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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Operations School
FROM : Assistant Chief for Headquarters Training
SUBJECT: : Weekly Activities Report No. 4
16-22 January 1957

I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The third annual CIA briefing of the Foreign Service Inspection Corps of the Department of State was held on 22 January 1957 from 0900 to 1230 hours in the DCI conference room, Administration Building. Nineteen members of the Inspection Corps and three members from the office of the Undersecretary of State attended. The briefing went off smoothly and our friends from the Foreign Service seemed very much interested in what was presented. Mr. Miller, chief of the Inspection Corps, stated that the Department of State wished to have these briefings continued each year. The highlights this year were the remarks of Mr. Dulles, [REDACTED] and Mr. Kirkpatrick. [REDACTED] was the instructor in charge.

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II. OTHER ITEMS

Courses

a. Staybehind Operations Course No. 16 was given 7-18 January 1957 with three students in attendance. Due to the small group the instruction was given along tutorial lines and in two weeks instead of the regular three weeks. Two of the students are leaving very shortly for field staybehind assignments, so it is felt the effort was well spent.

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c. CSR No. 15 got underway on Tuesday 22 January with 54 students enrolled - the largest class to date. More than ten prospects have had to be refused admittance during the past week in view of the limited capacity of the [REDACTED] auditorium. Although no quota was placed by OTR on the number of students acceptable from each division, area desks were not permitted to add additional students after registration closed on 14 January but were allowed to replace any of their own applicants with later enrollees if they so desired. The final tally shows 5 DD/S and 49 DD/P, the latter being divided into 29 FI, 15 PP and 5 ops support. The grade range is from 7 to 15 but heavily weighted toward the senior grades. One of the most interesting facts about this class is that 16 of the 54 students have had ten or more years with the Agency or its predecessors.

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d. Of the ten students in Information Reporting, Reports, and Requirements, nine are reports officers or prospective reports officers. The other is interested in reporting as photography can play a part in it. This is the first running of the course with no case officer registered. Generally the division into a case-officer group and a reports-officer group has been about equal. For the four students who will be closest to operations in the field, the emphasis during the next two weeks of the course will be on the operational aspects of reporting. The remainder of the students instead of carrying out a reporting assignment will give special attention to the problems of requirements. Both groups will continue to process information reports in the laboratory.

e. Counterespionage Operations No. 7 is in its final week.

Personnel

f. Mrs. [REDACTED] is taking the CSR course.

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