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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training (Special)

SUBJECT: TDS Weekly Activity Report No. 35  
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I. NEW ACTIVITIES

a. Operational Aids Series to be Published by PP/OPS

At an earlier date Mr. Tofts, C/PP/OPS and DD/TR(S) had agreed that representatives of their respective offices should cooperate on an Operational Aids Series. During this period a discussion on the subject was held with members of PP/OPS staff. Subsequently, [redacted] of TDS reviewed the first four manuscripts intended for the series, and a follow-up meeting took place to discuss the results of these reviews.

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II. OLD ACTIVITIES

a. Returnee Debriefing Program

A survey is being made of the tapes of debriefings conducted by TDS to determine which ones have value and for what purposes they can be used. It will also be determined which ones should be retained in tape form and which will be kept as transcriptions for reference purposes. Certain tapes, for example, after having been sterilized, are played directly into classrooms for teaching purposes; these will be kept as they are; others will be erased. Of course, where the tape is considered of no value, it will be erased and returned to stock.

Transcriptions of certain debriefings are also currently being circulated among senior instructors for their comments on how the material can be most profitably utilized.

b. Seminar for Senior PP Officers

Arrangements have been made with [redacted] C/PP/OPS/TR, for the Seminar for Senior PP Officers to start Wednesday, 16 September, at 0900 hours, in 1035 K Building. The seminar will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, 0900-1200 hours, following the schedule previously agreed upon by DD/TR(S) and C/PP. The outline for the first session of the seminar has been completed by [redacted]

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c. Political Action Manual

Copies of the Political Action Training Manual have been disseminated to the appropriate staffs and divisions of the Clandestine Services and to the interested instructors in TR(S).

d. Clandestine Publications Handbook

Work on the Clandestine Publications Handbook is going forward. [redacted] has inserted into the manuscript some of the material obtained at the Hoover Library. The raw manuscript of the handbook should be finished not later than 11 September.

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III. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Nothing to report.

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