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15 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF ATB/TR(S)

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report, 9 - 15 May 1953

1. OLD PROJECTS. None.

2. ITEMS OF CURRENT INTEREST.

a. A phone call was received in [redacted] Monday night relative to the disposition of the unit. It was rumored that Col [redacted] had phoned to rent a house in town and that [redacted] had been contacted in regard to continuing the lease of [redacted]

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b. Col [redacted] returned to [redacted] Wednesday night, 13 May with word that they had left Washington, D. C. with confirmation that the school would remain in [redacted]. By the time they arrived in [redacted], [redacted] this decision had been reversed.

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c. The business people of the town are now sending wires and telegrams to Washington to attempt to change the decision to move to [redacted]

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3. ITEMS OF ADMINISTRATIVE INTEREST.

a. From all reports [redacted] is not too good a set-up. The nearest training areas are said to be between 80 and 150 miles from the base. Buildings are scarce and the temporary use of tents is being contemplated. Housing is very tight. Training is to continue uninterrupted, yet to do any kind of job a minimum period of three weeks of reconnaissance, prior planning, etc. is necessary. This move has all the earmarks of being a first class mess for some time to come and it is doubtful if a really good training program can materialize for quite a while. If it is being contemplated that we continue to be involved in this I think it would be wise to hold off any final decision until the situation can be fully evaluated.

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b. I must vacate my house 20 May 1953 and am therefore requesting that my leave start on or about this date. My address will be Moose, Wyoming. I can also be reached by phone at Moose, Wyoming but will have to be contacted by the local people. This may take an hour or more. The best way is to ask that I return the call at a certain time.

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c. Mr. [REDACTED] has been crating equipment that will be returned to Washington.

d. I plan to store one safe and the remaining equipment here at the school or in a suitable place. Mrs. [REDACTED] will be here to make a daily security check.

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e. Have you received any word from Mr. [REDACTED] as to whether I can sell certain items of equipment and put the money in the revolving fund? I have in mind such items as the table and benches.

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f. I had a long talk with Col [REDACTED] relative to past and present conditions at the school. I told him that our position here was to do whatever he wanted done in training, but that I had to be able to in some way guide the training if we were to accomplish our mission. I think that Col [REDACTED] will run a much more efficient school administratively than has been the case in the past.

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