

DETACHMENT 35

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7 February 1952

Contact Report

SUBJECT: 201 SHOSHONE

1. On 7 February 1952, 201 was met in Salzburg for the purpose of discussing progress on project SHOSHONE. 201 indicated that he has an appointment to be interviewed by the Landeshauptmannschaft in LINZ for possible allocation of office space, determination of his qualifications to open a business, etc. 210 felt this would progress satisfactorily.

2. 201 had compiled a list of Austrian Soviet Zone newspapers (as attached) to which he will subscribe. They will be sent to Haupt Postamt LINZ "postlagernd". Linz Field Unit will make arrangements to have these papers picked up and delivered to 201. 201 will in the next few days start putting some ads into the BADNER and WIENER NEUSTADT papers. He will in addition start correspondence with persons in these towns who have put ads into their local papers for employment, etc. The purpose of 201 newspaper activity is to obtain personal information on Austrians of interest to US intelligence, i.e., applicant for jobs will be required to give detailed life history, photographs, references. In follow-up correspondence, 201 will air subject of personal nature which may be operational interest, i.e., former employment in Soviet installations and require additional details on such specific points.

3. 201 grasps the purpose of his future effort in BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT completely. He produced a mimeographed sheet which had been compiled by the Hungarian desk for personality data on border personnel, etc., and suggested using this format for personality information on subjects of interest in the penetration targets. The form lends itself perfectly to this use. For the time being, all personality information on people from the two target cities will be carded; later we may become more objective. At first, information obtainable through overt channels will constitute the bulk of the information; later, data obtained through sub-sources working for 201 in the key target areas will become more substantial. It is expected that the build-up of information on Soviets and Austrians will be gradual, requiring a great deal of painstaking work and the type of effort 201 is expected to put into it.

4. 201 revealed that when he started with the SD he had been selected to become the SD advance to go into OXFORD in case of a successful occupation of England by the Germans. He said that the type of information he thought we should have on BADEN and WIENER NEUSTADT was the type of information he had on OXFORD, fairly complete records of pro-German, Fascist and anti-German elements, etc. It was indicated to 201 that we expected to have even more complete records on the penetration targets.

5. 201 was paid 2,000 ANS and \$45 in US currency. Arrangements are also being made to place \$50 into his bank account in Italy.

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