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MEMORANDUM FOR Language Program Managers

SUBJECT: FY 2015 Tuition Increase and Proficiency Level Requirements for Linguist Enhancement Courses

1. Effective 1 Oct 2014, tuition will be 400 USD a week for all Linguist Enhancement Courses (LEC). This raises the cost of our standard five-week course from 1,500 USD to 2,000 USD. For US military and civilians on orders this charge will include classroom instruction, three meals a day in the Marshall Center dining hall and a dorm room with bed linens. In the face of declining budgets and rising costs we are reluctantly increasing this charge for the first time in over ten years.

2. Effective 1 Oct 2014, all attendees of LEC will require Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) scores of 2/2 in Listening and Reading prior to attendance. It has become apparent to us that the dominant cohort of LEC attendees is already at Level 2 and higher. Because of the limited number of individual classes we can conduct we have found that including 1+ attendees is making it overly difficult for our teachers to push students to higher levels. And in LEC, higher levels are the ultimate objective. Other language offerings such as special introductory and acquisition classes will not be subject to the 2/2 prerequisite.

3. Note that while we will not be offering ten-week French introductory courses after December 2014 as part of the regular schedule, we are still in the business of setting up special language classes on behalf of interested parties, such as we have done in the past for African Languages and other less commonly taught languages. Please contact the Language School Registrar to open the discussion.

2. My POC for this action is Mr Greg Davis, Language School Registrar,
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