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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 14 October 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. The Area Training Roundtable derived a two-fold benefit from last week's joint meeting with the language group [redacted]. The Thursday session at which both groups met together for the first time helped to clarify some of the questions in our minds about the pros and cons of combining area with language instruction. A remarkably broad consensus existed, that it is desirable to coordinate these two types of training as closely as possible and, at the upper levels of language training, even to merge them in what we have called "integrated" courses. At the same joint session, we also benefited from the new contacts made with agencies not now represented on the Area Roundtable, such as NSA, Air, and Navy. Our Friday session, for area only, was highlighted by a solid briefing on State's area training mission and programs by Frank Cash, Head of FSI's Department of University Training and Area Studies. Six of the eight member agencies were represented. Next meeting will be held at the Military Assistance Institute the week of 13 December.

2. Following our second meeting with you on a proposed work plan for the Area Faculty, we are preparing a new draft paper which we feel will be more realistically tailored to Agency needs and to our probable capabilities for the foreseeable future.

25X1 3. I was deeply impressed at the depth of [redacted] concentration on the area training problem, as clearly indicated at the session which [redacted] and I had with him on Monday. 25X1 In fact, I have experienced a sense of relief over the close attention this problem has been receiving both in that quarter and from our own PPS. There can be no quarrel with conclusions based on hard facts, many of which are now in our possession for the first time.

25X1 4. AAS/ISB has furnished us with the German and French sound tracks of the "Free Europe" film, which that section produced with 25X1 the help of native speakers lined up by us. The voices of [redacted] (French) and [redacted] (German) come through admirably for the most part, and our only recommendation for any future such effort would be to tone down or eliminate the background music. We are preparing to run the film in both languages over the lunch hour on 28 October in 1402 I Building for the convenience of interested

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DDP components. R/TR's office advises that an informal notice is indicated, to be handled by us.

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