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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 20 May 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [] is progressing with plans for our short weekly lecture series on Africa South of the Sahara, to begin on 10 July, and to be held in 117 Central Building. He has discussed organization and guest specialists with AF [] and OCI []. The series is a stop-gap measure during [] absence, on a fast-moving area. [] who volunteered to do this for us, conducted our first course on this area, in 1956. He consulted [] before his departure.
2. We have completed revision of our course descriptions for the new OTR Catalog, in line with your suggestions. These represent our first set of formal specifications for all the courses we offer. We are fortunate to be able to include the new Introduction to Overseas Effectiveness (IOE) and Senior Seminar on Overseas Effectiveness (SSOE).
3. Eighteen persons, 13 from NE, attended a special showing of a recent CBS film on Iraq which we arranged in our I Building space. Several senior NE officers were present and joined me afterward in a critique of the film. The consensus is that it presents a useful and sophisticated analysis of the Qasim regime and in addition includes unusually fine area material of long-term value. I have so informed [] who will request purchase.
4. It is with deep regret that we said farewell last week to Frank []. His contributions to both language and area training have been major ones. We shall miss his work and we shall also miss his unflinching cheerfulness, ready wit, and boundless capacity for work and getting things done.
5. Frank's last contribution was a successful running of an Americans Abroad Orientation on Southeast Asia, attended by seven people, five employees and two dependents.

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