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- 1. ICSM is a state building company with a number of Soviet engineers. Among the building projects undertaken by the company are metallurgical works and mines at Hunedoara, Resita and Roman, and buildings near Bucharest. All Party projects of a secret nature are carried out by ICSM.
- 2. In November 1951 the Party Central Committee decided to carry out a project, planned by Soviet engineers during the previous 12 months, in connection with large deposits of copper and iron ore 23 km, southwest of Roman. It is also rumored that uranium has been found among these deposits. The site of the mines is approximately: Rumania 1,100,000 IASI No. 4570-586/713 to 681/713.
- 3. Persons who have inspected the sites are the former rollish ambassador in London, J. Berman; an engineer from the Electroputers factory at Craiova, Simion Zaiger, who is also a former President of the State Planning Commission; and another engineer of the ICSM Building Company, Kaunitz.
- 4. The entire project, to be finished in three years, with ore smelting to begin after one year, includes the building of:
 - A metallurgical factory with Bessemer furnaces. The first stage of the buildings, comprising 25 per cent of the whole project, is to consist of 18 halls, each 72 meters long by 14 meters wide, and two halls, 125 meters long and 50 meters wide.
 - b. Housing for 20,000 workers, similar to that built at Hunedears.
- 5. About 120 engineers and technicians, all of whom had to be approved by the Party, were engaged for the beginning of the project. In November 1951 a number of wooden huts were built for the engineers and workers, including some from Petrosani and from the USSR, who are to start work in the mines. Large quantities of materials for trolleys and cableways have been stocked, and five Soviet excavators have started work. About 6,000 military laborers are employed.

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Kaunitz. an engineer employed by ICSM.

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