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TO : Chief/Language and Area School

DATE: 7 May 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The third year of the Voluntary Language Training Program began with the seventh trimester on 4 May 1959. This is also the last time that the Voluntary Program will be run on a trimester basis. Beginning in September of this year the voluntary classes will be on a schedule of two 21-week semesters a year. Because of the revision in the VIPT schedule the current trimester is also the smallest in number of classes and enrollment of any trimester since the program was started. The final enrollment for the Summer Trimester of 1959 is 115 students in 20 classes studying twelve languages - Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swahili and Swedish. Two of these classes are 3-hour weekly seminars in French and German for students who have reached the intermediate level.

The large drop in enrollment is of course a result of the cancellation of 101 classes in all but the more unusual languages and the fact that no 102 classes are being given, since all 101 classes conducted during the current trimester are in Chinese (with 10 students), Dutch, Greek, Japanese and Swedish.

2. The French Intermediate (Full-Time) class of 12 students spent the week of 27 April through 1 May at [redacted] Besides the Romance Language Staff, other members of OTR helped greatly in the exercises, namely, [redacted] The highlight of



3. After a slow start the Spanish, Italian, and Romance seminars are meeting with great success. The average attendance is 5 to 7 students.

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25X1 4. [redacted] represented the Agency at examinations given by
25X1 Mr. Edmund Glenn, Interpreting Branch, Language Services Div.,
25X1 Department of State on 29 April 1959. [redacted] was approved
25X1 as ordinary interpreter and [redacted] as language escort. The
25X1 purpose of these tests is to determine the competence according
to Department of State standards, of CIA personnel assigned to
[redacted]

25X1 5. Attendance at films during the week: German - 30 and
Russian - 12. There appears to be good interest in the noontime
film program and a number of informal requests have been received
for more films of an area nature, both in English and foreign
languages.
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