

*Attachment to Weekly  
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Unclassified NPIC Training Program

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1.  OTR, has been assigned as the Program Officer to establish and supervise the initial course of instruction for the forthcoming unclassified NPIC Training Program, scheduled to begin on 18 April 1966 at 1000 Glebe Road. A Program Officer to administer the Program on a permanent basis has not been assigned.

2. The Office of Training and the National Photographic Interpretation Center have agreed on a program consisting of unclassified FOD Orientation, International Communism, Map Reading, Photo Interpretation to include Photo Techniques and Photogrammetry, Geography of the USSR and China, Effective Writing and Effective Speaking. A complete uninterrupted course of instruction would cover 440 hours of class work. See Attachment A. The course is arranged so that students can be placed into the program at the beginning of each three-, four-, and five-weeks block of instruction. In turn a student may be dropped from the course after completing three-, four-, or five-weeks of instruction. This procedure will make the most effective use of instruction personnel and will also enable the student to receive credit and have placed in his personnel record the successful completion of a course. NPIC has agreed that a student will not be withdrawn once a block of instruction has been started. This may incur a

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delay in reporting for his permanent position by approximately two weeks.

3. Details of the initial course of instruction are outlined in Attachment B. The Orientation, A&E Testing, International Communism, Map Reading and Photo Interpretation will be presented by OTR and NPIC personnel.

It is planned that the Speaking, Writing and Geography courses will be conducted by contract personnel, preferably Agency retirees. A memorandum to this effect has been written to OP/RRPD, who have already submitted a list of possible applicants for OTR consideration. OTR will begin preliminary interviews for contract personnel on or about 1 April 1966. However, a decision is yet to be made to determine whether OTR or NPIC will be responsible for the costs involved.

4. A previous unclassified training program was run for NPIC in 1963. Twenty eight students participated in this program. Three of the employees completed the three-month program; thirteen were withdrawn as clearances were completed; two resigned during the program; and ten were in the program at the end of the three month period. This history is reported to show the uncertainty of such a program.

5. Some of the objections and problems of the 1963 program have been taken into consideration; at the present time all contingencies cannot be covered. It is essential that OTR and NPIC maintain close liaison in order to adapt or change the course as deemed necessary. OTR will do its part in seeing that the course is interesting and meets the requirements and needs of the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

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