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TO : Acting Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 10 June 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. First meeting of the informal inter-agency roundtable on area training will be held on 30 June at 1030 hours in the T-31 Conference Room. I will chair this meeting and will attempt, within security limitations, to draw out comments and suggestions regarding our own program. Meetings will be bi-monthly, excluding August. Final membership totals seven agencies.

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2. DC/EE [] has reacted most favorably to our revamped AAC [] which will now include three sessions dealing with themes taken from the new IOE course. He is enthusiastic about the prospective session on "How to Make the Most of Your Everyday Contacts [] to be based on a briefing suggestions paper (attached) for which [] gave me many of the basic ideas. Two full hours will be given to this theme, and we plan to utilize two favorably-oriented senior returnees as a panel to lead the discussion. A follow-up session on "How to Make the Most of Your Job Contacts [] is drawing greater interest in DDS, particularly in OL and OC. While DC/EE was cool toward this proposed session - observing that his people had this subject "coming out of their ears, and from actual cases" - TO/EE [] feels it will be worth while as a review for the younger EE professionals who will be going out for the first time. We believe that these sessions, to follow upon [] excellent introduction to "the Americans abroad problem," will go far to convey the spirit of the new IOE to the many employees and dependents who will not be able to take that course.

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3. Present schedule for AAO [redacted] - for the week of 22 June - conflicts with both Admin Procedures and CSR courses. Only a handful of candidates are available, and hence we are exploring the possibilities of postponing the course to a more favorable time in July. The companion briefing on Latin America will probably have to be cancelled because of insufficient enrollment, and prospects for the one on Western Europe are only slightly better. The heavy enrollment in our April offerings is largely to blame.

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4. [redacted] has held the first few of several informal luncheon meetings with small groups of the students in his Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland (CEP) course. This procedure has proved unexpectedly fruitful for drawing out their actual views and specific suggestions concerning this initial offering of the course. Class morale is undoubtedly high, and approval of our conduct of the course thus far is marked. We again encountered a general complaint that the lack of time for study is serious in area training. On other points, such as a general desire for more class discussion time and some dissatisfaction with guest speakers who have been allowed to run over their time, [redacted] will make a stronger effort to accommodate. One novel and refreshing product of these luncheons has been a request by several students that certain guest speakers be invited back before the conclusion of the course. Three of these are [redacted]

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