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Acting Director of Training

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Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

Weekly Activity Report #3

1. CIA Participation in the RAND Exercise, "Political Gaming"

Recently the Director of Training expressed the feeling that OTR should follow closely activities in the political gaming field but should limit participation to observer status, because greater participation would be too time consuming in terms of preparation as well as participation. Both Intelligence School and Operations School expressed an interest in a rather close follow-up of these exercises within the framework expressed by the DTR. The Executive Officer stated that funds could be made available for travel to Boston for reasonably short TDY. Mr. [] advised that the Department of State and this Agency have taken the position that officially we have an interest, but active participation must be carefully handled, since participation by U. S. officials might be construed by the press as forecasting future U. S. policy actions. Therefore, no officials of either agency will participate in the next RAND exercise, one of which may be held in February and one in April. Mr. [] will keep us informed of future plans and if CIA is planning to send observers, he will advise us sufficiently in advance to permit the naming of an OTR observer.

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2. Government Employees Training Act

On 20 January, conference was held with Mr. George Carey, Office of General Counsel, with reference to objections raised by the Department of Justice to the CIA request for exemption from section 19(d). Section 19(d) reads as follows:

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the training of any employee by, in, or through any non-Government facility any substantial part of the activities of which is (1) the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation or (2) the participation or intervention in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

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It was decided to withdraw our request for exemption to this section in compliance with the request from the Department of Justice. It was felt that our withdrawal will in no way affect the future requirements of CIA since our covert training is conducted in establishments covered by security checks made by the Office of Security. Furthermore, should the rare circumstance occur wherein training of any type would be conducted under conditions described above, General Counsel feels that the National Security Act as amended will provide sufficient authority to act. Mr. Carey is drafting a reply withdrawing CIA objections to section 19(d).

3. New Building

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At the request of Mr. ^{25X1} [redacted] of the Building Planning Staff, Mr. [redacted] was called and asked that he assign an individual of his office to work directly with the Building Planning Staff on machine layout for the language laboratory. All special areas are being reviewed by the Building Staff.

At the request of the bidding contractors, the bid openings have been postponed from 5 February until 25 February 1959.

4. Dissemination of Documents

Satisfactory agreement has been reached with the Document Division, OCR, in the matter of disseminations of communist intelligence directly to the Office of the Chief of the School of International Communism. Distribution began on 21 January 1959.

5. ELINT Training

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The ELINT training subcommittee met on 19 January 1959. They still are not ready to levy precise requirements on OTR. OC has submitted a detailed statement of their requirements and capabilities in the ELINT field to the training subcommittee. Other interested components are lagging well behind OC in crystallizing their requirements, with DD/P running last. Mr. [redacted], secretary of the training subcommittee, presented a draft of a memorandum to General Cabell requesting approval in principle of an ELINT training program. All participants in the meeting were asked to suggest changes or additions to the draft in order that Mr. [redacted] may present it to the Agency ELINT Committee for approval on 27 January. PPS was invited to attend the 27 January AEC meeting if OTR wishes us to do so.

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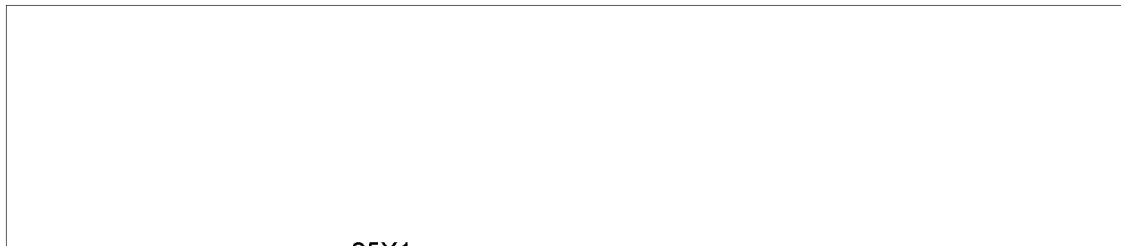
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Mr. [redacted] will visit [redacted] with Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] and later visit [redacted] to discuss ELINT training with Mr. [redacted]. The purpose of these trips will be to provide PPS with all possible first-hand knowledge of ELINT training facilities available.

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7. Briefings for Mr. [redacted]

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During this reporting period, Mr. [redacted] visited the Chiefs of the Intelligence School, School of International Communism and the USSR, and the Registrar and was briefed on the organization and functions of these activities.

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Memo for the Record

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