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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 16 September 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Germany - AAO #13 was shortened from 5 to 3 half days this week, when, at the eleventh hour on Friday, EE withdrew 3 of the total of 8 enrolled, for immediate departure. The abbreviated briefing schedule reduced the number of guest speakers to a minimum but permitted me to make my full quota of presentations.
- 25X1 2. The one-day briefing on Latin America was attended by all 12 enrolled. We were fortunate to have with us the entire morning my former colleague [ ] of OCI, Chief of the Latin America Branch, and his presentations on the strategic importance of the area and on its social patterns and institutions were unusually well received. [ ] of WH, who helped me conduct the first session in this course on "How to make the most of your everyday contacts," was less effective, probably because he was raised in Latin America and did not quite have the point of view of the American first-timer in the area. The companion one-day briefing on Western Europe was not run this time. WE had lined up two candidates, but withdrew even those at the last moment.
- 25X1 3. I will see Chester Cooper (DAD/ONE) early in the week to clear the way for use of [ ] as consultant and co-chairman of the prospective Senior Area Seminar on Europe.
- 25X1 4. Army's Strategic Intelligence School has informally requested [ ] to act as the technical advisor on the revision of its training film on the Middle East. A formal request will be sent shortly by SIS to D/TR.
- 25X1 5. [ ] of Commo Personnel has discussed with [ ] the possible establishment of an AAO, geared to a special Commo project, on a cyclical basis, for 8-10 persons at a time. If the project, for which these persons are being readied, materializes, the first running of the course would take place in two months.

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6. [ ] will give an illustrated report on his recent trip to Africa and the Middle East on Friday, 18 September, at 1530 hours in Room 2925 Quarters Eye.

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7. [ ] met with [ ] of ORR and Alex Kepler of G-2 on Friday to discuss the implications of the Sino-Indian border incidents and the increase of pressure in Laos against the background of the Khrushchev visit. The two-hour long meeting was most useful and instructive. Among other things, it was generally agreed that both situations had independent beginnings unrelated to the relations between Moscow and Peking concerning the Khrushchev visit and that neither situation signified any serious change of pace or direction for Communist China.

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