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1. Karl Neumann, head of the State Geological Commission, and Andreas Krause, Boring Inspector, made a trip to Rumania and concluded contracts amounting to 7,700,000 eastmarks, including 30,000 eastmarks for the travel to Rumania of the acceptance commission which was to be organized and was scheduled to travel to Rumania in October 1953. The contracts were approved by Boring Inspector Andreas Krause. Rumania, which had been ready to deliver 2,000 tons of borehole tubing on condition that she be supplied with the necessary semi-finished material from East Germany, was willing to accept billets of St.35.29 standard which, however, were not available in East Germany. When Wilhelm Salzer, head of the Department for the Iron and Steel Processing Industry of the Ministry for Metallurgy and Ore Mining in East Berlin, and Hans Kurda, a leading member of this department, stated that, regardless of quality and type, it would be difficult to supply 2,000 tons of billets, they recommended negotiations with Rumania on the possibility of accepting rough rolled ingots which, according to Kurda, would be delivered by Stahlwerk Brandenburg. Professor Kurcinsky (Fnu) of the Rumanian Trade Mission in East Berlin was requested to make appropriate inquiries in Bucharest. 1

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