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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 30 September 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [] and I visited DC/NE Division [] in a move to re-establish the excellent relations which we had with that division prior to [] year of training and travel. I gave a short briefing on the IOE and on where our present emphasis in area training lies, and [] explained his need for an adequate commitment from NE before proceeding with a Regional Study on the Middle East in November. We of course alluded to the absence of a single NE candidate in the AAO - Middle East which runs this week Wednesday and Thursday.

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2. ONE has reversed itself in the matter of our use of [] part-time in the preparation and handling of the prospective Senior Area Seminar - Europe, tentatively scheduled to begin in January. DAD/NE (Cooper) prefers to have [] take a part-time liaison assignment which turned up about the same time. We are delighted to have [] fill our requirement, which he finds feasible now that the course has been postponed beyond the fall.

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3. In the current AAO for Iran, total attendance is seven. At the last moment [] (NE), who is taking full-time Persian, and his wife (OTR) joined the group. At the first of two half-day sessions, [] gave informal briefings.

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4. We consider that FE's negative response to the long-range area training program suggested by [] based mainly on the arguments that people cannot be spared for training and that training in depth is not really needed, reflects a short-sighted point of view.

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5. [] lectured at SAIS in the ICA study program on developmental programming. The subject of his lecture was "Attitudes toward Strangers."

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6. [] is enrolled in the IOC commencing Monday.

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