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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 9 April 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Russian Basic RSW I began this week with an enrollment of 7 students, 6 of them from Commo. [redacted] is the instructor.

2. [redacted] has been asked to represent the Agency in the testing of CIA personnel for escort service for Soviet delegations traveling in the United States. On 2 April he attended a meeting held at Language Services Division, Department of State, at which the following were present: Edmund Glenn, Chief/Interpretation Branch, Theodore Leon, Chief/Language Services, both of the Department of State, and [redacted] both of CIA's Office of Contacts, East-West Branch. The criteria and classification of our personnel [redacted] were discussed.

3. Two new informal seminars have been announced this week, one in Romanian and one in Spanish. These seminars are conducted from 1200 to 1300 two days a week. A seminar of this type in French has been active for over two years and currently draws from 10 to 15 students. A seminar in Italian, which started recently, averages between two to four students. Agency personnel with native fluency are invited to conduct these seminars whenever feasible; the balance of the time they are conducted by native speakers or the language school staff.

