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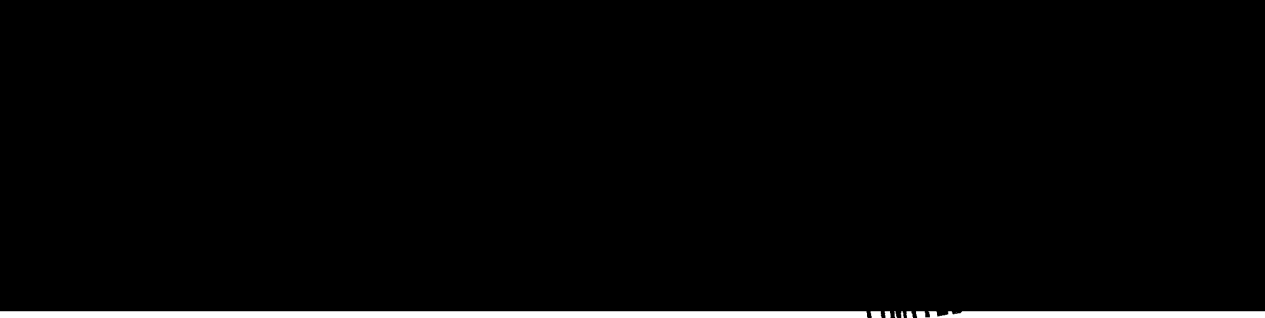
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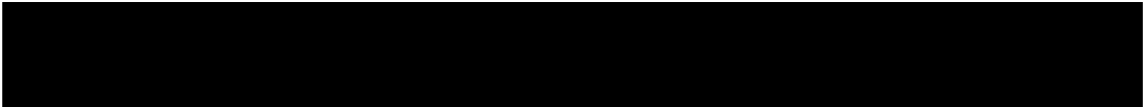
1. Despite increasing attacks on the Tito regime, USIA continues to do business with Yugoslav commercial representatives in Vienna. On 9 September 1949, Technopromet, the Yugoslav purchasing agency in Vienna, purchased from Dr. Weiss, director of a USIA sales office at 2 Brucknerstrasse, Vienna IV, 147 tons of dynamo sheets, manufactured by USIA-controlled Schmidhuetten Krens, for 525,000 schillings. Weiss also offered to sell Technopromet an additional 300 tons of dynamo sheets from Schmidhuetten Krens for a sum slightly more than 1,000,000 schillings. He allegedly stated that his Soviet superior in USIA had approved both the transaction and his subsequent offer.

2. In order to facilitate Soviet shipping clearance, Technopromet designated "Karuko" Grosshandel Export-Import, a Vienna firm, as recipient of the purchase of the 147 tons of dynamo sheets. (Richard Kaufmann, owner of "Karuko", and Dr. Marx of the same company are to receive a handling fee of five groschen per kilogram. Juschmeschtschans, Soviet-controlled transport firm, will handle this shipment as far as Bratislava, from where it will go to Yugoslavia via Danube barge.)

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