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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. RS- Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland #1 terminated with a loss of only one of the original 16 students. I attended a post mortem critique of the course by the class and was impressed by the high morale and constructive suggestions of this group. All the participants seemed convinced of the usefulness of the course in their work. Several had communicated this message to their supervisors with sufficient impact so that we are being pressed to introduce another offering of the course into our schedule toward the end of the current fiscal year. Hence we shall take careful soundings as to a preference by EE and ORR in particular for the proposed Balkans course or another offering of the CEP course in the spring of 1960. Principal adverse criticisms concerned the lack of sufficient time for study and class discussion, as well as the need to economize time by finding guest lecturers who can handle all three instead of only one country in this regional grouping. F
[] is preparing a full report on this first offering of the course, and will append the student critiques.

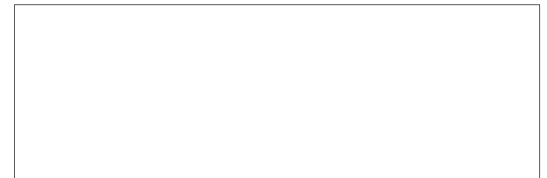
2. The last formal session of this course, which I also attended, was given over to a seminar-type discussion of the present situation and outlook in respect to the three Eastern European countries concerned. [] utilized a panel composed of Albert W. Sherer, Jr. (Acting Director, Office of Eastern European Affairs, State), Robert Delaney (Chief, Division of Eastern European Affairs, VOA), and [] (ONE). The active participation of most class members in this final exchange of views was in marked contrast to the general reticence of such groups in the presence of guest specialists at the outset of these courses.

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3. I received a visit this week by Lt. Col. George B. Woodworth, Co-ordinator of the Army's Foreign Area Specialist Training Program, under ACSI, who is a member of our newly formed inter-agency roundtable on area training. He is a member of an ACSI sub-committee assisting Congress in an inquiry into the MAAG-sponsored Military Assistance Institute, which functions at Arlington Towers under contract to the Army. Main purpose of the visit was to determine to what extent we might be able to make use of the Institute (and share in its financial support) for area training, to what extent our training facilities are available to Army personnel, and whether we would favor establishment of a national training center for government and non-government personnel going overseas. While my off-hand responses on all three points were necessarily quite negative, PPS might wish to give the matter fuller consideration.

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