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2. In paragraph 2, Byulleten' should read Byulleten'.

Comment: The Academy of Foreign Trade is also located at 4 Babushkin pereulok.

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1. The Institute for Market Surveys (Nauchno-issledovatel'skiy kon" yunkturnyy institut) was organized sometime before World War II and from 1948 on was located in Moscow at 4 Babushkin Pereulok. The Institute was closely associated with the Ministry of Foreign Trade

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2. The Institute for Market Surveys was responsible for study of the world's commodity prices, their fluctuation, availability on markets and similar matters and for supplying this information to the Ministry of Foreign Trade and All-Union Associations conducting USSR foreign trade. Results of the study of various foreign trade publications dealing with production, trade, prices, and similar matters were published in a weekly periodical of this organization entitled Bulletin of Foreign Commercial Information (Byuleten' inostrannoy kommercheskoy informatsii - BIKI) which was distributed free of charge to subscribers. The bulletin was not sold publicly since there were no customers for this type of publication in the USSR except the various state agencies. BIKI's were also sent to various Soviet economic organizations abroad such as USIA, TsKK, trade representatives, etc.
3. A rather large number of employees of the Institute for Market Surveys were graduates of the Foreign Trade Institute. The Institute for Market Surveys employed approximately 30 or 40 people, many of whom had an excellent knowledge of foreign languages.

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