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MEMORANDUM FOR COPS
Thru: Chief, FEZ
From: SFD
Subject: Language Lessons

AUTHORIZATIONS

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Attached hereto is a memorandum from [redacted] dated 12 June 1947, to the Chief, FEZ, inquiring whether language lessons for the staff of an overseas station is a permissible charge against Special Operations. You are advised that the payment of tuition and other related expenses from unvouchered funds for CIO employees attached to the Office of Special Operations is an authorized expense. However, the authority to approve the payment of such expenses rests solely with the ADSO. Quoted below is the authority from the Director, CIO, in this respect.

1. "Authority is hereby delegated to the Assistant Director for Special Operations to approve the advance of funds, accountings for funds, and reimbursement of expenses for the payment of tuition costs and other directly related expenses, including necessary travel expenses incurred, where it has been determined by the Assistant Director for Special Operations that, for reasons of immediate operational necessity, such employee should receive prescribed schooling.

2. "There shall be prepared in each case, by the Branch Chief concerned, a full recital of the facts in order that a determination may be made by the Assistant Director for Special Operations that such expenditures are necessary in the operations of CIO."

Paragraph 2. of the quoted authority sets forth the procedures by which authorization can be obtained by a Branch Chief for the payment of the cost of language lessons.

In view of the above, it is the opinion of this office that the Chief of Station does not have the authority to pay for language lessons without prior concurrence of the ADSO obtained in accordance with paragraph 2. of the basic authorization from the Director, CIO.

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