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1. The purpose of project ELKO will be to establish the resources and machinery to make it possible to correspond with specific persons in the Soviet Zone of Austria in such a manner as not to reveal the origin of these communications. Persons to receive ELKO mail will be of operational interest to Detachment 35, either because of locations, i.e., BADEN, WIENER NEUSTADT, etc., or because of affiliation with Soviet authorities, i.e., Austrians employed in Soviet installations.

2. Selection of target personalities, drafting of texts, schedules for dispatch of mail, setting-up of return addresses, etc., will be effected by Detachment 35. Mimeographing, writing, reproduction, addressing of envelopes, stamping, dispatching of mail will be effected by MIS Document Section.

3. Eventually project ELKO will include similar covert mail contact with Soviet personalities. It is hoped to develop sufficient information about specific Soviets so that personal mail received by them from the USSR and fellow soldiers in the Soviet Zone of Austria can be duplicated by Detachment 35 in such fashion as to prevent detection by Soviet postal censors.

4. The first batch of mail is scheduled to be dispatched the beginning of February. Addresses of Austrians to which this mail will be dispatched and return addresses used are shown on attached outline of ELKO/1.

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