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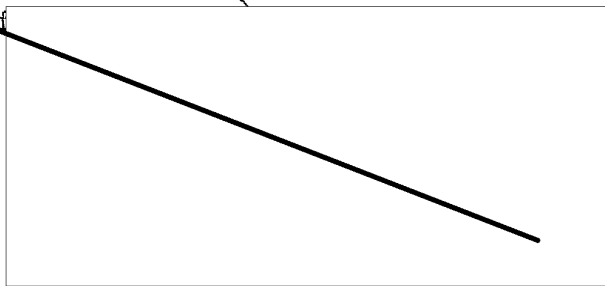
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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 26 March 1959

FROM : Acting Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #12



1. Hull Committee Report

Mr. [redacted] SPA-DD/S has advised that the date for the Hull Report to be sent to his office has been set back to 3 April. I have not advised the School and Staff Chiefs of this fact, as most of them have submitted their material within the previously established deadline. Reports have not been received from the Registrar, LAS, and JOTP. Because of the absence of Messrs. [redacted], the 25X1 JOTP report will not be presented until next week.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the semiannual report should be in narrative form, with statistical data held to a minimum. He further stated that repetition of material presented in the budget report is undesirable and that if there was nothing of significance to report, a report should not be submitted.

2. ELINT Training Subcommittee

No further action has been taken by the Committee as the report to be sent to DDCI is still being coordinated.

3. New Building Contract

Notice of Award of Contract was sent to [redacted] 24 March. Because of the low bid, alternates were authorized within available funds. The most important was the approval of steel partitions both part height and full height instead of the wooden partitions originally contemplated. Steel partitions will be used throughout the building in all space separations where masonry (corridors, etc.) are not used. This will improve the interior appearance greatly.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

4. Suggestions Program

Two suggestions have been returned to Suggestion Awards Committee recommending no action. One concerned use of student name plates, while the other was a suggestion that language tests be authorized without monetary incentive as a consideration. The last, of course, is present practice. However, to avoid misunderstanding I have asked [ ] to prepare a clarifying notice for the Training Bulletin and/or the Support Bulletin.

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5. War Planners Conference

In the final session of the War Planners Conference, General Cabell spoke to the group. This session revealed one unresolved problem area in the field of war planning. This is the need to give more realism to the plans and bring headquarters plans closer into line with the planning program achieved in the field. I believe the basic problem here is the natural conflict between the area division operator concerned with his daily job as opposed to planning for future activities. OTR may be able to make some contribution toward resolving this problem through [ ] new Senior Officers Course. A single hour setting forth Chiefs of Stations' responsibilities in contingency, evacuation, and other emergency situations might be worthwhile if it brought home the message: the guts of war or any other type of crisis planning is to enable the Agency to continue to do its own job under the chaotic conditions of civil disturbances, etc. and equally important, take advantage of the clandestine operational *opportunities* that inevitably present themselves during periods of crisis.

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6. War Plans Course

In a final roundup session held by [ ] for the DD/S representatives at the War Planning Conference, the following took place: [ ] of the Office of Security stated he had heard rumors the War Plans Course was to be abolished. This prompted the following remarks by the group: the abolition of the War Plans Course would affect the prestige of war planning itself. There is a need to modify the course to better equip a new field planner to do his job. Fundamentally the field war planner should be a civilian expert of CIA oriented on the plans applying to his particular area. Perhaps a

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course in contingency planning could be substituted for war planning. After discussions with DTR, I called [redacted] and advised<sup>25X1</sup> him OTR merely wishes PPC to conduct its own course in this field with OTR support but without the services of a full-time OTR instructor. I have mentioned this to Mr. [redacted] for his consideration.

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During the discussions about the War Plans Course, [redacted] of the SWPPAC Staff volunteered the information that prior to going overseas he had attended a management course for SR Division set up by [redacted] said this was the best instruction of supervisory responsibilities that he had ever received and felt similar instruction would be of value to the individual being sent overseas for a war planning assignment.

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