(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 and new books on tape **lending library** ,
- an annual **book swap** , and
- a foreign language **film festival** .

(U//FOUO) This year's festival included films in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Persian/Farsi, and Spanish (Cuban). This year the CLA also started foreign language conversation groups in Arabic, Chinese, French, Persian, and Spanish, and more are on the way.

(U//FOUO) Presentations in our speaker series have featured topics of interest driven by our members. These include:

- Graphic Language Cryptanalysis in the Study of Ancient Greek Inscriptions,
- Certificate in Translation Program,
- On Being Multilingual, and
- Navaho Code Talkers.

(U//FOUO) CLA presents two annual longtime **career awards** : the prestigious Sydney Jaffe Award for civilians and the CAPT Joseph Rochefort Award for military personnel. CLA also launched two new awards starting in 2004: the Norman Wild Mid-Career Award for civilians and Colonel Alva B. Lasswell Mid-Career Award for military personnel. All of these awards honor language professionals whose outstanding mission accomplishments reflect the tradition of leadership, ingenuity, and scholarship exemplified by their namesakes.

(U//FOUO) CLA partners with the NSA/CSS Foreign 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 **Foreign Language Week** . The goal is to highlight the importance of cryptologic language work, to familiarize non-language professionals and managers with the language world, and to enable sharing and exchange among language analysts. Last year's theme was "Language Analysis:

Building Momentum for the Future." Highlights included:

- the opening of first time ever language exhibit at the National Cryptologic Museum;
- panels on "Making it to Senior Language DISL" and "Initiatives from the Perspective of the Intelligence Community";
- sessions on F6, the People Behind SIGINT;
- tips on Passing PQEs, Update on the new DLPT5 testing system, LangNet: Multilingual Advanced Learning Online, Language Analysis Professional Health Program, Deployment Concepts and Language Center Chiefs, and Strategic Strongholds and Less Commonly Taught Languages;
- text image and speech technology and military demos, a Resume Writing workshop; and
- our ever-popular daily one-hour mini-language seminars.

(U) We enthusiastically welcome language analysts and others who would like to join the over 400 member-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 subscribe to ▮▮▮▮▮ or "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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