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TO: Chief, Foreign Branch W

FROM: []

SUBJECT: General: Tilestone Project

Specific: Pending plan for Tilestone's
return to Lithuania

REFERENCES: a) Wash cables 1225 and 1237 of 13 January 1948.
b) WSSA-261 dated 19 January 1948.
c) [] dated 20 February 1948.

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1. On 16 February 1948, Tilestone returned to Sweden accompanied by the two members of the Lithuanian underground who escaped the ambush which they encountered enroute from Poland to their headquarters in Lithuania, (see our reference c). Tilestone met the two survivors in Poland after the incident and was successfully able to assist them to return to Sweden with him. Upon arrival here they were turned over to [] for debriefing and training in wireless transmission. At the completion of this training they, and the Swedes, are anxious that arrangements can be made for their return to Lithuania for the continuation of their activity. Their return is considered of utmost importance as they are key figures in the activity there and in this instance would be the only remaining means of setting up an active communications link between the resistance forces and Sweden.

2. For security reasons Tilestone did not make contact with us before 25 March, and contact at that time was arranged under the most possible secure circumstances. At this meeting Tilestone related briefly his rendezvous with his co-workers in Poland, the general circumstances of the border patrol surprise during their return to Lithuania, his subsequent aid to the two survivors and their return to Sweden. Tilestone brought us rather general information which had been delivered to him in Poland. This material included primarily information on the structure and needs of the Lithuanian Resistance forces, local battalion activity within their given areas, and a small amount of local general intelligence. This material is being forwarded with a separate dispatch. No information was available on any priority target or project previously outlined to him.

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3. Tilestone reported that he believed he would in the very near future accompany his two co-workers to Lithuania. At the time of this information it appeared that a speed boat expedition is being prepared by [], the objective being to land the group somewhere on the Lithuanian coastal area in the vicinity of Palanga or an alternate area further to the north on the Latvian coast. If this plan is successful Tilestone plans to spend the entire summer with the resistance forces in Lithuania. His objectives being to develop the radio communication link previously mentioned and to personally direct efforts toward projects 1) and 2) outlined in reference a), the nature of which he is already familiar. Any plans for his return to Sweden had not been made at this time. The exact details of this expedition will nodoubt be made available to us prior to his departure.

4. The plan envisioned for the radio communication link with the Lithuanian underground is to be set-up essentially the same as that previously outlined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of reference b). The final details of the communications phase will be made available to us together with the transmission schedules, and a copy of the code to be used at such time when all plans are completed. We are attempting to arrange, thru secure means, facilities for the monitoring of the transmissions from here and in Lithuania.

5. Definite attempt is being made to introduce non-staff cutout, but to date have no qualified individual available. All contact being kept at a minimum and under best possible cover. No additional information believed to be available until final rendezvous with Tilestone prior to his departure.

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