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TO Mr. DeWitt J. Poole
 FROM T/3 Friediger
 SUBJECT Ruth Fischer Comment on Council for Democratic Germany

Ruth Fischer is, of course, most interested in the Communist affiliations of the signers. She did not know a number of names, but said "she would check up on them". As far as she knows the people, she made the following classifications.

- 1) Communists.
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| Dr. Felix Boehm | Organizing Committee |
| Berthold Brecht | " |
| Albert A. Schreiner | " |
| Friedrich George Alexan | " |
| Hans Apel | " |
| Ernst Diech | " |
| Hermann Ducker | " |
| Lion Feuchtwanger | Hollywood |
| Minna Flake | " |
| Alexander Granach | " |
| Oscar Homolka | " |
| Leopold Jessner | " |
| Fritz Kortner | " |
| Peter Lorre | " |
| Heinrich Mann | " |
| Hans Marchwiza | " |
| Albert Norden | " |
| K. O. Paetel | " |
| Berthold Viertel | Hollywood |

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- 2) Fellow travelers.
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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Paul Tillich | Organizing Committee |
| Dr. Horst W. Baernsprung | ("agent") |
| Dr. Hermann Jodzislowski | ("agent") |
| Dr. Kurt Glaser | " |
| Josef Kaskel | " |
| Julius Lips | ("agent") |
| Jacob Walcher | ("agent") |
| Elizabeth Bergner | Walter Friedlander |
| Henry R. Cassirer | Ernst Haase |
| Paul Czinner | Elizabeth Hauptmann ("agent") |
| Kate Frankenthal | Henry E. Muller |

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2) Fellow travelers, contd.

Erwin Piscator
Maximilian Schoer
Dr. Paul Schwarz
Walter Victor
Frederike H. Zweig (the first wife of the late
Stefan Zweig)

3) New Beginners.

Dr. Pezi Herz
Paul Hagen
Marie Jacobson
Ernst Kirschmann
Erich Schmidt

Miss Fischer is very definite concerning the fellow travelership of
Tillich, Baerapfung, Kastel, Lips, Kalcher, Hauptmann, Victor. Concerning
the New Beginners, she claims that they have recently come close to the
party line again.

Ruth Fischer told me that she has sent the statement which she
distributed at the meeting of the American Friends of German Freedom on
22 April at the Hotel Empire to all New York newspapers with an accompanying
letter.

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