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Dear Karlheinz:

In reply to your further communication of July 19, I wish to advise you that I have made enquiries in informed circles in Ottawa with respect to your objectives. From the conversations I have had, I find that you are ably represented in this cause by a number of experienced and influential persons who have been at work for some time. It is my understanding for example, that the Hon. Marc Lalonde has been involved in this file. I don't think you could do better than have him on your side.

My thought is that at this moment it would be counterproductive for me to become actively involved. It might complicate rather than simplify the matter.

You may rest assured that I am conscious of the importance of these activities in fostering Canadian-German relations on a broad basis and you may rest assured that preoccupation is always foremost in my mind.

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It was kind of you to mention our October meeting at Kempfenhausen and particularly your willingness to receive me at your home.

If you have any further thoughts, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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