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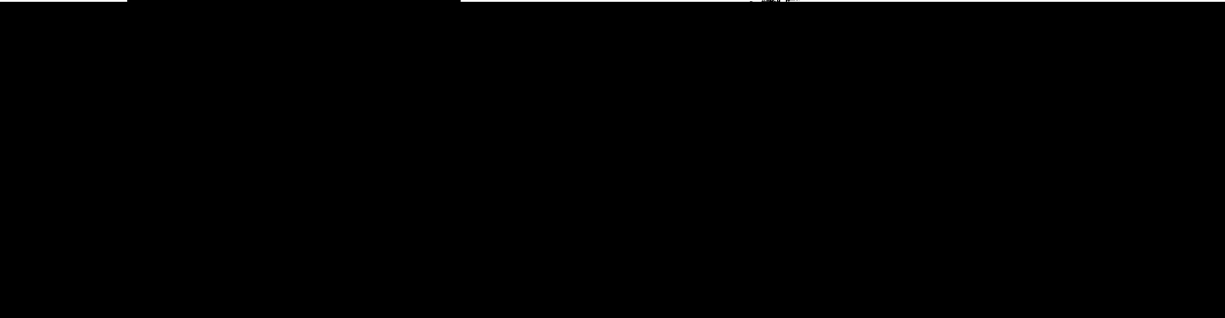
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1. In August or September 1951, Kovonoto (1) in Prague asked the Munich firm Dipl. Ing. Otto Ranstetter, Theresienstrasse 111, to make an offer for the delivery of two aircraft engine testing tables. Ranstetter offered these tables at DM 20,000 apiece. Kovonoto was very interested but stated that it couldn't make the deal because of a dollar shortage, and suggested that Ranstetter make delivery through the Skoda representative in Munich, Christian Pachtner, Koeniginstrasse 39(2). Ranstetter was instructed to offer Pachtner the possibility of paying for the tables from his Tatraplan account (3).

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(1) [Redacted] Comment: This may quite possibly refer to Department IV of Kovo, the department concerned with import of aircraft equipment. This department is generally known as Motokov, rather than Kovonoto.

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(2) [Redacted] Comment: The ADG der Deutschen Wirtschaft of 1949 lists the firm of Otto Ranstetter at Moosacherstrasse 23. No Christian Pachtner is listed.

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(3) [Redacted] Comment: It is believed that this indirect method of payment was caused not by a shortage of dollars but to insure delivery since Kovonoto obviously fears that the American authorities would not permit export of such items to Czechoslovakia. [Redacted] Comment: The connection between the quoted price in DMs and the failure to sign the contract because of a dollar shortage is not clear. The advantage to a Czech importer of transferring the items to another firm in Munich is also obscure.

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(4) [Redacted] Comment: The production of the Ranstetter firm is confirmed by Document No. 07 the ADG der Deutschen Wirtschaft. Ranstetter's bank is the Bayrische Staatsbank.

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