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1. The DIA Reparations Section, under the direction of Mueller, Franzoesische-strasse, Berlin, is trying to purchase 2,000 standard bottles of mercury, for which DIA is offering a basic price of \$ 196, [redacted] DIA proposes a barter exchange of sulphur (99.6%) from Leuna,¹ which is offered at \$ 112 to \$ 114, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] who usually deals in mercury coming from [redacted] is now negotiating for the sale of this mercury, delivery of which is to be made from [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. This sale of mercury by the DIA is being made, as usual, for the USSR, which needs it for a protective varnish for covering submarines.

1. [redacted] Comment. Probably Chemische Werke Leuna (SAG Mineralduenger). 50X1-HUM

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