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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 25 February 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- This is the program specifically requested by Dick Helms*
1. The dry run of the new course Personal Effectiveness Abroad has been postponed until March 30th, due to lack of interest in participation on the part of a number of DDP components. This is in striking contrast to the interest in training in "Overseasmanship" aroused by the recent visit to Washington of Dean Harlan Cleveland and Professor Gerard Mangone of the Maxwell Institute of Syracuse University. Malvina Lindsay devoted one entire column to the subject and commentator E. P. Morgan of ABC talked at length two evenings in succession. The acute need for disciplined training for this aspect of overseas operations is clearly recognized, and the new LAS program is specifically designed to meet this need. It will be indeed unfortunate if much greater assistance for this undertaking is not forthcoming.
 2. A wide diversity of reactions in DDP to this course continues. C/WE [redacted] considers the course highly desirable, whereas IO's TC [redacted] reports that it is not essential for his division's half dozen staff people stationed abroad. FE decided against sending anyone to our dry run, thus cancelling out our expectations of having two candidates, one from [redacted]. Following postponement of the course, I am checking out how many of the existing candidates will still be available for the dry run a month hence.
 3. First full meeting of the Current Problems Seminar on Free Europe was considered a success by almost all of the participants I have queried. C/SR [redacted] remarks on the Geneva talks he had attended provided an effective follow-up on an "ice-breaking" discussion which I provoked on the terminology peculiar to the nuclear weapons strategy theme. Only two of the participants (from EE) felt this activity was not sufficiently rewarding for them, and greater care will be taken in

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the future to exclude candidates who are already immersed in the scheduled theme in their daily work. Next meeting is on the 5th, with guest specialists Paul Nitze and Phil Farley, and special invitations for this occasion will be sent to a limited number of persons including yourself, DTR, and DDTR.

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4. [] paid [] and myself a visit to explore our capabilities for providing survey-type courses on Africa. We hope to arrive at definite commitments on both sides in a follow-up meeting prior to the deadline for the next long-term schedule, but our capabilities will remain sharply limited on this area until an African specialist can be provided to assist []
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5. A German sound track is being completed this week for Part I of the "Free Europe" film under Walters' direction. In [] absence, [] of FDD has kindly consented to speak the lines, with [] checking him. This film, which includes coverage of Germany, is to be used in the forthcoming Full-time Intermediate German course, in conjunction with the reproduced copies of [] excellent translation of the script.
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6. [] will apparently remain at George Washington University Hospital for some time yet since the source of an infection indicated by lung abscesses has not yet been determined. He is still running a fever, over ten days after admission to the hospital, and visitors are not recommended for the near future. As one result, we will almost certainly have to postpone the Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland - RS #1, now scheduled to start in mid-April, which he is to handle.
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