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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 13 May 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. The first full-time Greek course has ended with a week at
25X1 [redacted] which went off very successfully. Besides [redacted] and
[redacted] who were present for the whole period, we had from time to
time a number of Greek-speaking guests who were a great asset.
25X1 Although the formal course is now over, we are arranging for several
of the students to continue individual or semi-individual work with
[redacted]

25X1 2. FE, as we had for some time expected, has now requested us
to return [redacted] for full-time work with the Division, and we have
reluctantly agreed to do so. His departure from LAS is scheduled
for around the beginning of September, which will give him time to
finish his present courses with us and will give us time to find a
replacement.

25X1 3. The past week has also brought the end of the full-time
Japanese course, although in this case too the two students are to
continue with more informal part-time work with [redacted] through-
out the summer. One of these students achieved a rating of Inter-
mediate in the speaking part of the Agency Proficiency Examination,
which is very commendable in view of the fact that he had had only
four months of part-time and three months of full-time Japanese
training. The other student has not yet taken the exam.

25X1 4. [redacted] talked by telephone with [redacted]
who wrote to the Director concerning a Russian language training
scheme. An appointment was made to talk in person on Monday with
25X1 [redacted] to obtain details of the plan.

25X1 5. Attendance at the Polish feature film was 12.

25X1 6. [redacted] EE Division, has made
available for our publication a text of Polish history and back-
ground in pictures. This was prepared for a former training need

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by a contract employee. As it is in finished form, it will be photographed for lithoprinting and issued by LAS in our series of instructional manuals.

25X1 7. The French Intermediate (Full-Time) course ended this week in the wake of a very successful stay at [redacted] In their critiques, the students were generally enthusiastic about the course. The main criticism centered around the size of the class and the impossibility of providing individual attention with the staff available. In view of the odds against which the Romance language staff had to work, they should all be congratulated for a job well done.

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