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1. Shortly before Christmas 1948, a twenty-four hour meeting was held at USIA headquarters, Trattnerhof 1, which was attended by Soviet department chiefs of USIA and Soviet directors of all USIA-controlled firms. Also, several representatives from Moscow were allegedly present.
2. The primary purpose of the meeting was to impress USIA chiefs with the urgency of cutting production costs and administrative overhead, and of increasing production. It was stated during the meeting that Moscow was considering the advisability of decreasing personnel at Trattnerhof and of cutting the salaries of those remaining. Comment: According to informant, the average salary of all Trattnerhof personnel, including Austrian, is approximately 4,000 schillings per month.)
3. Other matters discussed were reasons and remedies for production bottle necks, difficulties encountered in marketing certain USIA products, and the 1949 production plan for USIA firms in general. Comment: At this first Trattnerhof meeting, discussion of the problems mentioned above was quite general, but detailed plans and decisions have been made during subsequent meetings of top USIA directors and Moscow representatives. The results of the latter meetings are not yet known.

Comments [redacted] from other sources contains a report on another meeting held on 18 December in the Compas Building at Wipplingerstrasse 22, attended by representatives of the Austrian Communist Party Central Committee, Georgiev of the USIA Light Industries Administration, and Austrian directors of USIA plants which are scheduled for Soviet reversion after the signing of a state treaty. The problems discussed, which were approximately the same as those emphasized in the Trattnerhof discussion described above, pointed to a general reduction of personnel, a drive toward greater efficiency and higher production, and the development of new markets by USIA enterprises in 1949, regardless of whether or not the Four Powers can agree on the terms of a state treaty for Austria.)

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