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	Director of Communications
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A new program designed by the Office of Communications Administrative Management Division, "Professional Opportunities in Telecommunications" (POINT), is being implemented for the purpose of identifying career-oriented employees from within the Agency for training as Telecommunications Officers (TCO). differs from previous efforts in that entry requirements have been significantly reduced. However, to maintain the high standards that traditionally characterize our TCO personnel while offering career opportunities to a broad spectrum of individuals, we plan to make maximum use of two existing educational facilities. During their initial training period, POINT candidates will study material and be taught skills that will enable them to meet our existing entry requirements. are coordinating with appropriate offices within the Directorate of Administration to ensure maximum support for the program and to enhance its chances for success.

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	10. MERCURY Program:
25X1	a. Installation and checkout of KG-84 cryptographic devices has been completed. Communications between two packet switch nodes via an encrypted backbone link has been successful.  b. The second draft of the MERCURY Operational and Architectural Concepts paper has been completed. This document, when finalized, will provide the operating elements with a comprehensive overview of the MERCURY subsystems to facilitate future network planning.  c. The MERCURY Program Office review of revisions to key M/A-COM Digital Communications Corporation documents, the Remote Factory Acceptance Test Procedures and the Remote Factory Acceptance Test Database and Configuration Manual, which had previously been rejected by the MERCURY Program Office, has been completed. After addressing some specific shortfalls which still remain, the documents will be of acceptable quality.
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