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TO : Director of Training
FROM : Language Training and Programs Divisions

DATE: 15 October 1953

SUBJECT: Progress Report for the Week 9 October - 15 October 1953

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1. [redacted] attended the Ford Foundation Conference on Soviet and Slavic Area Studies held in New York City on October 9-10. A detailed report on this conference has been submitted to the DCI and DTR.

2. An Evening-Lecture-Discussion Series: Problems of Communication with Asian Societies will be held at the Foreign Service Institute weekly on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting October 20, 1953 and ending February 23, 1954. The purpose of the lecture-discussion series is to sort out the various concepts associated with the term "communication," to analyze the principal factors in communication between members of different cultures, and to discuss specific problems that arise in our communication with some Asian societies. Presentations will be given by officials of the Foreign Service Institute, The Rand Corporation and Yale University. The Agency has been given a quota of approximately 5-10 spaces.

3. On October 19, 1953 a lecture will be held at the Institute of Languages and Linguistics, Georgetown University on the subject of Technical Cooperation--Africa. Mr. Marc Henri, Secretary for Technical Cooperation--Africa, South of the Sahara will be the speaker. Interested offices of the Agency have been notified and interest seems to be picking up. Approximately 8 people have indicated that they plan to attend the lecture.

4. Arrangements are being made ^{by L P/D} for Agency participation in a lecture series dealing with theory and practice of propoganda, especially Soviet. This series will probably be for one day, full-time at ~~the~~ FSI. [redacted]

5. A quota of six spaces in the Weapons Orientation at Maxwell Field has been allocated to the Agency for ^{calendar} year ⁱⁿ 1954.

6. A combined total of 201 students are presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Branch. Sixty-four of these students are in classes and 137 are in self-study programs.

7. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 416 hours, 146 hours of which were outside the normal working day.

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