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1. In mid-November 1949, Alexander Nerad, functionary of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Trade, accompanied by a certain Prokop, Director of MERKURIA of Prague, arrived in Trieste. While there, the above mentioned visited Bohumil Bartos, a Czechoslovak commercial representative in Trieste, and a number of Trieste business firms.
2. Nerad and Prokop were reportedly interested in the establishment of a branch office of MERKURIA in Trieste but decided against this, because of possible restrictions in the area through Allied Military Government controls. Instead, they plan to open a branch office of MERKURIA in Milan for the development of compensatory trade between Italy and Czechoslovakia and to earn sufficient profits therefrom to be able to aid the Italian Communist Party.

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