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The Rumanian Government was obligated to pay MALAXA in dollars which they could not do. Therefore, it was more than glad to pay MALAXA in inflated leis.

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Mr. Keating: To answer the Chairman's question, you are not able to give us a parallel to the Malaxa case, where they got paid?

Mr. Berle: I cannot. That is not to say it does not exist; it is to say I do not know about it.

Mr. Walter: He was paid in Rumanian currency also?

Mr. Berle: Yes, Rumanian lei. I think he had to find the best way he could to realize on those lei.

Mr. Keating: He did realize on them, did he not?

Mr. Wasserman: Yes.

Mr. Berle: I think as a practical matter I could only testify to what he told me.

Mr. Carusi: It is in the record.

Mr. Berle: I think you will find he was able to make a sale to Jewish relief, and they paid a part of the balances.

Mr. Walter: In Swiss francs.

Mr. Berle: Yes

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Mr. Keating: From the time they (Communists) went in until and after the time when Mr. Malaxa was paid this large sum for his factory, he is the only one we know who was so paid?

Mr. Berle: No, that is not true. Others were paid. The question is not whether they were paid, because they were, but the question is whether they were able to get their exchange paid.

Mr. Keating: Paid, in effect, in foreign currency. That is what I meant to say.

Mr. Walter: He was not either. He was paid in local currency and converted it.

Mr. Carusi: After he left the country he got paid and converted it.

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