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LESSON TRAINING OFFICERS MEETING

30 September 1955

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ATTENDANCE:

[Redacted Attendance List]

1. Area Training: [Redacted] (LMTS) briefly summarized the Area Training Program, the main purpose of which is to give Agency personnel a better than minimum knowledge or familiarity with an area with which they are officially responsible. The Program, being designed for long range usefulness to the Agency, will include not only a thorough knowledge of the area under study, but a language or a group of languages thereby giving a greater scope.

A thorough analysis of geopolitics was suggested as a starting point for area specialization. Then the background information of a territorial region would be enhanced by an appreciation of its place in the larger world picture. Language training suitable to various regions would furnish the cap-stone. Discussions disclosed that this approach had considerable merit.

Final specifications for the program will be worked out by senior area specialists experienced in all aspects of the Agency's operations, who will be members of a special committee to be set up to work on this program. The DDP representative on this Committee will talk to training officers and other area division personnel to get their views.

[Redacted] made the suggestion that a comparative analysis of ideologies be incorporated in the program; i.e., U.S. ideologies compared to those prevalent in the country or area under study.

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25X1 3. Training Standards: The deadline date (3 October) for comments was extended to 10 October. The Chairman indicated that he and/or [] would be available for consultation if any problems arose.

4. Dependents' Briefing: [] announced that the Briefings scheduled for 10-11 October were for military personnel dependants, and that registrants' names should be forwarded or telephoned to her by Wednesday, 5 October. 25X1

5. Announcement of Change of Dates for: The BOC scheduled for 31 October will begin 24 October (deadline 14 October); the Operations Support Course that had been scheduled for 21 November will begin 14 November and run through 16 December (deadline 4 November), and would be made up of two phases; Tradecraft first two weeks, and Admin the last three weeks. The new Operations Familiarization course (to be a capsule CM&T and CO for operational support personnel) is scheduled from 14 November through 23 December and will be given [] (deadline 28 October). The Administrative Procedures, which is now a three-week course, will begin on 31 October and continue through to 18 November. Students may be enrolled for any one week package of the 3-week course. 25X1

Detailed descriptions of the courses will be forwarded at an early date.

6. Operations Course: The Chairman stated that it was safe to forecast that the Ops Course in general outline was being accepted, although reactions from senior levels were not entirely known as yet.

OTR has not determined if parts of the Course will be available in package form.

7. CE Courses: FE Division TLO wished to state that it was becoming more of a hardship for them not to have more slots available for their personnel who needed CE training. They wondered if it would be possible for other Divisions which have little or no need for such training to give their slots to FE. Also they would appreciate it if ideas could be presented on how to fill the void in training of CE if additional slots were not available. [] CI Staff, was to check on this to see if his Staff could render any assistance. The FI Training officer agreed to follow through on the FE problem also. 25X1

8. CIA Review: Training Officers were reminded that enrollees for the 20 September Course (which was cancelled) had been rescheduled for 4 October and were requested to ensure attendance.

9. Frequency of Training Officers' Meetings: The consensus was that the TLO meetings should continue to be held every two weeks, but limited to one hour. To facilitate matters the Agenda will be forwarded a day or two before the meeting. It was requested that items for the Agenda be telephoned to the Chairman's Office by Tuesday preceding the TLO meeting.

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10. It was announced that the room number for pre-testing (PETB, language aptitude and BOC waiver tests) has been changed to 1331 R&S Building.

11. announced OTR was planning to offer a tour for training officers of DDP in the near future. No definite date has yet been set, although later information indicates it will probably not be before December.

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