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- 25X1 1. The estimated Czechoslovak consumption for 1949 of scrap iron is 681,000 tons.
- 25X1 Home production for 1949 will amount to 400,000 tons. This leaves 281,000 tons to be imported, of which:
 - a. The Soviet Zone of Germany is furnishing 100,000 tons according to an agreement concluded in Moscow, where payment of 29.50 U.S. dollars per ton must be made. The SIA in Germany merely delivers the scrap on Moscow's orders.
 - b. The Germans in the Soviet Zone are furnishing 20,000 tons under a compensation agreement whereby the Germans get 4,000 tons of steel in exchange.
 - c. The USIA in Austria is furnishing 30,000-50,000 tons.
- 2. The remainder is to be obtained anywhere in Europe: In March 1949, a transaction was concluded in Berlin for 100,000 tons at a price of 34.95 U.S. dollars.

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