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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

1. We consulted [redacted], approximately a year ago in connection with initial planning and establishing a Russian Language School in CIA. After examination of his suggestions, we took a look at the method used by the Army CIC School at Holabird and decided that the latter method was more suitable for our needs than that suggested by [redacted].

2. We now have a Russian Language School in operation and are following generally the methods used by the Army and are utilizing some instructor personnel procured either from or through the Army Language School.

3. The Covert Training Division has arrangements with the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State for language training. We reimburse the Institute for services rendered. The Covert Training Division also has facilities within the Division for "brush-up" purposes to take care of students who have language knowledge but have not had occasion to use it recently.

4. [redacted] when he arrives, will undoubtedly want to look into the whole language training problem as soon as it will be feasible for him to do so, and may well desire to talk to [redacted] in the process.

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Acting Executive

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set for 5:00 PM
Friday, 1 December*