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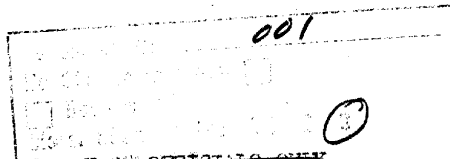
1. Under the terms of a barter deal concluded between USIA and Metalimport Trust of Zurich on or about 14 June 1951, USIA is supplying 216 tons of duraluminum in return for approximately 135 tons of aluminum of 99.5% purity.
2. Metalimport Trust has already procured 50 tons of pure aluminum from Alfred Post, owner of the Zurich firm of Gebrüder Engels, paying approximately \$40,000 for the metal. This aluminum was located in Vienna and has been shipped to Genoa (transit), whence it will be shipped back again to Schenker & Co., Vienna, who will hand it over to Juschmeschtrans.
3. Both parties to the deal have put up performance bonds with Soviet Military Bank, No. 2111* in Vienna.
4. A further barter deal between the same parties, under the terms of which USIA is supplying 50,000 tons of mazut fuel oil against structural steel and steel plate, has also been signed. Metalimport Trust is reselling the mazut to the firm of Tajabuje* of Venice.
5. Metalimport Trust has already delivered 60 tons of I-beam girders to USIA and was about to deliver a further 320 tons early in July. These girders are being obtained from France and are shipped to Vienna by way of Antwerp. The Vaduz firm of Comac Industries is acting as an intermediary.

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* **Comment:** According to a report from another agency, #2111 in the Soviet Military Bank was used in a transaction between USIA and Haselgruber.

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** **Comment:** No firm of this name was found in the current Venice phone directory. Possibly this is a misspelling of Tarliabuo, Giuseppe, dealer in fuels, 13 Porto Manera, Venice. Such a misspelling might occur if a German-speaking person attempted to write the name phonetically.



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