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Dearest Margaret:

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Last evening the Communist physicians met in conference and Dr. Wolff laid before them the proposal for a birth control clinic, as you have in mind, speaking at length to them about the methods you have used. There was great enthusiasm and approval. Present was

Dr. Schmiencke, Stadtrat of Newkölln, who was authorized by them to get in touch with me and then to bring this proposal before the Town Council of Newkölln.

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though active interest.

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