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Language Authorization

MEMORANDUM

TO: ADSO
VIA: (1) TRS
(2) COPS

FROM: Acting Chief, FBR

SUBJECT: Request for Payment for Language Lessons

REFERENCE: EXO Memo of 27 Apr 1949 re Authorization for Language Lessons

1. Because of the limited circle of English-speaking natives with whom an operative will come in contact, a thorough knowledge of [redacted] is the greatest single factor making for operational success in [redacted]. An operative's adaptability to the area and his success in dealing with the people are secondary to and dependent upon his facility with the language. One is always considered a "foreigner" in [redacted] unless he knows the native language.

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2. Further, a very real security problem results from a lack of such knowledge since interpreters must be relied upon with all the attending difficulties that such dependence entails.

3. In view of the above, it is considered of immediate operational necessity for the following to receive authorization to study Arabic:

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- (a) [redacted] newly arrived Chief of Station, [redacted]
- (b) [redacted], scheduled to depart for [redacted] on 31 May 1949.

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4. It is estimated that the cost of these lessons will not be over \$125 per individual for a six-months' period.

5. It is the conviction of FBR that such language training will be of direct benefit to the Government.

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