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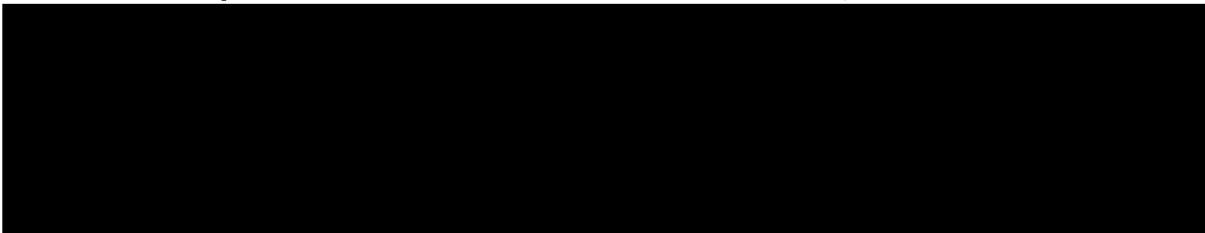
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1. Early in July 1947, the USSR Ministry for Foreign Trade began its periodic examination of USIVA. A Russian civilian, Malavin, believed to be security officer with no rank announced, arrived in Vienna with a staff of 30 accountants and administrative experts from Moscow to undertake the inspection. A prerequisite for membership in this commission is previous foreign service.
2. The commission has offices in the USIVA headquarters in the Starhemborggasse and sends teams to individual factories to inspect books and operations. Thus far no irregularities have been discovered in USIVA headquarters, but source expects that many irregularities will be found in checking production figures and the disposition of finished products in individual factories in the Soviet Zone. The commission will make a report to Moscow, which will then take any corrective action necessary. [redacted] does not believe that any important changes will be made in USIVA staff headquarters but anticipates many replacements of individual factory managers.
3. In June 1947, USIVA changed its general structure to set up a central buying and selling office for all divisions. The office is located at Lothringerstrasse 8, Vienna IV, under the command of Captain Marinbakh. It executes, controls, and negotiates business for all sections of USIVA. Its additional function is the disposal of the Russian-controlled German assets which are no longer profitable, such as secondhand material, wrecked vehicles, destroyed buildings, etc.
4. Subordinate to the central buying and selling office are the Russian Purchasing Commission at Faniglgasse 8, Vienna IV, and a purchasing office for needs of the military canteen at Opernring 14, Vienna I.
5. The most influential and dangerous officer of USIVA is Colonel Dikhomirov, Deputy to General Borisov and member of the State Planning Commission in Moscow prior to his present assignment. (Washington Comment: Confirms note on Dikhomirov (or Tikhomirov) [redacted].)
6. Kulagin is delegated considerable authority by Moscow to observe and control USIVA activities.

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