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Purchase of Cadmium by Academy of
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In May 1952, the purchasing department of the Academy of Sciences [redacted] was ordered by the Ministry in charge to purchase four tons of cadmium which [redacted] were scheduled for screening off an atom pile. [redacted]

[redacted] stress had been laid on the statement that the cadmium was scheduled to jacket the pile. [redacted] when the Academy of Sciences had proposed to the Ministry to authorize the purchase of four tons of cadmium, the Ministry asked whether four tons had not been mistaken for four kilograms. Only when it was assured that the quantity of four tons was really needed did the Ministry give the buying order.

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Comment. Although in this form probably incorrect and actually referring to an order for the USSR, the report is forwarded. With the degree of purity undetermined and no other technical details available, the use of the order is not clear. This is the first report to indicate that the Academy of Sciences served as a purchasing agency.

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