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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 11 February 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The distribution of languages for which students registered in the Winter Trimester of the Voluntary Language Training Program, beginning on 7 January 1959 is as follows:

- 1. French - 116
- 2. German - 102
- 3. Russian - 47
- 4. Spanish - 38
- 5. Italian - 18
- 6. Chinese - 16
- 7. Japanese - 12
- 8. Arabic - 10



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This usual attrition caused by early drop-outs yields the following figures as of 11 February:

- 1. French - 104
- 2. German - 85
- 3. Russian - 38
- 4. Spanish - 35
- 5. Italian - 16
- 6. Chinese - 16
- 7. Japanese - 12
- 8. Arabic - 10

2. This trimester the VLTP has initiated an effort to "section" classes according to ability, in French and German at the 102 level. [redacted] (OTR) is teaching a fast section of French 102 with 8 students selected from three sections finishing 101 in December 1958. [redacted] (DDP/SE) is teaching a fast section of German 102 with 6 students likewise selected from three 101 sections.

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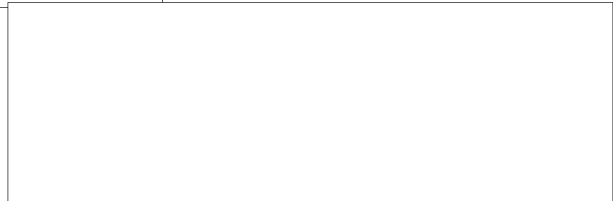
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25X1 3. The French Basic (Full-Time) class spent the last week of the course at [redacted] and took the Agency Proficiency Test in French on Friday. The results were excellent. In the oral examination seven out of ten students obtained a grade of Intermediate or above; three students qualified as Elementaries. Of the low aptitude group (score of six or seven in Language Aptitude Exam) three qualified as Intermediates. Eight of the ten students are scheduled to continue in the Intermediate (Full-Time) class due to start on 2 March.

25X1 4. The Russian Basic Reading RSW I (Part-Time) course, taught by [redacted] ends this week. There are at present two sections, with a total of ten students.

25X1 5. A list of available non-classified foreign language films has been received from [redacted] in the Film Branch. [redacted] is preparing a program of noontime showings, for announcement in the March Bulletin.

25X1 6. The Persian Basic RSW (Full-Time) class accompanied by the instructor [redacted] of IAS, and one former Persian student are spending the week at [redacted]



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