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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 17 June 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The Basic Full-time French class had a successful three-day stay at [redacted]. The chaperone problem was neatly solved by [redacted] of FBID lent a helping hand to the regular French speaking Staff. The students of this group seem to have reached a slightly higher level than their predecessors at this point in the course. It is anticipated that one of them - [redacted] - will have to withdraw next week because of his impending departure overseas.

2. [redacted] is well advanced in his project of preparing a series of Structural Drills on Russian Grammar. This manual will provide additional drills on difficulties of Russian grammatical structure for both full-time and part-time courses. About seven types of exercises are included, all following the scientific linguistic principles.

3. [redacted] had lunch with [redacted] DC/SR. [redacted] was informed of the Russian course offerings scheduled for next September, and promised to devote a special staff meeting with SR section chiefs to the subject of Russian Language training, and the possibilities which we offer in LAS. Although [redacted] held out small hope for any large numbers of full-time students (he estimated that there would be no more than 3 or 4 in September), he did express belief that a change is in the offing regarding training of SR personnel in Russian, and that a larger number would be committed. He will instruct his own deputy, [redacted] to deal directly with [redacted] on problems of language training. This should improve our liaison with SR.

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