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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We are hoping to complete this week our detailed plans for commencing implementation of the new area program. Two or three meetings of the staff should suffice for discussing such priority subjects as new working arrangements with the components and minimum content of the proposed alternative types of Americans Abroad briefings.

2. Under the circumstances, we plan to submit very little for the OTR long-term schedule, due this week. I do feel that our understanding with EE is firm enough for us to schedule the AAO - Germany as usual. Much effort and experience will be necessary on AAO briefings for all other areas before we will know with reasonable certainty what we can schedule so far in advance.

3. We have been placed on distribution of all listings of DDP returnees, whose help is indispensable for the AAO courses. I hope to arrange to be similarly informed concerning DDI and DDS returnees. For help in estimating future departures, PPS [] has promised to gather statistics on past performance. Such figures will be a useful starting point, though they will not reflect the number of first-timers involved and will probably not be broken down by post.

4. I had the pleasure last Thursday of joining the first intermediate VLTP class in German, conducted by [] The performance of this group of about eight was impressive. I found two or three fluent enough to lead a rapid-fire and impromptu discussion of Germany's current problems in the Cold War.

5. We have decided to offer the IOE for JOT's and have so informed [] The course will start on Monday, 7 March and will run two weeks full-time. A maximum of twenty students has been tentatively set.

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