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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 11 February 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. A full afternoon's discussion in depth of the area program has been held by the staff in preparation for a round of decision-making at the spring planning conference to be held at [redacted] about 6 April. Keynote of the discussion was a realization that experimentation must give way to firmer policies in the area program. In view of our extremely limited resources and the uncertainties of Agency area training requirements, however, three successive tactical steps will be taken: 1) D/PRA will seek C/PPS's help in flushing out realistic views of Agency requirements, including priorities, at staff level; 2) I will attempt to pull together a critical analysis of our experience thus far; and 3) we will revisit each Agency component, at division level, in an effort to update our understanding of working level views. We hope to complete the first two steps prior to drafting of the 1960 fiscal year schedule in April.
  2. I am continuing to interview desirable participants for our dry run in March of the Personal Effectiveness Abroad course. [redacted] my best prospect in WE, who is one of that division's most skilled field operators, is unfortunately enrolled in an OS course running simultaneously, preparatory to taking a PCS assignment in a few months.
  3. I am also soliciting help for this course from C/EE and DC/EE (Critchfield and [redacted]) and DC/WH ([redacted]), whom I expect to see shortly. Most general and firmest point still being made to me by DDP personnel is that this course should concern itself with a single country - or at least region - if it is to be of substantial interest to DDP supervisors.

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4. Paul Nitze has accepted our invitation to lead off on 5 March at the first full-dress session of the Current Problems Seminar on Free Europe. He and Phil Farley, the second speaker, are good friends and their differing viewpoints on American Cold War strategy should make for a lively discussion afterward. We feel that we have made well above par in obtaining four guest specialists who are ideally suited for our purpose. We are indebted to C/FE (Fitzgerald) for a speedy entree to Nitze.
- 25X1 5. C/SR [ ] has cheerfully agreed to spend 40 to 50 minutes with the seminar group next Thursday, at its first full meeting, to give us the flavor of the recent Geneva talks which he attended.
- 25X1 6. TO/WH [ ] voluntarily came to visit regarding our periodic AAO briefings (Saturday Specials) on Latin America. He reports that the division is encouraged by the favorable comments received from dependents who attended on 17 January, and we mapped out several steps for raising the quality of this briefing to that of the one [ ] given on Saturday.
- 25X1 7. [ ] joined me in a first meeting with [ ] to map strategy for our Czechoslovakia, East Germany, and Poland (CEP) - RS#1, scheduled to begin 14 April. We also plan to coordinate closely with EE, presumably the most interested component, through DC/EE. SIC is committed to handle two lectures and participate on two panels.



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