

Translation (some irrelevant lines omitted)

HH to von Kamman, 5 August 1958

My wife and I have just returned to Brussels, both very happy with our trip.

My wife asks me to thank you for the attention which moved her sincerely and sends you best regards.

Saturday I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Meisel....and we thank you for being the instigator of this excellent meeting.

I especially wish to congratulate and thank you for the good care with which you organized my stay in Austria.

Thanks to your permanent support I think that the mission I undertook with your agreement will soon have the best results.

I am also writing Minister Ludwig, Deputy Leinkauf, Voller, and Meisel, to thank them and tell them again the great hopes I found on their collaboration in our work.

Besides, I won't fail to give your regards to your many friends in Belgium.

It is unnecessary for me to say, very dear friend, that I count above all on your influence so that the Austrian National Committee of URPE will be set up as rapidly as possible and that you interest especially Minister Figl. It isn't for me, of course, to suggest the membership to you. I nevertheless think it essential that Minister Ludwig accept being president-founder. For my part, you should be the most qualified executive president. As for the secretary-general, I am incapable of suggesting anyone. I am sure that you will find the best person for this active post.

Concerning the Israeli conference, I hope that the Austrian delegate will be as representative as possible. Messrs Berger, Meisel, and Mauerer are, I believe, candidates. After reflection, I think it would be more opportune to give this mission to Minister Ludwig to yourself, or to Mr. Riccabona.

As the reparations problems will be evoked, I should much desire that you accept being the Austrian representative at Athens and Tel Aviv.

The arrival at Athens is set for 19 September and the departure for Tel Aviv the 25 September. The work in Israel will end officially the 3 or 4 October.

I suggest, in any case, that the delegate of your country leave directly for Athens. We shall reimburse him for the cost of the round trip air ticket Vienna-Athens-Tel Aviv.

I am going to write to the Socialist Party asking that it agree

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to re-examine its position. I will keep you informed. I must say besides that Leinkauf indicated agreement with joining the committee as an individual.

Finally, I ask you to repeat to Miss Pruscha how happy I was to make her acquaintance and also how precious her support could be to us.

...I hope that you will soon let me know the composition of your national committee as well as the name of the delegate to Athens and Tel Aviv.

For my part, I shall give you information that comes to me. I can tell you that the president of the Austrian Committee will automatically be a member, as vice-president, of the European bureau of URPE.