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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 11 March 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Our two days in DCI's Conference Room with the seminar on Free Europe have been counted a clear success by all participants and observers. The eleven guests invited for Thursday all attended, and included Scoville (AD/OSI), [redacted] (member of ONE Board), [redacted] (C/SR), Critchfield (C/EE), in addition to five top officials of OTR. The Thursday program featuring Nitze and Farley has drawn high commendation, and we would judge the only serious defect to be their failure to challenge each other, due to their close personal relationship. Friday's session, featuring short presentations by half the participants and with Nitze present, was somewhat disappointing in that some tried to cover subjects rather than argue for or against propositions, and hence misused the short time allotted to each. This weakness should be overcome in the second half of the course and will be placed first on the agenda of the next meeting, on the 16th. The catering service so efficiently provided by [redacted] though it required a mass of paper work in our office, was more than appreciated by all concerned.

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2. One discordant note was sounded by [redacted] (C/EE) who asked whether we would consider holding the seminar outside duty hours! To be sure, a majority of the participants have complained emphatically of having little time to read in preparation for class, but we continue to feel that the present schedule of six meetings over a six-week period and utilizing the normal lunch break, the most palatable we could devise.

3. Merchant and Zurcher will be with us on the 26th for the guest speaker session of the second cycle, which is concerned with the long-term implications of European integration. I have contacted Merchant's office in order to arrange for briefing him, and had previously briefed Zurcher at length by mail.

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4. [redacted] discussed the East Asia course with [redacted] of SIC on 10 March. They agreed that in this course, which we are pitching a cut or two above the survey-type, it was necessary to limit registration to middle rank staff and above. They suggested a number of available personnel to assist in the instruction and are prepared to participate in the presentation of three or four sections of the major course units. Consultations with ORR on 11 March are expected to finalize the designation of men from that division to participate in the panel presentation of the first unit beginning 20 April. Efforts to recruit the necessary resource personnel within the Agency should be successful save in the exceptional instance.

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5. [redacted] attended an all-day conference on Africa at the Department of State on 5 March. The conference was arranged by State's Bureau of External Research and M.I.T.'s Center for International Studies, and its purpose was to enable the latter to obtain advice from government specialists on a research project which the Center is undertaking in the field of economic growth and political change in Africa. M.I.T.'s Max Milikan and Arnold Rivkin were on hand; the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr. Satterthwaite, led the representations from State, Defense, Commerce and CIA. The gathering was distinguished, but the agenda was, in [redacted] opinion, too vague and extensive to permit fruitful discussion. It was a disappointment which better planning could have obviated.

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6. [redacted] doctor advises that he should be back on the 30th, after an absence of six weeks, and we have postponed his Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany course four weeks (to run 12 May - 16 July).



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