

13 March 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman
 Task Force on Language Specialists

FROM :
 NFAC Member, Task Force on
 Language Specialists

SUBJECT : "Staff Study on the Classification and
 Compensation of Language Specialists,"
 dated 9 March 1981

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1. NFAC disagrees with the recommendation contained in the Staff Study cited above, "...that incentives for language specialists continue to be awarded through the Language Incentive Program (LIP), as it is presently constituted." Instead, NFAC takes the position that was recommended by NAPA and approved by the Executive Committee: "...persons hired or appointed to their present positions, based primarily on their language skills, should be excluded from the Language Use Award (LUA), Language Achievement Award (LAA), and Language Maintenance Award (LMA) in the language or mutually intelligible languages upon which that appointment was based."

2. The reason noted in the Staff Study for allowing language specialists to continue in the LIP is the "severely demoralizing effect" that would result from their exclusion. At the same time, however, the Study also indicated that:

- A number of career opportunities currently exist for certain language specialists.
- The Directorate of Operations is willing to design a career development profile for its language specialists.
- An examination of the career tracks of language specialists has revealed a great deal of movement within offices and transfers to other offices, in many cases leading to new careers and higher grades.
- It is inappropriate to reward beyond salary compensation language specialists for the skills for which they were hired.

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- Rewarding language specialists beyond salary compensation could set a precedent for every other specialist who might want monetary recognition.
- Some language specialists may refuse rotations to non-language-designated positions, thereby stifling the growth of the employee and the needs of the Agency.
- It cannot be shown that there is a lack of language-qualified candidates for the CIA.
- The CIA salary structure for language specialists "already exceeds that of most of the rest of the Government."

NFAC contends that the factors noted above contradict and outweigh the recommendation of the Staff Study. To demoralize our language specialists would be unfortunate, but to give them preferential treatment over other specialists--Agency-wide--would be dangerous.



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PROPOSED ACTIONS

1. Advanced Intelligence Seminar -- Reduce to 10 days.

This course currently runs for 13 work days. The staff has identified material which can be eliminated from the course without adverse effect.

2. Midcareer Course -- Reduce to 4 weeks.

In recent years the Midcareer Course has run for five weeks. At the direction of the former DCI, the course was restructured in 1980 to devote one of the five weeks to management theory and principles. It has been OTE's experience that a high percentage of the Midcareer Course students have had more than the equivalent of this week in regular management courses prior to their enrollment in the Midcareer. OTE recommends, therefore that the dedicated management week be dropped, but the course not be re-expanded to its previous five week length. Our experience has indicated that the critical elements of the Midcareer Course can be adequately provided during a four week period.

3. Human Relations and Management -- Eliminate as separate course.

This course, which is conducted by a contractor, has proved to have useful elements. In parts, however, it tends to overlap with the Management for Equal Opportunity Course. OTE recommends that the best elements of both courses be merged into a single five-day program to be conducted by OTE.

4. Leadership Seminar - Cancel.

This has been a highly successful but expensive seminar conducted by the [redacted] FY-1981 costs for the contract were \$52,000 which equates to \$26,000 per running. OTE believes that both the time and money involved could better be applied to management training geared toward a target audience in a more developmental stage of their career.

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5. Project Officer in the Contract Cycle -- Transfer to Office of Logistics as component activity.

This is a highly specialized and technical course requiring extensive direction from and participation by the Office of Logistics. It can be more effectively conducted if handled directly by that office as a component training activity.

6. Senior Officer Development Course -- Reduce to 12 weeks.

The Senior Officer Development Course first ran on an experimental basis starting in late 1980 and ran for a period of 17 weeks. While it was considered a most worthwhile effort by both the staff and participants, it could be substantially improved by a thorough reworking and a compression to 12 weeks. (Proposed 12-week curriculum is at Tab D)

7. Time and Attendance Workshop -- Cancel; do a videotape.

This technical workshop which is offered on demand is most appropriate for presentation by videotape.

8. Records for the Manager -- Cancel.

Three separate records overview courses are currently offered. One is geared for the records professional, a second targets clerical personnel, and this, the third, was designed to acquaint the middle and senior managers with procedures and problems related to the subject. The anticipated audience has not materialized and cancellation is recommended.

9. Administration Directorate: Trends and Highlights -- Cancel.

The information offered in this course is available elsewhere. Basically, the course consists of presentations made by senior DDA officials at a remote training site, and OTE thinks that the results obtained do not warrant the heavy commitment of time and money involved.

