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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 4 November 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. First of a series of Area Staff meetings on the revised program will be held on the 9th at 1430. The agenda calls initially for discussion of our detailed plans for expansion and improvement of the AAO's. Our problems include standardization of the scope of the AAO briefings, adoption of alternative forms of briefings to suit widely fluctuating numbers and needs of students going to various areas, tighter arrangements with interested components for maintaining a timely flow of information about prospective departures and for insuring that personnel and dependents are actually made available to us for needed area orientation.

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3. We are planning a series of informal luncheon discussions of current foreign area problems with participation initially limited to LAS personnel. [] is arranging the first one concerned with the conflicting impact of the Soviet Bloc and the U.S. on the uncommitted countries of Asia and Africa.

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4. [] returned from one week in FSI's course on international communications. He was not much impressed by either the organization of the course or the calibre of many lectures. Coordination was weak, and speakers over-indulged in personal recollections and opinions. Of special interest were skits representing problems of inter-cultural communications and overseas effectiveness. [] have been informed and may use some of the techniques, if not some of the participants, in the forthcoming IOE.

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5. [] intends to schedule time on the 12th or 13th for recording Part II of the "Free Europe" film in French. Thus we can take advantage of [] presence at headquarters, and I expect to be available for counselling on points of area content. We have so far found interest greater in the French version of Part I than in the German and have scheduled a second showing of that film in 2132 I Building for noon today (the 4th).



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