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1. Tilestone will leave Stockholm on 19 or 20 January for the south of Sweden. He will be accompanied by [] or one of his assistants. He has been furnished the papers of a Swedish seaman, and will board a Swedish vessel at some southern port. He will be taken to Gdyna where he expects to be able to land without difficulty. He plans to travel to Warsaw and from there to the neighborhood of the Lithuanian frontier. He expects to meet several members of the Lithuanian resistance who have been awaiting his arrival on the Polish side of the frontier for some two weeks. He hopes to be able to return to Sweden within a month, coming back on another Swedish vessel.
2. The primary purpose of Tilestone's trip is to set up radio communication with the Lithuanian underground. He is carrying with him 16 American radio crystals and an elaborate cipher code furnished him by the Swedes. The code is a numerical cipher similar to that used by the Russians in broadcasts from Lithuania to Moscow. It is based on a Lithuanian book, a copy of which Tilestone had in Stockholm. Transmissions will be made from Sweden once a week and it is expected that answers will be received twice a month from Lithuania. Tilestone has spent the last two weeks working with Swedish cryptographic experts setting up the code and arranging a series of questions in which his group and the Swedes are interested.
3. It may very well be that Tilestone will be required to accompany the Lithuanian resistance leaders back to his native country. In that eventuality Tilestone had made arrangements to have turned over to us the key to the cipher code. He will also inform us when sending is to begin. In such an event we expect to have [] monitor the broadcasts and pick up both sides of the communications between here and Lithuania.

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4. Tilestone has agreed to work along the lines suggested in paragraphs c and d of reference cable. In conversations with him it was learned that contact with Professor Zvironas would be difficult at the present time since he is working at an installation in the White Sea area. However, Tilestone has other possibilities for obtaining information along the same line. One Mosinskis, Dean of the Technical Faculty of the University at Kaunas, has recently been appointed Chairman of a Soviet committee to register and direct the work of all Lithuanian scientists. The other two members of the committee are Professor Purinas and Professor Janickis. Tilestone's group in Lithuania are in close contact with both Mosinskis and Purinas. The third member of the committee, Janickis, is a Communist of long standing. Tilestone hopes to be able to provide us with information about technological installations through his contacts with this committee.
5. Tilestone will also try to work on the problem of penetration of the Communist Party. He stated however that the connection between Preiksas (mentioned in LSS-63) and the resistance was most indirect and that any information from him came through a girl who worked with the underground. Preiksas himself cannot be directly approached.
6. In addition to setting up radio contact Tilestone hopes to bring back from Poland reports which have been gathered by the resistance since his last visit. To enable Tilestone to purchase the necessary equipment for his trip and to provide some aid to the resistance leaders who are now in Poland, we have given Tilestone 500 Swedish kronor, \$500 and two watches. We can expect no further developments until Tilestone returns or until we are contacted through a cutout chosen by him.

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