10. CIA Senior Seminar -- Cancel.

If the Senior Officer Development Course is conducted as recommended, it in effect replaces the CIA Senior Seminar.

11. Perspectives for New SIS Officers -- Cancel.

This is the so-called "Charm School" initiated by the former DCI. OTE is of the opinion that with proper utilization of other developmental training courses which are available, the need for a specific course for those making the transition into the SIS can be eliminated.

12. China After Mao Seminar - Cancel.

The demand for this specialized seminar has decreased to the point where OTE recommends its cancellation.

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MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

Counseling Course - Improves skills of supervisors and counselors in the conduct of basic personnel counseling.

5 days 9 times a year

Effective Employee Course - Designed to help employees develop and use interpersonal skills to enhance performance and be more active job contributors.

4 days 10 times a year

Fundamentals of Administration - Covering basic administrative skills, this course completes the training program for new supervisors, along with the FOS (below).

5 days 6 times a year

Fundamentals of Supervision - Emphasizes the first-line supervisor's role as communicator, leader, problem solver, decisionmaker, and evaluator.

5 days 6 times a year

Human Relations and Management - Managers are given an understanding of societal, cultural, ethnic, racial, and sexual differences and the significance of these national issues to the Agency populations.

5 days 5 times a year

Leadership Seminar - Provides a framework for understanding and reacting to employee and organizational problems for senior executives.

5 1/2 days 2 times a year

Leadership Styles and Behavior - By identifying managerial styles and leadership techniques, this program offers students the opportunity to assess their own skills.

5 days 6 times a year

Management for Equality of Opportunity - Provides an understanding of a manager's role in insuring the Agency's equal employment opportunity policies.

3 days 8 times a year

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Shorthand Refresher Course - Approach to this course is lecture and practical application with the emphasis on "doing" rather than "hearing."

20 days - PT; after 3 times a year
hours, 2 sections

Writing for CIA - Students learn principles of sound Agency writing, with emphasis on the varied types of written communication in CIA.

8 days - PT 15 times a year

INFORMATION SCIENCE

Applied Analytical Techniques - Teaches qualitative and quantitative skills and techniques useful to describe, structure, and analyze intelligence-related problems.

15 days 3 times a year

Basic Statistical Concepts for Analysts and Managers - Teaches basic concepts of probability, descriptive and inferential statistics with an emphasis on intelligence problems.

10 days 3 times a year

COMIREX Automated Management System (CAMS) Language and Functions - Teaches the concepts and computer terminal skills needed to task and manage the national collection and exploitation systems.

10 days 6 times a year

CAMS Management Overview - Provides a general knowledge of CAMS for those who need to know but will not be active users.

1 day Upon Request

CAMS Update - Designed for the experienced user, this course focuses on CAMS topics of current, high-priority interest.

2 days Upon Request

Decision Analysis - Teaches the application of probability and utility theory to the structuring of decision problems. Uses computer-supported models.

10 days 3 times a year

Information Science for Managers - Presents an overview of the application of information science techniques to a variety of management problems.

5 days

4 times a year

Survey of Intelligence Information Systems - This course acquaints professional intelligence officers with the major intelligence information systems in the Intelligence Community.

15 days

3 times a year

System Dynamics - Teaches the application of the techniques of dynamic simulation to management and analytical problems. It uses computer-supported models.

10 days

3 or 4 times a year

ORIENTATION AND GENERAL COURSES

Administration Directorate: Trends & Highlights - Provides students an updated understanding of the missions and functions of the Administration Directorate.

4 days

4 times a year

Advanced Intelligence Seminar - A survey for experienced officers (GS-13 - 15) of key international and domestic issues which have an impact on CIA and on the U.S. intelligence effort.

13 days

4 times a year

Chiefs of Station Seminar - A survey of problems in the management of a CIA foreign station for newly assigned station chiefs and deputies and base chiefs.

10 days

2 times a year and
As Needed

CIA Senior Seminar - A program for selected senior officers, examining key policy issues facing the United States and the application to the intelligence effort.

45 days

2 times a year

CIA Today and Tomorrow - Recent developments in the mission and functions of CIA and the Community; a fourth day is for Operations Directorate personnel only.

3 days

2 times a year

Introduction to CIA - For new professional employees, covers the mission and functions of CIA and of the Intelligence Community along with an outline of the intelligence process.

10 days

10 times a year

Midcareer Course - An in-depth review of organizational and policy issues facing CIA and the Intelligence Community--for identified Senior Officer Development Program officers.

