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Procurement Practices of the Soviet Trade Delegation

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- Originally located at Brunnenstrasse 19/21 in East Berlin, the Soviet Trade Delegation moved to its new quarters on Unter den Linden adjacent to the Soviet Embassy sometime in the summer or early fall of 1953. No significant changes in personnel in the Trade Delegation attendant to this physical move were observed. [Redacted]

the representatives of Tekhnopromimport, for example, appeared to concern themselves primarily with Soviet procurement interests in the field of equipment for the chemical industry. Promsyrimport representatives, on the other hand, concerned themselves mainly with the procurement of high-pressure tubing from the Leuna Werke, intended for synthetic gasoline distillation plants.

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- Certain Soviet orders appeared to have been placed via the Polish trade organizations. Specifically, ether distillation equipment and nickel-plated and silver-plated industrial equipment was ordered via Poland¹.

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- There appears to be some close tie-in between the Soviet and the Polish Trade Delegation personnel and with the personnel of other satellite trade missions as well. The Soviets draw some of their import requirements from East Germany via satellite countries, such as Poland, having the satellite trade representatives in Berlin place the orders for shipment to their respective countries, whence they are further dispatched to the USSR.²

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Personnel of the Soviet Trade Delegation

- The following were personnel of the Soviet Trade Delegation during the periods indicated:

- Martynov (fnu), Chief of the Trade Delegation, period 1950 to 1955.

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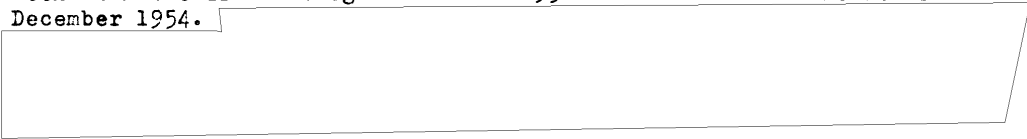
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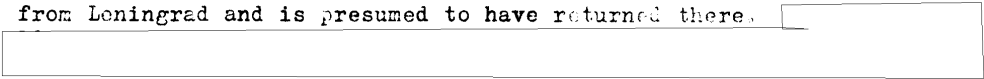
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- b. Tishchenko (fnu), deputy to Martynov. Appears to exercise the ultimate authority in the Trade Delegation. He is technically qualified and has been with the Trade Delegation since 1950 and was still there as of December 1954.



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- c. Irina Paramonova, interpreter at the Trade Delegation from 1950 or earlier to mid or late 1952, when she returned to the USSR. She came from Leningrad and is presumed to have returned there.



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- d. Smirnov (fnu), representative of Tekhnopromimport, concerned with "Apparatebau und Chemische Industrie".



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- e. Galkin (fnu). Known to have been with the Trade Delegation during the period 1951-1952, when he worked closely with Smirnov of Tekhnopromimport. Galkin reportedly had been sent to Berlin from Moscow for a period of some six months on an assignment to handle a special order for distillation columns (Distillation-Kolonnen), delivered by S-G Transmasch, Rudisleben.



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- f. Tikhomirov (fnu), appears to be some sort of expediter or trouble-shooter for the Soviet Trade Delegation, concerned primarily with the fulfillment of delivery commitments.



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