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Circular No. 2 comes to our members very late. We trust you will understand that a very great deal of work had to go into the accurate preparation of our present list of philatelic abbreviations; we now hope the list will meet with your undivided approval.

Hearty thanks for the many letters, which reached us in a torrent up to the end of 1956. Unfortunately, it was not possible for us to deal with them all right away - partly because of a shortage of voluntary secretarial help. However, we hope to keep abreast of our current mail now.

Please support our work by recruiting further members. The minimum annual subscription is DM 12. Our friends from Middle and East Germany do not have to pay any subscription.

Our work has been made more difficult from the beginning by anonymous parties. There have been attempts to prevent our access to lists of literature. We are always grateful for contributions, which we will keep confidential if desired.

As **Jean Paul Sartre** said in his book *Dirty Hands*, he has had no definite thoughts about philately yet. Anybody who believes in German philately today and wants to use it to advance his own personal ambitions should bear in mind that his time will soon be over. What **Sartre** said at the end will refer to him, *Not applicable!*

This circular runs to 16 pages again. The continuation on the literature of the Saar will be found in the next circular. It will also contain an alphabetical index to all philatelic journals as a supplement to the existing index of abbreviations. As usual, we shall be grateful for any additions and corrections. Subsequent national indexes will be divided by subject: the indexes that have already appeared for Württemberg and the Saar region will be republished later in this new form.

The current publications from *Livedi** are unfortunately held over for reasons of time, and we will finish all the existing ones in the next circular.

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