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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 9 December 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Plans, Research and Administration

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to Report

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. The first formal offering of the Introduction to Overseas Effectiveness opened on Monday with a welcome from Dick Helms. There are nineteen enrolled students and one auditor. So far the course has gone smoothly, with the lecturers handling their contributions with high professional competence and the students showing keen interest. Dr. Myron Koenig of FSI spoke on Monday, [redacted] of OCI and Dr. Tom Gladwin of Georgetown spoke on Tuesday, and Dr. W. Lloyd Warner, the eminent social anthropologist, on Wednesday. *F*

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2. On 7 December [redacted] took [redacted] over to FSI to introduce her to the testing staff there, consisting of Dr. Rice, Miss Wilds, and Mr. Dieli. A general discussion of testing and testing problems followed, with particular emphasis on oral testing.

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3. For several years [redacted] has had in mind taking a trip to Princeton to visit the Educational Testing Service and talk with their language testing staff. This has become particularly important now because ETS is currently engaged in a research project on language testing for the Office of Education. This week [redacted] talked with Dr. Lau, C/A&E/TR, which maintains regular liaison with ETS. Dr. Lau found out the name of the person at ETS with whom [redacted] should talk, and security clearance for the trip has been requested.

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4. On December 1, [redacted] gave a showing of some of the pictures he took on his vacation in Iceland last summer. About a dozen people attended.

5. Seventy-eight people reported for written Proficiency tests during the past two weeks in Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, French German, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Serbian, Russian, German, Italian and Spanish.

6. Sixteen orals in Chinese, French, German, Persian and Portuguese were given in the past two weeks.

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7. A schedule of 57 written tests has been arranged for JOT's for the week of 21 December; insofar as possible thirteen simultaneous orals will be set up.

8. The testing section has begun totaling the IBM run of those who have claimed language proficiency but who have never been tested.

9. One hundred and eleven Certifications for Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar this past week.

10. With regret we report the departure from LAS of who supervised, with competence, the operations of the Eye Building language lab. We wish him well and hope his new venture provides the stimulus for rapid advancement.

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