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# Memorandum

TO : Executive Assistant to the  
Director of Training

DATE: 16 January 1970

FROM : Chief, Language School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

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1. The OTR Security Officer, [REDACTED] arranged a meeting with CRS Personnel to determine whether or not Classified Motion Pictures held by CRS could be used by contract instructors in the Language School. He had already determined that the instructors could not be cleared for access to the classified film, most of which is classified not because of substance but because of its manner of acquisition. It was determined that these film could not be made available to instructors as presently cleared. CRS Personnel agreed to rent or purchase other film, identified by the Language School as desirable for language training purposes. ✓

2. The CIA Librarian has indicated that it might be possible to relocate a reduced Hqs. Language Laboratory in the CIA Library. He is sympathetic to the idea but would like more details before discussing the matter with his superiors. This would be an ideal relocation point if we decide to relocate the laboratory at Hqs. )

3. In coordination with the Psychological Services Staff we are beginning to explore the degree to which hearing problems may account for poor language learning. We have no reason to believe that students who did not do well in language training may have had hearing problems, but it would be interesting to learn whether or not this was the case. ✓

4. Meetings this week with a full-time German student (a supergrade officer) and a full-time Thai student reflected complete satisfaction on the part of each with the training ✓



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each was getting in LS. Each praised the instructors with whom they were in contact and both felt that the LS procedures and methods were excellent. They felt that their training objectives were being more than adequately met.

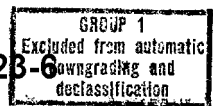
25X1A2d1 5. First semester critique forms have been sent to  
25X1A2d1 all [redacted] Program students. Early returns promise that this  
25X1A9a [redacted] Program students. We are also  
25X1A2d1 distributing questionnaires to all the [redacted] instructors. ✓  
When all the critiques and questionnaires are in and evaluated,  
[redacted] plans a meeting with the instructors to discuss  
problems encountered during the first semester and ways of  
improving the [redacted] Program.

25X1A9a 6. [redacted] has learned that both of the published  
articles that have arisen from the linguistic study of  
Chinese at LS/TR are included in the current recommended  
reading list for Chinese students at Georgetown University.  
These are "Teaching the Chinese Stative Verb" (Language  
Learning, Vol XIII, No. 2, 1963) and "Aspects of the  
Chinese Verb" (Linguistics, No. 38, 1968).

7. The Inspector General is taking a close look at  
Vietnamese language training and the utilization of such  
trainees. We have already received several calls from FE  
Division to verify some of the data and to evaluate candidates. ✓

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hard this week. All classes were covered, but with some  
difficulty because the German staff is short one Instructor.  
( [redacted] of the Chinese department is filling in.)  
Clearance on a new German Instructor is expected some time  
in February.

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25X1A5a1 training at [redacted] because the sponsoring office was reluctant  
to have him trained (for security reasons) in an Agency  
building. The Swedish course at [redacted] is now being ✓  
terminated because the Desk has deemed it to be a failure,  
despite good aptitude and motivation on the part of the  
student. Our Swedish staff has agreed to help out with



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two hours a week instruction at a safesite. This will be supplementary instruction to a new course which the student will begin at [REDACTED]. We have also provided the student with appropriate books and tapes.

10. Language School Statistics

Twenty-four language proficiency tests were administered during the week 5 January - 9 January.

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