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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, SR/DOB  
Deputy Chief, SR/DOB  
Project Officer  
Security Officer  
Commandant, Fort Meade

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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**SUBJECT :** Student Critiques, ADEPOT Class XII

1. Attached to this memorandum are sections of the student critiques from Class XII. These critiques were completed during the last week of the sixteen week basic program. These sections that may be of interest to you are being circulated for your information and review.

2. Several areas warrant considerable discussion and possible changes.

a. **Work Load:** It will be readily apparent that there are many student complaints as to the work load. A majority of the students feel that it is too heavy and that they have too little free time or opportunity to assimilate the material presented to them. Other students feel that the course is too short.

b. **Administration:** There is no need here to cite all of the students comments, however, it is necessary to indicate that morale and attitude of the students affects their ability to accept the training which is presented during the sixteen week program. Their comfort and convenience therefore is an important factor in the training atmosphere. The mail situation is almost unanimously unsatisfactory. Numerous students complain about the lack of consideration of others for their personal convenience and have suggested individual pull chains on lights, doors or curtains on cubicles and such simple items which may be supplied to make their stay here more pleasant. The students have again expressed their inability to understand why soft drinks and snacks cannot be bought ahead of time. This problem has plagued the students both at the training site and on trips. The availability of transportation for the students to go from the training site to town is a problem that needs to be solved. Whose responsibility this is must be determined. The request of the students for a second pair of boots is something that has been reviewed before and perhaps should be discussed again.

c. **Cover and Security:** The students feeling of ease under his cover situation contributes largely to his mental attitude and receptivity to training as has been indicated in the student critiques. Certain students feel that their cover address leave something to be desired, that their pre-employment briefings were not always as complete or accurate as they might have been. Certainly, here we must realize that the students' statements after sixteen weeks may be colored by many factors. In one area the case officer failed to appear until the last day of the course. This was very

detrimental to the morale and motivation of the students concerned. Several students felt that they were abused with regard to the possession of personal autos in the area. This situation should be looked into so that there is not this running warfare among the students. The item of transportation is one that seems to seriously bother the students and several of them have not only written in their critiques but have mentioned it to the undernaviged that they were assured that transportation would be available to them for trips from the training site.

3. It is apparent from reading these critiques that the various members of the BOB staff need to work more closely together in order to resolve the problems as they develop. It is entirely possible that a freer exchange of information among the various staff components of SR/DOB might result in the responsible staff officers recognizing problems before they are identified by the students.

4. It is difficult to substantiate that certain phases of project activity do not affect the training program. However the student is thinking, whatever he is experiencing with regard to hardship at home, feelings about his pay, or special privileges, this is mirrored in his attention in class and his willingness to put his effort into the training program. Therefore if the Training Staff is kept fully acquainted with the problems of the other staff components, it is very likely that many solutions can be found to situations before they develop into problem areas. For this reason the undernavig will make himself available at all times to discuss problems which may affect student morale or productivity.

5. It is requested that these critique forms be returned to the Training Staff when you have finished reviewing them. You are quite welcome to make copies or extracts as you wish. However the Training Staff has not completed its review of these papers and will need them after you have completed your review.

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b. No movies were scheduled during the Monday administrative time, however the students commented that they were through their clean-up work by seven to eight o'clock in the evening and that they found the remainder of the evening free and there was no work assignment and no recreation either.

4. Please keep in mind when making requests for changes that the sixteen week schedule is already over-loaded and that the students are complaining heavily with regard to working more than the time which they understood they would be employed to work. They are complaining that it is difficult for them to concentrate working straight through weekends. They expressed other complaints regarding the heavy work load. It is impossible to add another hour to this course without dropping an hour to make way for it.

  
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