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Senior Officer School of the Foreign Service

The course is of 9 months duration and 36 weeks will be devoted to actual training time. It will be divided into 4 sections:

I. Concepts of National Strategy - 8 weeks

Objectives: To develop a comprehensive understanding of contemporary interests, objectives and policies of major nation-states; To evaluate, from the point of view of policy formulation by decision makers, the degree of planned integration of political, economic, psycho-social and military elements of national powers in support of national objectives.

II. National Problems and Trends in American Society - 4 weeks

(This will include review of the American scene 1940-1960)

Objectives: To develop a comprehensive understanding of the main tensions, goals, attitudes and norms of American society; To identify the main directions of American life; To estimate the influences of these directions on U.S. national objectives and foreign policies.

III. Current National Strategy - Issues, Policies and Programs - 12 weeks

Objectives: To determine the assumptions of current concepts of national strategy; To examine U.S./Allied and USSR/Satellite programs and commitments supporting their policies; to identify strengths and weaknesses in current policies and programs in the light of U.S./Allied interests and objectives; To analyze the problems and methods of coordination in implementing U.S. policies and programs.

IV. Problems in Policy Planning - 12 weeks

Objectives: To formulate integrated intermediate (5-10 year) policies; To accommodate alternative developments in key strategic areas; To analyze in selected cases the relationships of political ends to military objectives and ends in limited wars.