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1. In the fall of 1949, Churin and Company in Pyongyang received two hundred radio receiver sets of the following makes:
 - a. Radio Leningrad, 11 tubes, made in Leningrad; sales price in the USSR, 2800 rubles, in Pyongyang 25,000 North Korean won.*
 - b. Radio Tekhnika, 9 tubes, made in Riga; sales price in the USSR, 1600 rubles, in Pyongyang 15,000 North Korean won.
 - c. Radio Vostok, 6 tubes, made in Novorosiisk; sales price in the USSR, 1000 rubles, in Pyongyang 16,000 North Korean won.
 - d. Radio Signal, 6 tubes, made in Voronezh; sales price in the USSR, 880 rubles, in Pyongyang, 16,000 North Korean won.**
2. All two hundred sets were sold to members of the Soviet colony in Pyongyang, with the exception of a few sold to former Russian emigres.***

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* Comment. Exchange rates are not known for this date for either rubles or North Korean won.

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** Comment. The fixed price for the smaller sets, regardless of their original Soviet price, is apparently a feature of Soviet business transactions; similar sales are described in [redacted]

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*** Comment. These were presumably emigres who had received Soviet citizenship.

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