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Foreign Trade (3305)

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RUMANIANS TRYING TO BUY ATOMIC REACTOR IN SWEDEN.

SOURCE STOCKHOLM: A reliable Swedish businessman.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Middle of April 1956.

EVALUATION COMMENT: No confirmation is available here. GHEORGHIU-DEJ stated in his main speech before the Party Congress on December 23 1955 that "with the help of the Soviet Union, a center for nuclear research is being built in Rumania, within the frame of which a 2,000 kw reactor and a 12.5 mega-electron-volt cyclotron will be put in operation in 1956." See also RFE Item No.11556/55.

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In mid-April 1956 the Rumanian Legation in STOCKHOLM communicated with the Swedish company "Atomenegi" and asked them to submit a tender about an atomic reactor of the "breeder type" with conditions of sale to the Rumanian Government.

To date no such tender has been submitted since the Swedish authorities have put in their veto against the deal on account of the rupture in Swedish-Rumanian trade relations. At least, such was the explanation given to the firm concerned.

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