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In late March 1952, a contract was concluded between the Deutsche Warenvertriebs-GmbH (DWV) (German Merchandise Sales Company, at 63 Friedrichstrasse in Berlin, and a Danish firm, presumably the SA-ICO in Copenhagen, for the delivery \$ 2,000,000 worth of butter. Later, the DWV changed the contract to 1,000,000 worth of butter and 1,000,000 worth of canned meat. The order for delivery of the canned meat was given to the representative of the Jorgensen firm while he was in Berlin. When the agent of the butter supplying firm protested against this change, the manager of the DWV, Rhodin, replied as follows: "You may insist on the delivery of \$ 2,000,000 worth of butter because the contract has been signed. However, this would then be your last business transaction with the Soviet zone of Germany. I myself was confronted with accomplished facts, because the Soviet Army Supply Department changed the contract, replacing half of the butter by canned meat, despite the fact that the contract had already been signed."

\* [ ] Comment. In September 1951 the DWV was organized, following the liquidation of the Deutsche Einfuhr-ausfuhr-Gesellschaft (DEAG) (German Import Export Company). The following companies, all subordinate to the Ministry for Foreign Trade, succeeded the DEAG:

- Melotex (Metalle, Lebensmittel, Textilien)(Metal, Food, Textiles) at 40/41 Rosenthalerstrasse in Berlin 8 2.
- Chemipha (Chemische und Pharmazeutische Waren)(Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products) at 61 Friedrichstrasse in Berlin 8 3.
- Novum Handelsgesellschaft G.m.b.H. (Novum Trade Company, Ltd.) on Friedrichstrasse in Berlin 8 3.
- Deutsche Warenvertriebs-GmbH (DWV) (German Merchandise Sales Company) at 61 Friedrichstrasse in Berlin 8 3.

As stated in previous reports, the DEAG was given orders or instructions by Russian agencies, either directly or through the appropriate German Ministry.

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