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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report --February 1956

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 29 February was [REDACTED]

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2. On 14 February Mr. George G. Carey, AD/O, presented Career Staff Certificates to eligible FDD personnel at a ceremony in [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Management Staff, visited FDD on 23 February to survey the types of personnel records kept by the Division.

4. Mr. George A. Smith of GSA surveyed the Division relative to the adequacy of GSA service and was informed that cooperation has been satisfactory.

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5. On 8 February, Deputy Chief, FDD, briefed a class of Contact Division personnel in FDD operations.

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6. [REDACTED] newly designated CIA representative in [REDACTED] was briefed by Chief, FDD, on Division operations.

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7. [REDACTED] received an award of \$150 for her meritorious suggestion concerning reporting procedures for certain types of biographic information.

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8. [REDACTED] OIR, outlined to the Branch Chiefs four regional survey courses (USSR, Free Europe, Middle East, Africa South of the Sahara) tentatively scheduled by Language and External Training School/OIR for Spring 1956.

9. Six completed the Intensive Russian Reading Class III on 28 February.

On 27 February, four persons began Intensive Russian Reading Class V.

One analyst completed, and one began, full-time Chinese training during the month.

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A 24-hour, 6-weeks' course in typing for non-clerical personnel started on 7 February with 18 participants.

Two analysts, transferred from the India-Pakistan Section, are studying Hindi and Bengali part time to maintain proficiency in these languages.

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[REDACTED] is teaching Chinese 12 hours per week in OTR. 25X1A

10. Army Captains [REDACTED] are on 90-day training rotation in USSR Branch from [REDACTED]

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11. Fifty percent of the personnel of Eastern Europe Branch are attending a series of 15 two-hour lectures on Eastern Europe, sponsored by OTR. The series will continue until 23 May.

OPERATIONS

1. The 64th and 65th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 3 and 17 February, respectively. The Annual Report of the Subcommittee was approved and submitted to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications. A review of the Scientific and Technical Program was initiated to be continued at the next meeting on 2 March.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 78 duplications totaling 4507 pages. This represents a saving of approximately \$20,000.

3. On 24 February, Chief, FDD, attended a meeting at the Pentagon with representatives of ACSI, AGO, and ER/OCR to discuss certain 25X1A problems concerning restitution of captured German documents.

4. [REDACTED] represented FDD at a Reports Conference held 6 and 9 February to explore problems in and arrive at recommendations relative to possible standardization of CIA reporting methods.

5. The Academy of Sciences USSR textbook "Political Economy" was published during the month as FDD Translation No. 484.

6. The Division was alerted to be on guard against possible hoaxes which may have been perpetrated in foreign-language source material because of security leaks concerning intelligence methods and special techniques. A study was to be prepared by the Division for 25X1A submittal to a CIA committee on this subject.

7. [REDACTED] OSI, consulted with Chief, FDD, relative to the advisability of the Agency's subscription to all scientific and technical translations [REDACTED] It was 25X1A agreed that such translations should be procured by OSI.

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25X1A 8. Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, SA/DD/I, met with Chief, FDD; [redacted] Deputy CIA Librarian; and [redacted] Chief, Foreign Branch, CIA Library, to discuss support of the Historical Intelligence Collection effort. FDD has taken steps to screen its past production, and future applicable material, to the end of supplying material for the project.

9. The scheduled monthly FDD Summary report "Selected Articles From Chinese Communist Periodicals" was discontinued with issue No. 10 of February.

10. Commendations:

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[redacted]

25X1A From Chief, RQM/OIS, for valuable assistance furnished by [redacted] in the preparation of a study on Soviet economy, i. e. activities in [redacted]

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11. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of State

with Division of Research for Western Europe, Mr. Thomas Fina, to discuss program guidance on the weekly index of Le Monde.

Department of the Army

With Office of the Surgeon General, Dr. M. K. Gordon, to acquaint him with FDD capabilities and the current program in relation to OSG needs for material from Soviet medical journals.

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12. Special services rendered:

DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, a content analysis of eight reels of Spanish tapes.

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Also for RQM/OIS, edited a 37-page Spanish translation of a booklet called [redacted]

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Also for RQM/OIS, [redacted] advised on the research project concerning Soviet economic operations in Austria.

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For WB, [redacted] assisted in a project involving screening and translation of Dutch-language material.

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For NE-5, [redacted] spent 80 hours performing special Persian translations from [redacted]

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TSS -- [redacted] assisted in the processing of Amharic documents.

OCR -- For Graphics Register, completed the monitoring of selected portions of 143 East German films.

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13. Significant Reports:

[redacted] -- Indicates newest Soviet cancer research with [redacted]

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[redacted] -- Conference of Soviet Hygiene Institutes on Problem of Ionizing Radiation (bears directly on radiation injuries and hazards).

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FDD Translation No. 520 -- Agricultural Geography of Hungary (comprehensive and authoritative; many data extremely valuable as checks on future crop figures).

FDD Summary No. 817 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China, No. 85 (Sinking Five-Year Plan, pp 61-80).

FDD Summary No. 809 -- Soviet Ministries Responsible for Transportation, Communications, Electric Power, and Construction (collated information on the organization, personnel, and functions of indicated ministries extracted from Soviet books, periodicals, and newspapers for the period 1952-55).

Enclosures: 2

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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