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2 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 44
26 October through 1 November 1955

I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

25X1 a. At a special clean-up session (26 October 1955), the draft report of the [redacted] Seminar was for the most part rejected by the seminar members. However, the main conclusions as cited in last week's report (No. 43) were generally approved. The members generally objected to the report because they believed that it left the reader with a distorted view of the overall performance of certain of the units concerned with [redacted] as well as exaggerated the nature and extent of certain of the problems discussed, particularly those having to do with the organizational aspects of the Clandestine Services. 25X1

In recognition of these views as well as a number of other factors, it has been concluded that no further effort should be made to finalize the draft report and that the best disposition of the whole matter would be simply to hold it available on file in the Office of Training as a part of the seminar notes. Despite this decision, we believe that the seminar was worthwhile and that it represented an important step forward in the direction of collecting a body of information from experience in operations on which to base training instruction. We plan, therefore, to conduct additional seminars in the future.



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This collection of material will be turned over to [redacted] at the conclusion of [redacted] No. 12 which began 31 October and will end 10 November 1955. [redacted] is attending this final running and has been assigned to handle the [redacted]

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II. OTHER ITEMS

a. War Planning No. 4 commenced on 28 October 1955. This offering is being tried, experimentally, as a two-week course in place of the normal three weeks. This has been accomplished by the reduction of hours devoted to certain subjects, the reduction of the special orientation to one day, and the elimination of some study materials.

This course which has a maximum enrollment of 15 was oversubscribed by six persons. [redacted] and his assistant, in connection with their duties in the office of the Special Assistant to the DCI for Planning and Coordination, are auditing portions of the course. [redacted] Special Assistant to the Chief, PP Staff, is also auditing portions of the course.

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b. The final running (No. 4) of the Special Clandestine Services Orientation for DD/S officials is now under way and has an enrollment of 44 students. This brings the grand total for the four runnings up to 107 officials who will have received training in this course.

c. Personnel

[redacted] has been assigned to assist with secretarial duties until the return of [redacted]

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