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TO : Acting Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 26 August 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. At the request of the DDP, we arranged for [] a brief conversation with a contact not allowed access to these buildings, in order to assess his proficiency in Chinese.

25X1 2. We have been informed by [] of FE that, in view of the
25X1 persuasive argument of [] of FDD to the effect that without
25X1 [] LAS would not be able to provide suitable train-
25X1 ing in advanced Chinese for FDD as in the past year, FE will be willing
25X1 to release [] for about two hours a day until January 1960. This
is welcome news, as it will both allow us to give the advanced course
needed by FDD and give us more time to find an eventual replacement.

25X1 3. [] informs us that one man, and only one, will
25X1 probably be available for full-time Persian training in the fall. This
25X1 faces us with the question whether to have [] give his course for
25X1 one student or to try to find external training for the student and
25X1 allow [] to continue work on his revised text - which incidentally
25X1 is nearing completion in its first-draft stage. Besides working on
25X1 this text, [] is currently also giving informal tutorial instruction
to three people.

4. So far this year there has been one application for full-time Japanese training, a JOT. He will be trained externally, probably at Monterey, since Yale is fully booked.

5. The full-time Chinese course, which began last fall with two students and had been running since June with one, has now been completed. Unfortunately, it now appears that the student who completed the course is not to be sent to his overseas station for a good many months yet. We will try to arrange some regular maintenance work for him until then.

25X1 6. [] has returned from TDY but is continuing to spend part of his time in completing his assignment.

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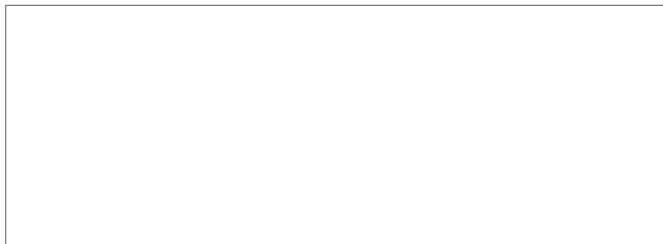
25X1 7. [redacted] are drawing up a set of advanced lessons to be used in the second year Russian courses of the VLTP.

25X1 8. Col. Daniels of the Air Force Institute of Technology paid a visit to LAS on 21 August. He was greeted by [redacted] and discussed with [redacted] some of the problems of teaching Russian to beginners.

25X1 9. [redacted] will be on leave until 8 September.

10. With the end of the Summer trimester 1959, a group of 5 students completed their third trimester of Swahili (103) in the Voluntary Language Training Program. These students were an unusually industrious and dedicated group as shown by the results of their Language Proficiency Tests, which they took at the end of the Summer trimester. All of the students achieved Elementary in all aspects of the spoken language, one student received High and three others Intermediate in reading, which are exceptionally high scores after only three trimester.

25X1 11. Unfortunately this was the last trimester that Swahili will be taught in the VLTP, at least for the foreseeable future, as the instructor, [redacted] will not be available this fall. We have no substitute for him, since there is to the best of our knowledge no other competent Swahili speaker in the Metropolitan Area.



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