in Hatia, as it has forwarded a special fund of about 32000 Rs. from a gift of the Church of Westphalia, to form a basis to build up Congregations in the large and expanding area of Hatia.

1. We visited the Congregation of Harser and took part in a ~~see~~ service with very devoted members of that Congregation.

About 50 families which represent 250 Baptised members, under the leadership of a Prshaharak, teh new ordained Minister Rev.Tirkey will take up his duties in this area. Resolved: The area of about 1 acre with a chapel in the centre, which is now fenced with barbed wire, should be surrounded by a Brick wall, after taking steps to make sure that this land is Church property. Estimated cost: 3000 Rs, this would mean the Congregation taking an active part in the building. Brother Montag will make the necessary money available, when RevToppo, and Rev. Tirkey give the permission to start.

2. We visited the village of Hesag, this lays 100metres left of the main road Ranchi Khunti, there are at present about 30 families with about 175 Baptised members, and more reside in the vicinity, numbering about 70. In this village a Moslem has offered to sell about 1 acre of land, which is situated in the centre of the village. The Property Board of the GEL Church has already resolved to enter negotiations at once to purchase this land. Resolved: Brother Rev Toppo and Mr.Montag will try to start negotiations with the owner of the land on Monday the 15th March 1965. The price of 4500 Rs seems at the moment to be too high, however if the land is bought, Rev Toppo will make arrangements to surround this land with a Brick wall. Mr.Montah is ordered to make the necessary money available, to purchase and wall in this land out of the above fund.

3. Directly on the road mentioned above, land belonging to a member of the GEL Church, situated in a very good roadside position. This Christian has offered $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre to the Church as a gift, this matter appears to be complicated yet.

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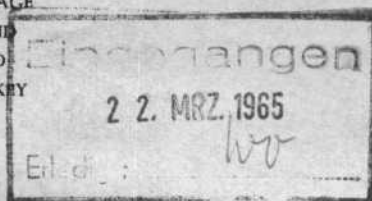
This land seems to be a very good spot to build up a small centre for the GEL Christians, which are still there or may come in the near future. Resolved: Rev Toppo will also do his best to clear up the possibilities of getting this land to be used as property of the GEL Church, in order to build up a Congregation of a Ranchi Ilaka in the N.W. Anchal. Any necessary money Mr. Montag will make available in the frame of his responsibilities, for the well surrounding this land.

4. The possibility mentioned to obtain a large Christian Centre, in the Hatia township centre, for the three main denominations (Catholic, Lutherans, and Anglicans) is the primary decision of the KSS. When these basic decisions are finalised, the authorities can appeal to the GEL Berlin for possible help from this fund, should there still be money available.

D. Toppo
R. Montag
B. K. S.
Z. A. P.

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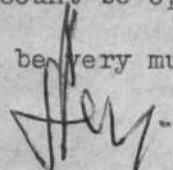
Instructions for Mr. R. Montag.

Ref. Future transfers of money from GM Berlin.

As we discussed, I am in complete agreement with the installation of a Banking account - probably "Gossner Work" in Ranchi, needing both the Signatures of Brother Schwerk and yourself.

Whether all payments for our Institutions - other than those of the Gossner Church - be paid through this account, or if Roukela (for Amgaon & Khuntitoli) be a branch for a second transfer place is still to be decided. In any event I request that after the return of Brother Schwerk, with his agreement, this account be opened and the exact details be made known to me.

A number of financial transactions will then be very much easier.

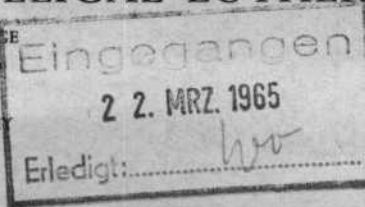

(Dr. C. Berg).

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Director Schwerk.

for R. Montag
Dec. 3. 1965
R. Montag
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Instructions for Pastor Kloss and Mr. Montag.

Ref. ²⁶⁷ Jeep of the Joint Mission Board from 1st April 1965.

After the taking over of the work of the Joint Mission Board by the G.E.L. Church, its existence ceases.

The jeep which is the property of the Gossner Mission will be free for other work, as the main work of a "Mission Director" for the Church is not requested, and for the time being this position is open.

