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1. According to a [REDACTED], Berlin-Lichtenberg, Hauptstrasse 16-18, on 4 December 1951, a shipment of 2,700 (sic) (barrels?) Mowilit originating with Farbwerke Höchst, Frankfurt/Main-Höchst, left Amsterdam for the DDR on 3 December, to be picked up in Helmstedt by Derutra (Deutsch-Russische Transport AG) for Meletex. Mowilit is a medium for cementing sheets of glass to make unbreakable glass. The receiving factory is Verbundglas GmbH, Babelsberg, Fritz-Zubeil-Strasse 38. Mowilit looks like soda crystals, and it may be so declared. The extent of the pressure applied by DDR and Soviet officials to obtain delivery under this order gives grounds for the suspicion that Verbundglas is working on a Soviet military contract. Meletex agreed to pay the unusually high price of 12,000 DM per ton for this order. The name of the Dutch intermediary is unknown. The shipment is to be made in barrels.
2. The weekly production of safety glass by Verbundglas is estimated at 1,000 square meters.

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