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1. The Polish industrial purchasing agency in East Berlin, Polinex, of Brüdergasse 11/14, is currently in the market for an undetermined number of baling presses for the stamping out of 1,000-kg bales. The presses are required for an Upper Silesian steel mill, the old presses of which were hauled off by the Russians. Polinex is seeking to purchase the machines either in Germany or Switzerland. Early in June 1951, an Engineer Lewandowski of the Warsaw Polinex office, Ulica Czakiego 7/11, visited Berlin to look into the procurement of these presses.
2. The Polinex office in Berlin is headed by one Pawlak, an experienced mining engineer who worked before the war at Hindenburg, in the Sicilian sulphur pits, and in the French coal mines. Pawlak is believed to be a German who has taken the option of becoming a Polish citizen. He is approximately 56 years of age, refined, and probably no Communist. He speaks German, Polish, French, and Italian, and is an ardent philatelist and numismatist.

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