25 days

5 times a year

Orientation for Career Trainees - Introduces the new CT to CIA, the Intelligence Community, and the intelligence process.

15 days

4 times a year

Orientation for New Employees - For new non-professional employees; covers the Agency, the intelligence process, and the personnel management system.

4 days

10 times a year

Overseas Orientation Course - A survey, for first-tour employees and spouses, of the practical problems of living and working abroad.

10 days

3 times a year

Perspectives for New Senior Intelligence Service Officers - An opportunity for new SIS officers to look at the whole picture of CIA; with particular reference to problems facing senior management.

4 days

2 times a year

Scientific/Weapons Intelligence for the Operations Officer - Operations Directorate officers study the principles, requirements, and techniques of clandestine collection of scientific intelligence.

5 days

Once a year

INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND AREA STUDIES

China Familiarization - A basic survey of Chinese history and culture, geography and resources, economic, political and social patterns, and foreign relations.

5 days

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China After Mao Seminar - An intensive appraisal, utilizing recognized experts of critical issues bearing on China's current and future policies; for China specialists.

4 days

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International Economics - An overview of key concepts and problems in international economics.

5 days

2 times a year

DO Economic Collection - For Operations Directorate officers. Provides information on requirements, targeting, and methods of HUMINT collection in international economics.

3 days

2 times a year

Introduction to Analysis - A combination of lectures, seminars, and analytical exercises for entry-level professionals in NFAC.

10 days

4 times a year

Orientation to Analysis - Provides the DO-bound Career Trainee "hands on" experience in intelligence analysis.

5 days

4 times a year

Seminar on Intelligence Analysis - For senior analysts and branch chiefs. Emphasis is on quality of analysis and interdisciplinary techniques.

14 days

4 times a year

Seminar on the Producer/Consumer Relationship - A series of policy-level speakers from consumer agencies discuss the quality of NFAC analysis with senior NFAC analysts.

3 days

4 times a year

Survey of Intelligence Collection Systems - Orientation to the capabilities and limitations, plus tasking mechanisms for HUMINT, SIGINT, Imagery, and Open Source collection systems.

4 days

4 times a year

USSR Country Survey - Examines those factors (economic, political, etc.) required for an objective assessment of the USSR as a major intelligence target.

10 days

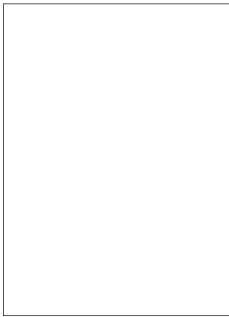
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OTE Training in FY 1980

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Variety of Courses Offered	80
Students	
Student Days	
Student Hours	
Approximate Hours Per Student	55

Notes:

- a. Above covers OTE offerings only.
- b. Excludes Language School courses.
- c. Does not cover special runnings for Briefing Techniques, Effective Employee, Proofreading or Reading Improvement courses.

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SENIOR OFFICER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

September 13 - December 18

Rough Schedule *

WEEK I

- fundamental factors influencing relations among nations
- evolution of the intelligence function in the US.

WEEK II

- the intelligence community
- the organization of CIA
- the senior officer as manager

WEEK III

- the national security decision process
- the intelligence consumers who participate in that process
- Congress as consumer
- the role of the intelligence product in the formulation and execution of national policy

WEEK IV

- the national estimate as product
- SALT support
- other key products - briefings, PDB, SIG support
- evaluating the product

* Most of the course members' time will be spent in small group exercises using the case study method. Advance reading will be required of the course members along with some preliminary essays. Panel discussions will supplement lectures where possible. Some external reading and essay writing will also be required throughout the course.

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WEEK V

- military and scientific analysis

WEEK VI

- economic and political analysis

WEEK VII

- key substantive areas
- the USSR
- China
- Middle East
- key LDCs
- Western Europe
- key Latin American countries

WEEK VIII

- satellite photo-reconnaissance
- fundamentals of imagery
- fundamentals of SIGINT
- the special collection service
- field trip to NSA
- employing technical collection systems

WEEK IX

- clandestine collection
- CIA stations abroad
- human source systems
- liaison relationships
- counter intelligence

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WEEK X

- covert action
- congressional and executive oversight
- terrorism

WEEK XI

- the support function
- executive committee staff and long-range planning
- computer applications
- security, logistics, COMMO
- the operations center
- personnel management
- FOIA
- public relations

WEEK XII

- the agency budget process
- member presentations
- key issues facing intelligence in the 80s (substance process and management)
- final evaluation

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