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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 18 March 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Final examinations were given 13 March to students of Hungarian Basic Reading II. Six of the seven which began the course took the examination (one having gone overseas). Hungarian Reading Workshop will begin 7 April and will continue for fifteen weeks.

2. An inventory of the tape holdings of LAS has been begun by Ornstein. Questionnaires are being distributed to determine the present status of our stocks in all languages taught here, with a view to discarding unsatisfactory tapes, producing new ones, and acquiring desirable tapes commercially if feasible.

25X1 3. [] travelled to New York on Tuesday to find books for use in the German Intermediate Full-Time course. He was able to find many useful and inexpensive items which will contribute to the content of the course.

25X1 4. The Spanish Basic PT class spent two days at [] - 9
25X1 through 10 March - at the end of their 20 week course. []
25X1 helped [] make the stay successful for a group of four
students. The students were unanimous in their praise of the exercise.

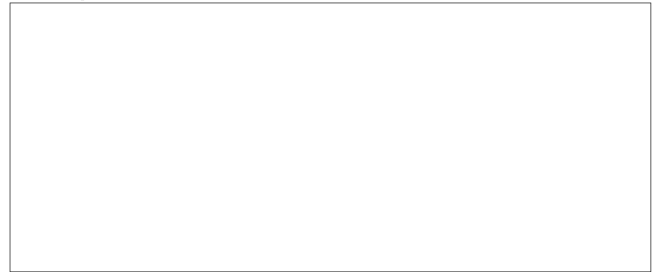
25X1 5. One of the VLTP instructors in Chinese, [] of PE Division has arranged to have Chinese flash cards mimeographed for the use of the students in his VLTP class. Each flash card consists of a Chinese character or radical on one side and on the other side the romanization, correct pronunciation and English equivalent. It is considered one of the very best training aids for learning Chinese characters. On an experimental basis a few cards were run off by the OTR Reproduction office on heavier weight paper. The results were so good that we now intend to run off 40 sets of 240 flash cards for the use of the regular daytime program as well as all the VLTP classes.

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The total cost will be \$24.00 as compared to the \$280.00 the cards would have cost if purchased commercially.

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