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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report - April 1955

ADMINISTRATION

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1. Total personnel on duty as of 30 April was [REDACTED]

2. Arrangements have been made to move the files of the War Documents Project to the Division for permanent retention.

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3. [REDACTED] returned to duty on 6 April after four months' temporary duty in [REDACTED] for DD/P/FE.

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4. Within the Division, intensive training courses are being conducted in Rumanian (6 hours per week), Burmese (10 hours per week), Turkish (5 hours per week), and Russian (6 hours per week). In addition, "backstopping" courses, to increase the Division's flexibility, (2 hours per week) are being given in Mongolian, Chinese, and Russian. An English Review course (2 hours per week) is also being given.

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5. [REDACTED] FDD, was the OO representative for the first formal presentation of Career Staff Certificates at a ceremony in the Office of the DCI on 27 April.

OPERATIONS

1. The 47th and 48th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign-Language Publications were held 15 and 29 April, respectively. The review of Eastern Europe was completed with minor adjustments in coverage and presentation. The review of the Southeast Asia program was completed; the following changes were agreed upon: (1) to discontinue the "Burma Information Report" with the June issue; (2) to issue the Indonesia information in two separate reports, a "Monthly Information Report on Indonesia" (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY), and a "Background Report on Indonesia" (CONFIDENTIAL, NOFORN); and (3) to combine the Thailand and Indochina reports into one "Monthly Information Report on Continental Southeast Asia."

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2. On 19 April, Chief, FDD, and [REDACTED] representing Mr. F. H. Missell's office, SA/PC/DCI, discussed with members of the Office of the Chief, Psychological Warfare, Department of the Army, OC/PsycWar's needs for exploitation of information from German captured documents. The OC/PsycWar presented a statement of projects it proposed be undertaken to meet its needs. On 25 April, FDD forwarded to [REDACTED] a counter-proposal of projects which FDD

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deems more feasible. It is anticipated that [redacted] will forward these FID proposals to OC/PsyWar for consideration prior to another meeting.

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3. [redacted] Chief, Survey Staff, Economic Research Area, GR, reported to Chief, FID, that in a survey of sources utilized by [redacted] analysts, FID ranks third among all facilities used by them.

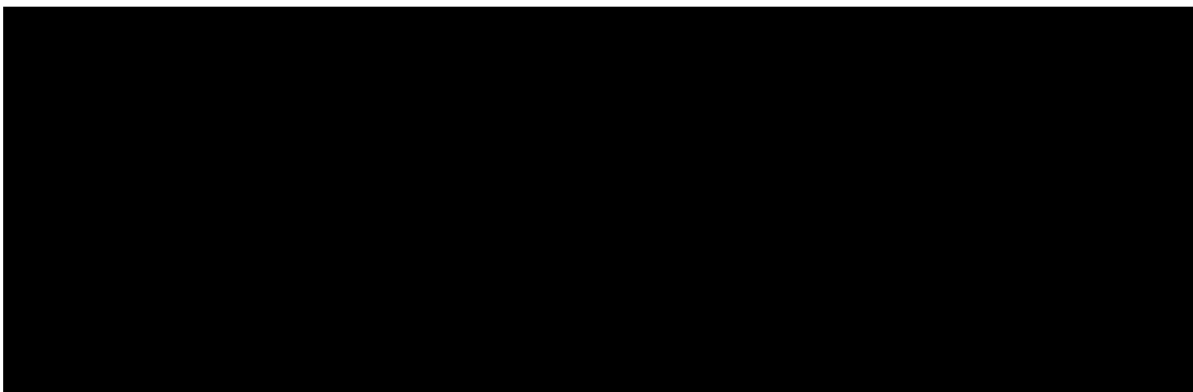
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4. Deputy Chief, FID, spoke on FID operations at the Clandestine Services Review Course No. 4 on 19 April. On 20 April, members of the course visited FID for further orientation.

