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1. The Rumanians are asking an exorbitant price for several thousand tons of rye to be delivered to Austria within the next few months. This price increase will basically affect the Austro-Rumanian trade balance for 1952.
2. On instructions from Adrian Rotter, chief of the trade policy section (Abteilung 5 Wpol) of the Austrian Foreign Office, Legation Secretary Dr. Emanuel Treu, of the same office, launched an informal protest with Adalbert Sternheim, the Rumanian Commercial Attache in Vienna and threatened to withhold some if not all Austrian export licenses for industrial goods to Rumania unless the Rumanians reduce the price of the rye. Sternheim conceded that the price of the rye was high and promised to relay the Austrian point of view to the Rumanian Foreign Trade Ministry.

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