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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 7 January 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Free Europe - Current Problems Seminar #1, to begin 19 February, is shaping up most encouragingly. Tentative enrollment is 16 GS-14's and above, which is 4 more than our originally proposed maximum. Our approaches are continuing, to obtain an outstanding guest seminar leader for 5 and 6 March on the first theme, the impact of nuclear weapons strategy on Free Europe. Following a negative response from [redacted] AD/OSI has discussed our problem with the DD/I, whom [redacted] expects to see shortly. Best present prospect is [redacted] an Executive Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, who is a close friend of both the DCI and the DD/I. Livingston Merchant, State's Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, has already accepted as one of two speakers for the second theme, the implications of European integration steps for that area. The first of two short organizational meetings with the participants will be held within a week for discussion of outside readings, selection of student panel topics, and housekeeping matters.
2. Germany - Americans Abroad Orientation #10, to begin 12 January, has a prospective enrollment of over 25. A fuller introduction to personal adjustment problems will be given, with the aid of [redacted] taking a page out of the syllabus of the new American Overseas Seminar. It is too early to say whether we will have the minimum number of 10 dependents for the "Saturday Special" scheduled for 17 January, on Western Europe [redacted] and Latin America, but present indications are not encouraging.
3. In view of a current show of interest, LAS/AT plans to re-offer its Regional Survey on East Asia in April. Course content will be revised to minimize the formal history of the area and instead to consider in depth the social, political and economic developments since 1900, with particular reference to their significance

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in terms of the long-range interests of the United States. The area embraced will include Japan, China, Formosa, Korea, the Ryukyus and Siberia.

4. We spent about an hour briefing Weigel of OP Classification at his request, on AT aspects of the new LAS Table of Organization. He seemed especially interested in our methods for identifying and evaluating area training requirements.

5. [redacted] has recommended and briefed two SRS members [redacted] [redacted] who will serve as technical advisers for SIS' revisions of the area films on the European Satellites and the USSR.

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