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TO : Director of Training EYES ONLY
FROM : Chief, School of International Communism and the USSR
SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 19
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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. As I had indicated earlier [redacted] is devoting this entire month to a concentrated study of Communist China. This should serve several purposes; to better prepare [redacted] handle the bulk of the presentation on Communist China in our next JOT program, to enable him to make a critical choice of reading material for the JOTs, and to prepare him further for his external training if it is finally approved. He is currently surrounded by a mountain of books on the subject, and even though a month is not a very handsome sabbatical he feels that he is already beginning to profit substantially from this procedure. At the very least reading through all the significant current literature will bolster his confidence in handling the subject come July and the JOTs.

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2. I'm confronted with the problem at the moment of rearranging staff supervisory assignments in anticipation of [redacted] absence for a year. [redacted] is currently supervising only the JOT program, and I feel that since there will be no overlap of other courses with the JOT that he can take on the responsibility for the CPO&O. He has broadened his interests and his capabilities sufficiently so that he can move into this course without any particular difficulty. The one major problem which I'll have to monitor carefully will probably be a tendency on [redacted] part to be somewhat less patient with [redacted] eccentricities than was [redacted] who demonstrated almost superhuman patience in this connection.

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In addition, since our tutorial training load seems to have become fairly constant, I propose to assign [redacted] permanent responsibility for SIC's two weeks in the IOC in addition to his USSR - Basic. This will relieve [redacted] and enable him to concentrate on coordinating the tutorials and managing the ACQ.

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3. We have noted in some of the WH tutorial programs recently that ICD personnel seem to be contributing more than their normal share. For example, in this week's [redacted] devoted a full afternoon to something entitled "International Communist Strategy and Tactics" and other ICD staffers covered subjects of purely substantive rather than operational concern. I don't believe that a trend has been established, but I'll watch the schedules carefully in order to determine the extent to which ICD is moving in again on what appears to be a legitimate SIC responsibility.

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On the other side of the coin it has been suggested that SIC undertake another four-week tutorial, this time for [redacted] desk. I felt [redacted] program was an exception - that we should accept it as a challenge even though it strained our limited resources considerably. I feel, however, that we can not make a practice of committing the staff for this long a period on one person. We are suggesting, in this instance, a maximum of two weeks.

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4. At the request of [redacted] I spoke to a Naval Reserve officers group of about eighty last Monday evening. There were a number of familiar Agency faces present although the only person whom I could identify by name was [redacted]. What with the U-2 affair being so much in the news at that point it was not a particularly auspicious time for an appearance by someone from the Agency. They were quite well-behaved, however, and while there were a few pointed remarks - no one addressed a question with a deliberate intent to embarrass.

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5. In connection with SIC's efforts to develop a greater area capability [redacted] will be working at various desks in the Africa Division during the next few days in order to determine just how much evidence exists of CP organization in Africa. His initial report indicates that there is a considerable amount, but that none of it has been codified or reduced to a survey report. Since [redacted] does know a great deal about the organizational aspects of CPs I felt that it would be a challenge to him to attempt to identify nascent Communist organizations from fragmentary information about their organizational characteristics.

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6. Tutorial Training:

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