(U) The Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA)

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(U//FOUO) Created in 1965 by NSA's Hall of Honor recipient Dr. Sydney Jaffe, the Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA) is the only NSA-based learned organization that supports the continuing development and advancement of Agency language analysts, and engages its members in language-related activities. These activities include a speaker series, an annual banquet with a nationally recognized speaker, an ever-growing foreign film library, a soon-to-be lending library of foreign "books on tape", and a foreign language film festival. This year's festival included films in Arabic and French, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi/Punjabi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Serbo-Croatian, and Spanish.

(U//FOUO) Presentations in our speaker series have featured topics of interest driven by our members. These include Compensation Reform for Language Analysts, Preparing Resumes, Tips on Taking PQE's, the New Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT V) as a replacement for the PQE I, and the new Language Analyst Professional Health Program. CLA presents two annual awards: the prestigious Sydney Jaffe Award for civilians and the CAPT Joseph Rochefort Award for military personnel. These awards honor language professionals whose outstanding mission accomplishments reflect the tradition of leadership, ingenuity and scholarship exemplified by Dr. Jaffe and CAPT Rochefort.

(U//FOUO) CLA partners with the NSA/CSS Language Analysis Skill Community through a formal Cooperative Research and Development Agreement in order to engage and involve as many language analysts in as many relevant activities as possible. CLA partners annually in the fall with the NSA/CSS Senior Language Authority to sponsor Language Week. The goal of Language Week is to highlight the importance of cryptologic language work, to familiarize non-language professionals with the language world, and to enable sharing and exchange among language analysts. Last year's theme was "One Year After 9/11: How Language Analysis Work Has Changed". Highlights included a kick-off town meeting with DIRNSA, SID Director, and Director Analysis & Production, an overview of national-level language needs, language initiatives from the perspective of the Intelligence Community, a session on "Getting to Level-3/3", a luncheon with the Director of the Klingon Institute, daily one-hour mini-language seminars and technology demos, and a large-scale book swap.

(U) We enthusiastically welcome language analysts who would like to become a member of the 200-strong CLA. This is a chance to enhance your language skills while networking with your skill community peers. Last but not least, it's fun! Please see our web page at "go cla"and contact one of our board of directors for further information-- we'd be happy to hear from you!

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