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Executive Assistant to DCI

17 October 1952

Director of Training

Weekly Summary Report

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1. At the request of representatives from OOD the Chief of the Programs Division [redacted] is exploring training possibilities in certain government and non-government installations for possible opportunities for training CIA personnel in technical fields. Some of the government installations under consideration are: Naval Powder Plant, Naval Gun Factory, Naval Instrument Plant, and the Army Frankfurt Arsenal in Pennsylvania. When this survey of training opportunities is completed the results will be made known to interested representatives in OOD and other Offices in the Agency desiring opportunities to increase the technical and scientific knowledge of their personnel.

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2. During the week ending 17 October, [redacted] from the Medical Office set forth to the Office of Training long-range proposals providing for additional training for medical personnel in a wide variety of highly specialized medical fields.

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3. Two members of the Board of National Estimates (General Harold H. Bull and Mr. James C. Cooley) were briefed by the Chief of the Orientation and Briefing Division [redacted] on the mission and coordinating functions of CIA.

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4. An experimental class for trainees in OTS and ORR in scientific [redacted] reading was begun on 15 October. The class is open to others in the Agency who may need a scientific knowledge of [redacted]

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6. Eleven groups of supervisors, approximately 225 people in the DD/P Offices, have been given instruction on the use of the Personnel Evaluation Report.

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7. Chief of the Assessment and Evaluation Division was called to the office of [redacted] of the [redacted] staff to discuss the problem of a military person who underwent assessment in May of 1952 and was assigned to [redacted] in spite of a very negative assessment report. It was pointed out by [redacted] that

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the assessment report had clearly indicated that the kind of problems that developed would develop and he requested permission to forward a copy of the assessment report to General Smith with appropriate remarks. In this same meeting, Chief of the Assessment and Evaluation Division met with General [redacted] who also expressed his appreciation of the correctness of the assessment report and asked for information as to why the recommendations had not been followed.

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8. On 10 October 1952 a meeting was held between Chief of Assessment and Evaluation Division and [redacted] of Medical in which information was exchanged relative to three people who had undergone assessment and who had later developed psychiatric difficulties. It is interesting to note that in two of the reports the difficulties had been predicted, and in the third case the difficulties which developed, although not predicted, were in no way inconsistent with the assessment findings.

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9. Project [redacted]

a. Survey party on Project [redacted] departed Washington, D.C., 0830, 13 October. Expect to return prior to closing time 17 October.

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b. Received cost estimate of items of equipment and supply for [redacted] from Offices of Procurement and Supply; preparing revised cost estimates for project.

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10. The [redacted] Training Branch is preparing a [redacted] orientation seminar for NE Division.

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11. Project [redacted]

A request has been received by [redacted] Branch to establish personnel [redacted] training under [redacted] auspices for case officers of two of the operating divisions.

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12. Project [redacted]

An informal conference was held in [redacted] on [redacted] with the trustees of the [redacted]. Present were: [redacted] of the trustees; Area Chief, and a representative of the Office of Training. The trustees expressed their gratification with the meeting, called primarily to give a progress report, and the first such meeting since 8 April 1952. Former

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skepticism as to the project was mentioned again, together with an expression of present satisfaction therewith and willingness to continue in their present functions as trustees for the cover corporation.

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13. Assistance was given to [redacted] of EE/FT/OPC and to [redacted] Budget and Logistics Officer/OPC in their task of regularizing the accounts of Project [redacted]. The unfortunate results of the lack of a single responsible direction for the project were once more apparent.

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14. Communist Party Operations Course #9 was completed on 10 October (13 students and one auditor).

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15. [redacted] Course #15 is to commence 27 October.

16. Chief, Ground Training and six of the [redacted] instructor staff participated in a day's round table conference with TR(S) staff at Headquarters on 15 October 1952. The entire [redacted] activities field training program was reviewed. It was generally agreed that the present three months' single course was too inflexible and does not best meet the varying needs of the operating offices. It was therefore decided that the current curriculum should be revised with the view to presenting a group of courses of shorter duration, each to cover one or more of the various subjects now included within the single course. The subjects to be offered in individual packages of instruction will likely comprise

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17. Chief Instructor, Clandestine [redacted] returned 13 October from his IDY assignment in [redacted] where he participated in developing a program of instruction in his field for use in a [redacted] agent training project.

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