From the 1st April 1965 the jeep will be passed over to Pastor Schmidt and the running costs will be included in the budget of the Youth Department. I have received his approval.

I request Mr. Montag to negotiate with Dr. Zovik in the following manner, that the take over of the Jeep be offered to the L.W.F. That an official price be obtained through a garage here in Ranchi. The sale price is to be placed as income in Mr. Montag's budget when he receives the money from Geneva.

A vote of thanks is offered to Pastor Kloss for his management of the two jeeps over the last year.

Copies to: GM Berlin.
Pastor Kloss
Mr. Montag.
Pastor Schmidt.

(Signature)
(Dr. C. Berg).

Dr. C. Berg
to 3-5.A. c Montag
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Robert Montag,
Ranchi. 28th February 1965.

Dr. C. Berg.
Director Gossner Mission Berlin.
at present Ranchi.
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S. H. Montag
Feb 29/65

Dear Dr. Berg,

During my stay in Fudi I had the opportunity of talking to Mr. Schwerk about the TTC project. It would appear that Mr. Schwerk has very grave doubts about the financial situation at present prevailing, and after even only a short conversation on this theme I have the definite impression that a clear plan and policy must be formulated without a long delay.

May I therefore be allowed to suggest that a meeting between yourself and Mr. Schwerk and myself be arranged without delay, on your return to Ranchi. This problem is one in which I feel myself directly involved in my capacity as Financial Adviser, and I must point out that it is my opinion that you must be informed of the exact position of the TTC from a financial point of view, of a suggested plan and financial aid programme, before you return to Berlin. It is also my opinion that any such plan and aid will have to go into effect in the almost immediate future if we are going to avoid serious consequences in the TTC project, which has already consumed large investments of money.

I regret that perhaps the tone of this report to you may appear to be one of grave doubt, but I feel that the position in the TTC must be clarified without delay, I would also point out the Mr. Schwerk himself is undergoing a severe period of mental stress because of the situation, and surely we must do something to assist him to relieve this, as I feel sure this is hampering his ability to fulfill his work here.

Sincerley Yours,

Robert Montag

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Robert Montag,
Ranchi, 28th February 1965.

Dr. C. Berg,
Director Gossner Mission,
at present Ranchi.
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Dear Dr. Berg,

At your request I visited Fudi on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the object being to give you a report of the books and accounts kept by the TTC during the period of the building of this project, and with special attention to the use of funds provided by BFDW in Germany. I have come to the following conclusions:-

1. The accounts available were kept without any system providing for the use of a ledger or journal.
2. All moneys arriving from Germany regardless from which source, were accounted for in the same set of books, it is therefore extremely difficult to separate the actual BFDW money.
3. It is obvious that the cash and bank books available were not kept from day to day, but were prepared and written in one short period immediately prior to the statement issued by Mr. W. Thiel on the 3rd June 1964.
4. An audit with a prepared balance statement for BFDW in Germany is impossible to prepare from the books and records as kept to date.

My suggestions for a possible course of action is as follows:-

The only solution would be for a new set of books to be prepared with an attempt to separate the BFDW money, a ledger and journal also be prepared together with the new set of books. The existing receipts and vouchers be properly filed. In this way it would appear possible to come to a proper balance and audit report. This work will in my opinion take a book-keeper working all day and full time, a minimum of 4 weeks to complete, I would like to give you my opinion on this particular point verbally. In this way we could then prepare a separate balance sheet and audit from the time of takeover by Mr. Schwerk, up to the 31st December 1964, I understand from Mr. Schwerk that his books are in good order so that an audit could be carried with comparative ease.

I would suggest that I write an official report to the Gossner Mission stating that after my initial period of weeks here in India I have at last found time to start an audit of the TTC Fudi books, this Audit should be completed by the Middle of April 1965 at which time a balance sheet and Audit report would be prepared.

It is ⁱⁿ my opinion that this situation has arisen through a total disregard of any form of accountancy. The entire financial handling of the project was mis-managed. Funds were used with entire contempt for any form of planning. Without suggesting at this stage that any form of embezzlement has taken place, it seems very clear that there has been quite large sums of money misappropriated.

I have not made a copy of this report as I see no useful purpose served in my opinions going to any files. I have merely typed this for your personal reading, and if you would like to destroy this copy I would be in full agreement.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Montag

From

The Manager, G.E.L. Church Properties,
Ranchi.

