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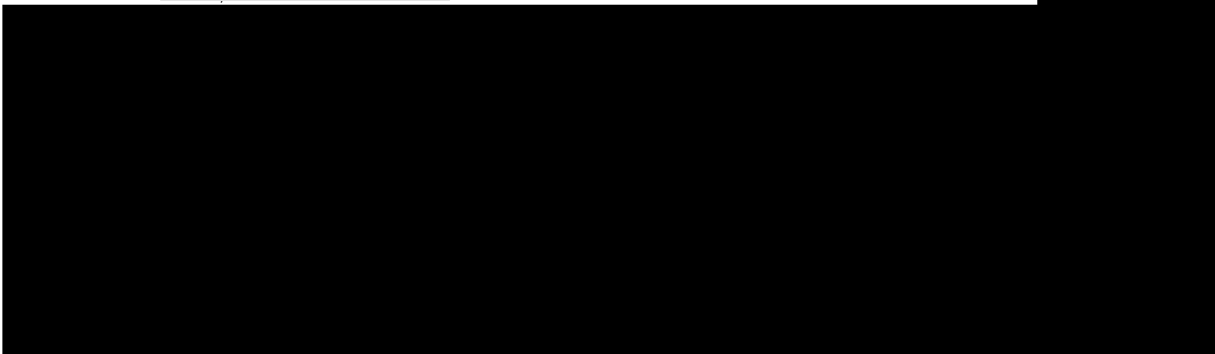
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1. The Czech delegation in the forthcoming Austro-Czech trade negotiations will propose to import US \$1,600,000 worth of ball bearings from Austria, with the intention of accepting a fraction of this amount, as a means of bargaining for other essential items from Austria.*
2. Czech ball bearing production, which totalled 220 million Kcs in 1950, increased to 650 million Kcs in 1951, partly through purchase of 12 million Kcs worth of balls from East Germany which were then fitted with Czech-made ball races.
3. The Czechs plan to negotiate for coal exports on the basis of the quantities agreed to in last year's treaty.**

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* [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] Czechoslovakia would import US \$1,200,000 worth of ball bearings during 1952.

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[REDACTED] Comment: It is believed that Czechoslovakia can follow through since the recent government action raising coal production in the Ostravice-Karvinná region will allow increased anthracite exports.

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