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1. On 5 January 1949, Suliman (fm), an Egyptian trade delegate in Switzerland, made inquiries in Zurich concerning the 10,000 tons of steel which Vereinigte Oesterreichische Stahlwerke, Linz, Austria, had offered for sale to the Swiss Army. ~~Comment: For further particulars on this transaction, see~~

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Suliman indicated that he had heard of the availability of the steel from Colonel Gack (sic) ~~Comment: Probably Colonel Walter Gagg, Zurich, head of Subdivision 1 (arms, material, and equipment) of the Kriegstechnische Abteilung) who conducted negotiations for the purchase of the steel by the Swiss Kriegstechnische Abteilung (Army Technical Service).~~

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2. Suliman stated that he was also negotiating for the purchase of an unspecified number of Mauser rifles which are being sold by British authorities in the British Zone of Austria.

3. On 5 January, Suliman was to leave for England to discuss various purchases with Vickers Armstrong. He stated that he would return to Switzerland in mid-January.

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