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TO : Chief, Intelligence School

DATE: 31 July 1956

FROM : Chief, Reading Improvement Branch

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report
24 - 31 July 1956

25X1 1. [redacted] discussed with us further plans for the training program requested by OCR. The Reading Improvement Branch will conduct 10 hours of training in scanning techniques. The reading training will run for 5 days, 2 hours per day, and the first group of section chiefs will take the course during the week 13 - 17 August. For your information, a copy of the tentative class schedule is attached.

25X1 2. [redacted] Washington Sales Representative for Perceptual Development Laboratories, last week offered to loan us a Perceptoscope temporarily for use in our classes.

The Perceptoscope is a new \$1,100 projector type machine which is sold complete with reading materials for a course. We inspected the machine last year, and decided that the materials and equipment we now use are more suitable for Agency reading training, and the Perceptoscope would not improve our course.

25X1 [redacted] subsequently contacted both
25X1 [redacted] Chief, Photographic Division/TSS
in attempts to sell the machine to CIA.

In view of the fact that the use of the machine will not add substantially to the quality of our course, and the current offer could entail embarrassing references to CIA, I have decided to decline the offer.

25X1 3. [redacted] OP, received materials for the Reading
25X1 Improvement Self-Study Program on 30 July. [redacted] and
25X1 [redacted] OP returned their self-study material 31 July. Neither
25X1 student completed the program, but [redacted] felt he improved his
reading skills by discovering there was more than one technique of reading.

4. 10 JOs received the Reading Improvement briefing on 24 July.

25X1 [redacted]
Attachment

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