To

The Pramukh Adhyaksh,
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

3.1.1964

Dear Dr Bage,

We all appreciate the reputation of Mr. R. Montag as Financial Advisor and we have accepted him gladly as such.

Mr. Montag contacted me among others as one of the first officers in the Church and I began to co-operate with him very closely.

Before long I experienced that Mr. Montag's attitude towards me has been rather unpleasant and undesirable. He is to learn and understand many things before he can discharge his duties properly. In my experience I have found that he assumes too much and takes the attitude of a boss rather than a co-operator. He becomes a bureaucrat rather than a brother. He takes advantage of the goodness of the people and almost persecutes with unnecessary and personal questions.

I for one cannot bear such bureaucratic behaviour. This I do for the good of the Church for I am sure if Mr. Montag continues in this way he will break with many with whom he deals and create tensions and misunderstandings everywhere and in this way he will be a complete failure for which he has come and

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it will be a big loss to the G.E.L. Church. I know I have to work with him long for a long time and my intention is that he corrects himself and co-operates with brotherly feeling and attitude and this is the only way how he will succeed.

I have placed these matters before you and sending a copy to Dr. Berg so that you may both have a quiet talk with Mr. Montag and if necessary contact me on the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

A. Heber
19/2/65.

To

Dr. Berg,
Director, Gossner Church.

Dear Sir, Most respectfully I am submitting a copy of the letter I have written to Dr. Bage for your kind perusal and needful.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely

A. Heber
19/2/65.

Gossnersche Missionsgesellschaft,
Handjerystrasse 19/20,
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau).

Ranchi. 1st Febuary 1965.

Handed to Director Dr.C.Berg personally.

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1st Report of activities of Mr.R.Montag Financial A dviser.

My arrival here in Ranchi coincided with the departure of President Dr.Bage to the LWF in Geneva. My first task was to take part in a meeting of the Planning Commission on the day of my arrival, the plan under consideration was to build a row of shops alongside the present Compound perimeter, and a cloth markert for some distance inside the boundaries of the actual Compound, my personal opinion of this project has been given in a seperate report.

In the past week I have given almost the whole of my attention to the property board during the day, and meeting people of local importance mainly on Saturday and the evenings. I now have in my files a completed list of all tenants of property owned by the G.L.C. in Ranchi, the amount of rent payed by these tenants per month, and also the amount outstanding in arrears of rent. This information proved that large amounts of money were owed to the G.L.C. and together with the property board Manager Mr.Herman Lakra I instigated a procedure for the collection of this money. This has already proved very successfull and I am pleased to report that outstanding money is already being collected. There is in several cases legal action being taken by the Property Board against several of the tenants, the local Solicitor in Ranchi is acting on behalf of the G.L.C. I have met this gentleman and have not formed an opinion yet as to his capabilities, it would seem that it may be necessary to bring in legal aid from further afield, where perhaps a more experienced Solicitor can be found. There has been no audit of the books belonging to the Property Board since March 1963, I immediately undertook to do this with the accountant of the Board, at this moment we are up to May 1964, a seperate report will be submitted by me on completion, with of course a copy to Dr.Bage.

There is on the compound in Ranchi a building which was a Bank run by the G.L.C. This bank became bankrupt and the building itself is in the hands of a liquidator. Pastor Schmidt of the L.W.F. is in desperate need of this building for his work, he plans to use it as a Youth Centre, he asked me to try and give this matter some degree of priority. I have already met the liquidation board, and in this case too a seperate report will be given.

To date I have had appointments and met personally, the District Commissioner, the Superintendant of Police, the Garrison Engineer (from this gentleman I collected 3 months rent which the military authorities had omitted to pay), and on Saturday I was invited to take breakfast with the Commissioner of Bihar. This has proved to be a contact of great importance to the G.L.C. as he has already informed me of future plans for the town of Ranchi which may be of considerable importance to the Planning Committee. The Commissioner is a charming gentleman and has promised to give his assistance where

possible. He did me the honour of inviting me to a dinner and ball he is giving on Sunday evening, as all the local dignitaries will be present including the higher ranks of the Military he will take this opportunity of introducing me. I accepted this invitation which can prove to be of use to me at some future date.

