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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 27 May 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. Six students, including several from the DDP, have enrolled in a new Intermediate Russian Seminar, conducted by [redacted] These informal conversational sessions are based on readings from Elisaveta Fen's Russian Reader and the contemporary Russian press. It is at the lower intermediate level. Two seminars are currently being given in Russian, none in any of the other East European languages.

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2. Due to sudden changes in work assignments the training requested by [redacted] TO/EE/DDP, for Messrs. [redacted] in advanced Polish, has been canceled. A program had been worked out involving instruction by [redacted] as well as a schedule of laboratory work.

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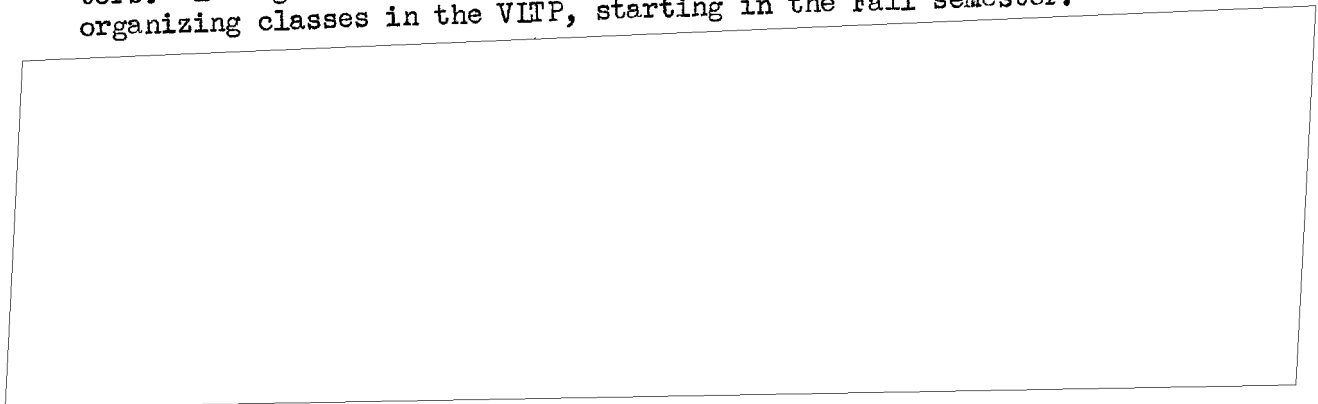
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3. [redacted] met on Tuesday with [redacted] to discuss the possibility of holding classes in the VITP in the vicinity of "M" Building. [redacted] agreed to circulate an announcement to the effect that those wanting instruction in the "M" Building area should so state in their applications for training. [redacted] further agreed to investigate the possibility of expanding the lab facilities in the "M" Building area and to help with recruiting instructors. IAS agreed to make every effort to comply with these requests in organizing classes in the VITP, starting in the Fall semester.

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6. In order to improve instruction while staying within the limits of the manpower available, the Part-Time Basic French class of nine students split up into a morning and an afternoon session. The increase in student interest and the progress in student performance have been quite noticeable. Although the loss of [redacted] anticipated for 29 May will put an extra burden on the department, this schedule can probably prevail for the remaining twelve weeks of the course.

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