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TO : COPS/OPSO

DATE: 28 December 1948

FROM : TRS

SUBJECT: Russian Language Instruction

1. The new Russian Language Course at the Foreign Service Institute will begin on 3 January 1949 and continue for a period of four months. On the basis of past experience, we have decided to make this a more intensive program so as to insure greater fluency in conversational Russian. Five bona fide applicants have been approved by branch chiefs and their names appear on separate memoranda which will be called to your attention.

2. The students in this course will spend all day at the Foreign Service Institute studying under the supervision of linguistic scientists and native informants. Native informants will be available to them throughout the day, not only for class drill and instruction but also for individual use when individual instruction is advisable for students who may fall behind.

3. Your approval is requested for the payment through OSO/CIA funds of native speakers in Russian for this language course. The native speakers will be hired, paid and supervised by the Foreign Service Institute but the money will be drawn out of OSO/CIA funds allocated to the Foreign Service Institute for that purpose. (Reference: Memo to Mr. Hall, Dept. of State from E. R. Saunders, Chief, Budget and Finance Branch, dated 1 June 1948).

4. Payment would be at the rate of approximately \$2.00 per hour for six hours per day, 30 hours per week, for a total of not more than 510 hours over a 17 weeks' period.

FOR THE CHIEF, TRS:



Deputy Chief, TRS

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