At present my living quarters consists of a room which is the guest room belonging to Pastor Kloss and his wife, ^{the} couple have also insisted on my taking meals with them. I would like to state here that I am deeply indebted to Pastor and Mrs Kloss for their kind hospitality, but at the same time I must point out that this situation cannot be accepted. I am in desperated need of an office, and also a living quarters where I can reciprocate the invitations I am receiving from important people. I am sure you will appreciate the importance of this, and I will take the opportunity of the visit of Dr. Berg to try and find a speedy solution to this problem. I ask you please to excuse the typing of this letter, at the moment I am my own typist and Secretary. In the future I will submit my activity reports to you every two weeks if possible. There may be occasions where I will not be here in Ranchi, and postal services be non-existent.

My kind regards and Christian greetings to all in Berlin.

Sincerely,

Robert Montoy

Ranchi/1st Febuary 1965.

Gossner Mission,
attention Dr.C.Berg.

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Report on Ranchi Proposed Shopping Centre by Planning Commission.

Although I have only been in Ranchi on the G.L.C. compound for one week, I have given intensive thought to the above project. I considered this to be necessary as on my first day of arrival Dr.Bage asked me to attend a meeting of the Planning Commission, he apologised for asking this of me as he appreciated I was probably tired after a long journey, and in all honesty this was the case.

At this meeting Brother Schwerk put forward his plan and proposals for the above shopping centre and also a cloth market, the broad out line is that a number of shops would be constructed along the boundaries of the Compound, and a so called cloth market also be constructed which would be allowed to penetrate for certain distance into the Compound.

At the meeting Dr.Bage appeared to be very much in doubt as to the desirability of the latter part of this plan, his opinion being that should the Church participate in a business venture of this size? his doubts are in all probability a Theological question, I myself felt misgivings in this plan because of the complexity and financial implications involved.

Therefore in the last few days I have I have attempted to gain an insight and overall impression as to the possibilities of bringing this very ambitious plan of Brother Schwerk into operation. I would like to say at this stage that Brother Kloss and Pastor Schmidt were of incalculable assistance in answering and explaining my multitude of questions, their patience, and experience were most helpfull. After a carefull survey and appraisal of the facts before me to date, I have no other alternative than to advise that in my opinion the plan put forward by the Planning Commission be abandoned. I am fully aware that should my advise be accepted it will be a bitter disappointment to Brother Schwerk, he must have put untold work in formulating this plan, and I hasten to add that under different circumstances I would consider the design and planning of the highest calibre, in spite of this I feel it my duty to give my objections as follows:-

- a) The opinions of Dr.Bage as to the desirability of the Church entering into a large business venture must be seriously considered.
- b) The management of such an undertaking would entail a well trained administration on the Indian side which is not available.
- c) I am convinced that even if personel were trained to cope with this problem, it may well function during our stay here, but looking to the future, when the time comes that we withdraw for any reason, chaos would ensue.
- d) My meeting with the Commissioner brought to light that a plan is being prepared to make certain roads in Ranchi a one way system, it is possible we will be asked to sell some 10feet of frontage for this purpose, the plans will be given to us to inspect in the immediate

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future, and it may be that the proposed shopping centre be affected.

- e) In my opinion the G.L.C. Compound should be severed from the influence and unsightly view of the outside conditions, and the Church itself be given its own grounds with a clean and imposing entrance.

There is an alternate plan I would like to put forward, and here too I will have the possibility of discussing it with Dr. Berg here on the spot. I will submit this in writing at a future date.

I sincerely trust that you will not consider that I have been presumptuous in my opinions taking into consideration my little time here, nevertheless I feel it part of my duties and calling with the Mission to put my thoughts before you.

With Christian greetings,

Sincerely,

Robert Montgomery

14.1.1965

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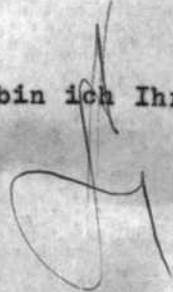
Sehr geehrtes, liebes Fräulein Schüring !

