

Breda, 23d June 1970

Dear Maria,

Margriet Marie told me how kindly she has been received with you in Paris. She was delighted at the hospitality of the house, the good contacts and conversations, and she was very happy to know you in particular ! I'm very glad too that, after such a long delay, we have been able to talk so well and so much.

In the meantime we've got to think over the idea of a new Seminar. As you know we had the last meeting of our working group at June 12th. There was, at that time, still no letter from you with concrete proposals and suggestions. From our discussions though emerged the following :

Our equipment at the moment doesn't seem to be sufficient to start the organisation of a second Seminar in a relatively short delay. We feel that this will be above our strength and our possibilities, not only with regard to our daily responsibilities to the Sint Willibrord Vereniging, but also for the reason that Akke is more and more taken by the work for the Oecumenisch Actie Centrum. Moreover, this year we have much work in our own country, in growing contacts with the Bishops, and that sort of things take us a lot of time. For myself, I don't want to urge it too much, and I can't take either too much myself since I'm busy at the Theological Faculty at Nijmegen a full three days a week.

Of course this doesn't mean anyhow, that we don't endorse wholeheartedly all international contacts and meetings to be organised. We'll be happy to contribute to that. It's only that we are before the impossibility to be responsible ourselves for the whole of such a meeting. Another helpful thing might be to contract out the organisation to the house (the Centre of Education, for example the house in Bendorf, Germany) where we would meet.

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Another idea which came from our discussion was to wait for the coming conferences in Geneva about the ministry for women. Perhaps some of their questions and problems could be instructive for us.

I'm very sorry myself, and I regret very much that we cannot achieve <sup>more</sup> than we do actually. But I feel I should not over-ask other people who, already, are too much taken. And for myself, I cannot continue in this way.

Please, do let me hear what you're all thinking about it, and in which way something might possibly be undertaken to which we could make our contribution? Don't look at it as a "running away": I regret very much to be obliged to write you in this way.

Hoping to read you soon, and with my best wishes and love,

Yours

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