5. Reference to the CIS index prevented 10 cases of duplication totaling 1214 pages.

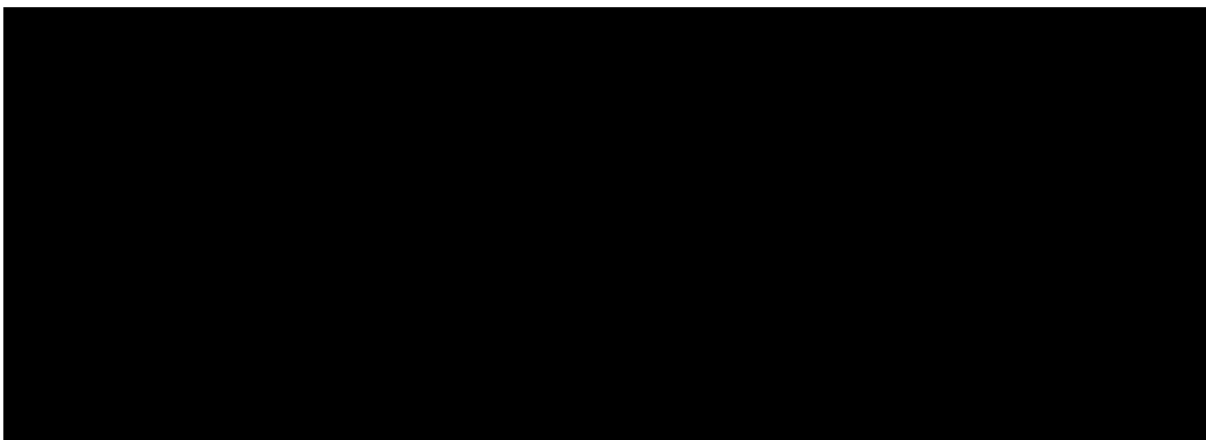
6. During the month personnel from the USSR, Eastern Europe, and Scientific and Technical branches were briefed on Industrial Register operations at IR. Personnel from Eastern Europe Branch were briefed on the operation of Graphics Register at GR.

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7. Commendations:

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10. Liaison activities:Department of State

With Division of Research for Near East, South Asia, and Africa, to review the monthly information reports on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; on the Arab States and Israel; and on Greece, Turkey, and Iran with a view toward clarification of needs prior to a program review of these reports by the Exploitation Subcommittee.

With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe, to discuss program guidance relative to USSR biographical material and on reporting on USSR ministerial functions and organization. It was agreed that FDD would not regularly analyze provincial press treatment of leading Soviet personalities; special studies from the provincial press may be undertaken upon request.

Department of the Army

With G-2 to review the monthly information reports on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; on the Arab States and Israel; and on the "Selected Briefs from the International Press" to clarify needs prior to a program review by the Exploitation Subcommittee. It was indicated that Army will request more specific military information on Israel for its NIS report.

Department of the Navy

With ONI, to discuss operational details of USSR military report. Arrangements were made for FDD to receive Sovetskiy Flot and Sovetskiy Moryak through Navy channels.

Also with ONI, to discuss the Arab States and Israel report. ONI expressed satisfaction with the report but indicated that because of the great need for naval information on the area it would submit additional requirements to FDD.

Department of the Air Force

With the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center to assist in reconciling discrepancies in distances as given in USSR timetables and as observed on kilometer posts along the railroad tracks.

With Air Information Division, Library of Congress, to explore means of eliminating duplication between AID and FDD. Arrangements were made for AID to inform FDD of AID projects-in-process; AID will seek to eliminate duplication of FDD coverage of USSR military personalities and will consider discontinuing the exploitation of foreign-language newspapers except as needed for specific Air Force projects.

11. Special Services rendered:

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For TSS, [redacted] translated and interpreted Persian-language material.

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[redacted] For Language and External Training Division, [redacted] conducted an oral Arabic test.

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12. Significant reports:

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[redacted] - USSR Developments in the Field of Organophosphorus Compounds.

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[redacted] Report on the 3 November 1954 Meeting of Chinese Communist Leaders.

Reference Aid No. 29 -- Standardized Titles of Soviet Scientific, Technical, and Related Institutions.

Reference Aid No. 36 -- Foreign Publications Exploitation Review.

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Enclosures 2

- 1. Statistical Report on FID Operations
- 2. Details on Personnel Actions