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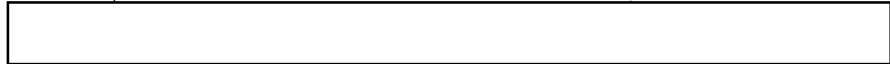
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1. Comtextil is dependent on Centrocomtextil in Bucharest, which is attached to the Ministry of Trade. It has depots of its own and supplies textiles to 13 sales centers at Timisoara and five others at Lugoj, Deta, Caransebes, Resita and Oravita respectively. The depot and offices are located at Timisoara, 5 Strada Gheorghe Lazar, as are the thirteen sales centers. Comtextil deals in textiles, clothing, footwear, knitwear, perfumery, and fancy goods. There are 165 officials, 500 employees at the sales centers at Timisoara, and 150 employees at sales centers elsewhere.
2. The amount of production for the civilian population has been reduced by about 30 or 40 percent. It is believed that production for the Army has increased proportionately. The quality of readymade clothing has gradually deteriorated to the point where many goods are so bad that they are unsealable.
3. All textile shops have been transferred from the Ministry of Trade to the Ministry of Light Industry and attached to a special department, called General Sales Center for the Production of the Light Industry. The management of the Department is in the hands of two men, one an engineer named Nicolau (formerly Nadler), and the other Zaharia (formerly Silberstein), manager of the State Depot in Bucharest. Both are very capable. This change was introduced because the factories had produced goods of such poor quality. Following the new arrangement, the factories have improved the quality of goods.
4. Since 1951, plans have been under preparation for a reorganization of the retail trade. According to these plans, all sales centers are to be transformed into "torgs". All sales centers for textiles, leather goods, food-stuffs, metal goods, and other products are to be put under one local management. This method is to facilitate control and to reduce expense. A

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Ministerial Councillor, Anghel, was sent to Moscow for two months to study the system and is about to introduce it in Rumania.

5. Two months before the stabilization of the Rumanian currency, in December 1951 and January 1952, the factories received orders to hold back and store large quantities of their best goods, as price reductions were to be expected. Some days before the stabilization, these goods suddenly appeared in the shops only to disappear again after the new money had been issued. It is rumored that the goods were sent to Bulgaria to be put on view in the shops there, as Bulgaria is next on the list for currency stabilization.

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