Wenn Sie sogar hier im Gossnerhaus in der Handjerystraße von Herrn Kirchenrat D. Lokies Ihre Ausbildung empfangen haben und also Geist und Atmosphäre unseres Hauses gut kennen, gebührt Ihnen in erhöhtem Maße ein herzlicher Gruß und zugleich ein freundlicher Dank für Ihren Brief, Ihren kurzen Bericht und die zwei Bilder von der Aussendungsfeier von Ihrem Kirchenältesten, Herrn Montag. Wir haben alles mit Freude empfangen und sind sehr glücklich, daß am vergangenen Sonntag ein so bedeutungsvoller Tag für die Mariengemeinde in London war, der Sie nun in besonderer Weise auch mit unserem Dienst in Indien verbunden hat. Möchten die ersten Schritte und die ganze Arbeit von Herrn Montag gesegnet sein. Da ich selber am 30.1. nach Ranchi fliege, werde ich ihm sehr schnell wieder begegnen und gewiß spüren, wie herzlich er dort aufgenommen wird und wieviel man von seiner Arbeit erwartet.

Wir erhielten von Frau Montag zu unserer Freude Abschrift der Aussendungs-Predigt von Herrn Sen. P. Hafermann, die wir in der März-Nummer unseres Blattes zum Abdruck bringen werden. Wir hoffen sehr, daß eines der Bilder dann ebenfalls veröffentlicht werden kann, obwohl es ohne Blitzlicht in der offenbar dämmrigen Kirche aufgenommen wurde.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen auch hin und her in Ihrer Gemeinde und den besten Segenswünschen für Ihren Dienst als Gemeindehelferin

bin ich Ihr



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An das
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Sehr geehrter Herr Missionsdirektor !

Aus zeitlichen Gründen sende ich, die Gemeindehelferin der St. Marien-Kirche, heute die Fotos an Sie ab, die ich bei der Aussendungsfeier für Herrn Montag in der Marien-Kirche aufgenommen habe. Sie sind nicht besonders gut, da ich ohne Blitzlicht fotografiert habe. Ich hoffe aber, daß sie einen kleinen Eindruck vermitteln. Gleichzeitig erhalten Sie einen kurzen Bericht über die Feier am letzten Sonntag.

Bei dieser Gelegenheit möchte ich erwähnen, daß ich persönlich mit besonderem Interesse die Verhandlungen mit Herrn Montag und seinen Besuch in Berlin verfolgt habe, da ich, als Seminaristin des Seminars für Kirchlichen Dienst, fast 2 Jahre dort in Ihrem Haus gewohnt habe. So möchte ich für die ganze Arbeit der Gossner-Mission und besonders für die Aufgaben, die auf Herrn Montag warten, viel Segen und gutes Gelingen erbitten.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihre

Elisabeth Schüring

Anlagen

Herr Montag wird als Finanzberater der Gossner-Kirche
in Indien ausgesandt.

In unserm Gottesdienst in der St. Marien-Kirche in London fand am letzten Sonntag, dem 10. Januar 1965, ein besonderes Ereignis statt. Herr Montag, einer unserer Kirchenvorsteher, wurde im Auftrag des Kuratoriums der Gossner-Mission von Herrn Senior Hafermann als Finanzberater der Gossner-Kirche in Indien ausgesandt. Auf der einen Seite ist es schmerzlich für die Gemeinde und besonders für den Kirchenvorstand, in Herrn Montag ein aktives Mitglied zu verlieren, das sich stets mit großem Interesse für das Wohl und den Nutzen der Gemeinde eingesetzt hat. Auf der andern Seite hat Herr Senior Hafermann der Gemeinde in seiner Ansprache deutlich gemacht, daß es nicht darauf ankomme, wo, sondern daß man im Dienst des Herrn stehe. Er sagte, die Mission sei heute nicht überflüssig geworden, sondern die jungen Schwesterkirchen brauchten unsere Hilfe in technischen und praktischen Fragen. Aus diesem Grunde sei es sehr zu begrüßen, daß Herr Montag sich bereitgefunden habe, in der Gossner-Kirche in Indien als Finanzberater zu arbeiten. Die ganze Gemeinde war sehr beeindruckt, als Herr Senior Hafermann die Aussendungsfragen stellte und die Segensworte sprach.

Unsere Gemeinde wird sich durch die Entsendung Herrn Montags nach Indien mit der Gossner-Mission mehr als bisher verbunden fühlen, und sie wünscht der Gossner-Kirche in Indien und besonders Herrn Montag für seinen Dienst Gottes reichen Segen.