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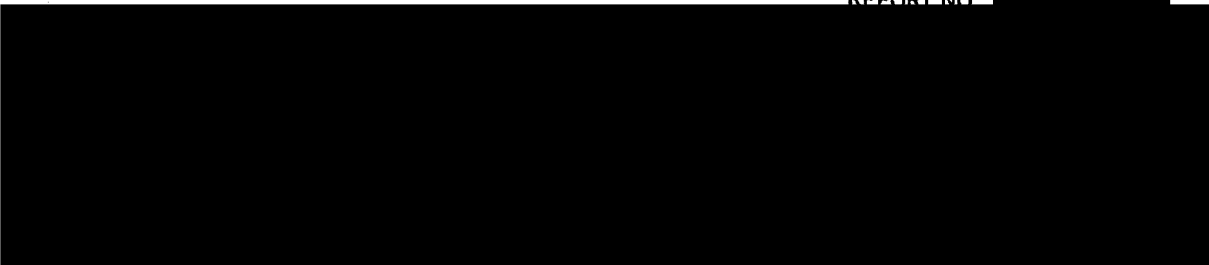
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The following report concerns developments in USIA since the return from Moscow on or about 6 December 1948 of Malavin, head of USIA Central Headquarters. It supplements and modifies information contained in [redacted]

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1. After Malavin's first staff meeting, Yefimov, chief of the German Property Division, confirmed previous instructions that work in his division be directed toward uncovering "easily accessible values". He stated that the German Property Division was no longer concerned with small matters. Yefimov is apparently attempting to uncover all possible leads to profitable claims. He requested an estimate stating how much time it will be necessary to allow to complete the work on all cases now pending [redacted] Comment: About 3,500) and was informed by the Austrian real estate expert that this project would consume about five months. It is not known whether or not the estimate was satisfactory to Yefimov.
2. Malavin requested the following from the Vienna I Section of the German Property Division:
  - a. A list of all firms in Vienna I with part German ownership.
  - b. Amounts owed to German creditors by various firms in Vienna I.
  - c. A list of the firms whose status as German Property has been changed [redacted] Comment: Austrianized) through Austrian Government action.
3. The Soviet director of Brown Boveri has been appointed director of Siemens-Schuckert and now functions as plant director of both these concerns. Comment: This is an example of the trend toward a reduction of the number of Soviet USIA plant directors.)
4. Since early December 1948, Soviet technicians examining German airplane parts stored in USIA warehouses and old hangars have been attempting to collect parts for use in assembling complete planes. [redacted] Comment: Informant claims he

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observed several such planes being assembled at Fischamend. This attempt to salvage planes confirms the present USIA trend toward the liquidation of all ready assets.)

5. The Soviets are collecting for shipment to the USSR submarine parts and blueprints which are still on hand at Waagner-Biro and Wiener Brückenbau.
6. A series of conferences began on the afternoon of 14 December at the Imperial Hotel for all Soviet heads of USIA departments and sections. Conferences were still underway on the evening of 15 December.  Comment: The stir and excitement produced in USIA by these conferences indicates that the problems under discussion may be more far-reaching than those which usually come under consideration at conferences held at the end of the year.)

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