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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Headquarters Training
SUBJECT : Senior Operations Seminar -- Status Report of Survey

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1. On 7 December 66 I had a long phone conversation with [redacted] who was pleased to learn that the survey of DDP officers in regard to subject seminar is proceeding apace. The matter of availability of personnel was raised and I noted particularly EUR's emphasis of this point. DDP/TRO agreed that scheduling the seminar as part of preparations for an overseas assignment made sense. He thought that two runnings a year, in winter and late spring, might be most useful. Incidentally, both the tone and content of DDP/TRO's remarks led me to believe that he was taking approval of the seminar for granted and was anxious to get on with concrete plans.

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2. The first interviews conducted have been with SB, NE, and FE. Also, as you know, we have briefed the staff echelon of EUR preparatory to contacts at the Branch level. [redacted] was, as usual, particularly cooperative and had some useful comments to offer in addition to identifying those other NE officers who should be contacted. So far I have contacted [redacted] Chief, [redacted] who reacted very positively to the seminar idea. He strongly urged that the handling of Staff Agents be included in the course. [redacted] suggested that I give a general briefing to everyone attending the FE Division weekly staff meeting. This was a good first step, for now all the Branch chiefs have a chance to think about the matter before I contact them. Incidentally, AC/FE urged them to do their best with helpful suggestions.

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3. [REDACTED] called me to request a get-together to discuss the seminar. [REDACTED] attended the meeting, where he asked that a couple of hours be set aside for treatment of SIGINT matters. FI/D has three case histories to offer, which, I noted, would fit in nicely with our desire to minimize straight lectures. I have long had SIGINT on the tentative course schedule for the seminar, so the evident FI/D wish to use the seminar as part of their welcome enlightenment campaign can be profitably accommodated.

4. At the risk of redundancy, I should like to note that the current survey is being made to serve two purposes. We should not, I believe, be content with taking a poll of reaction to the seminar idea, rather should use this unique opportunity to solicit views regarding course content. By determining those things which this generous sampling of CS officers feels is important, which need coverage, we can use the survey as a refining procedure for course content and thus assure ourselves that we are on target as regards real CS needs.

5. For course planning purposes I am keeping a concise log of my talks during this survey. However, I do not feel that formal memoranda are warranted.

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