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1. Dr. A. Feodetjev: Soviet Army captain. Chief of the Legal Dept. of USIVA, Soviet Administration of Soviet Property in Austria, Vienna IV, Starhembergasse 4-6.
2. Dr. Igolinski: Soviet Army lieutenant, about 25 years old. Described as Feodetjev's right-hand man.
3. Captain Bubnov: Soviet Navy. In charge of the Transport Division of the Soviet Element in ACA. Handles all DDSG matters.
4. Lieutenant Colonel Engineer Oshilenko: Conducts negotiations concerning the Wagner-Biro A.G.
5. Engineer Kusakin: Agricultural expert.

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6. Brucker Zucker-Fabrik: The Soviets have proposed a mixed company in which 52% of the shares are to be held by USIVA and 48% by the Austrians. The owner of the Brucker Zucker-Fabrik indicated his willingness to accept this arrangement but has been discouraged from doing so by the Ministry of Property Control, because this would create a precedent which the Ministry is anxious to avoid. During the middle of October 1946, it was the policy of the Soviets to suggest mixed companies in every case where Austrian interests still exist and can be documented. Dr. Krauland's Ministry is anxious to avoid this, as, in his opinion, the Soviets, by this method, could extend their influence into the western zone.
7. Trofalacher Eisen-u. Stahlwerke, AG, Klosterneuburg; Brunner Maschinen Glas & Gut, Kottlingbrunn: Dr. Drucker recently arrived in Vienna from London and holds power of attorney for the owners of these factories and estates. In this case also the Soviets have suggested a mixed company, and Dr. Drucker has gone back to Great Britain to consult with his clients.

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8. Wagner-Biro: This is described as the most complicated problem with which the Ministry is faced at present. The Soviets accuse the firm of obstructionism and a pro-western attitude. Feodetjev especially mentioned Director Schumacher in this connection. A mixed company on a 52-48 basis has been suggested but has been turned down by the Ministry. The technical and head office of the company is in Vienna V (British Zone), and the Soviets have asked permission to place a Soviet officer in charge there. This has been refused by the commanding officer of the Vth District.
9. Krupp, Berndorff: A mixed company has been suggested in this case, Feodetjev stated the USIVA does not recognize the Austrian Law No. 106, which declares all transactions after 1938 null and void.
10. DNSSG: Feodetjev believes that eventually two companies will emerge, as the Americans hold the ships and the Soviets the docks. He cannot see any way out of this. Feodetjev is stated to have said that negotiations with the British are "impossible", because they do not understand the Soviet point of view.

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