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COMMUNICATIONS

Port of CONSTANTA

Export to USSR:

Cement: Monthly average in 1951 is about 25 thousand tons, mostly sent to the ports of ODESSA, POTI and NOVOROSSISK. These shipments from Rumania to USSR started in 1950.

Wood: Monthly average in 1951 is small, compared to 1950. At that period the monthly average reached about 8,000 cubic meters. The goods are unloaded mostly at NIKOLAEV and NOVOROSSISK ports.

Petrol products: the monthly average in 1951 amounts to about 240 tons; little traffic compared to 1950.

Import from USSR:

Cotton, raw: large import in October, November, December 1950 and February and March 1951, with an average of about 3,500 to 4,000 tons. No change with respect to 1950.

Chemical manure: of white color and ill-smelling; monthly average in 1951 about 1,000 tons (the quantities are increasing in spring and in autumn.) No change with respect to 1950.

Iron ore and manganese: In April 1951: 520 tons. No imports of this kind in 1950. In 1949, 2,500 to 3,000 tons were imported.

Export to Turkey:

Glass sheets: goods are paid in cash; traffic started in March 1951. Until now the following quantities have been exported by Italian ships: March 1951 : 800 tons and April 1951 : 400 tons approximately. At the moment a load of 500 tons is ready to be shipped in August 1951.

Wood: Goods exported in compensation for "Valex" extract of acorns and olives at the following rate: for one ton of "Valex" six cubic meters of wood. Shipments are carried out by Turkish motor-sailing vessels. In March 1951 two Turkish sailing vessels arrived which loaded 1,000 cubic meters of wood. In May 1951 five Turkish vessels arrived in CONSTANTA to load shipment of wood. No change with respect to 1950.

Corn: Nothing in 1950. The first export of 10,000 tons was effected in 1951.

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Import from Turkey:

Valex and olives; both in exchange for the wood exported to Turkey.

GLIAVURIS Dimitri, a Greek merchant from ISTANBUL-GALATA, is in charge of this transaction. He has been residing in BUCHAREST since the end of 1949. His nephew was arrested some time ago in Rumania, for political reasons.

Export to Syria:

Glass sheets: prior to March 1951, small shipments of 200 to 250 tons only. In March 1951: 1,000 tons; in April 1951: 500 tons; in May 1951: nothing;

Plywood: small quantities.

Planks: an average of 3,000 to 4,000 cubic meters monthly (no change with respect to 1950.)

Import from Syria:

Citrus fruits: either for Rumania or in transit for CSR. In 1950: In spring and winter no more than 24 to 30 tons; In 1951: In April (first arrivals): 320 tons; in May 1951: 15 tons;

Export to Palestine (Israel):

Wood: In February 1951: 650 cubic meters by S/S "Dimitrov"; In March 1951: 1,500 cubic meters by S/S "Plehanov"; In April 1951: nothing. It may be estimated that every three months approximately 5,000 cubic meters are exported.

Printing paper: In 1950: nothing; in 1951: In March: 150 tons (the only export of this kind).

Glass demijohns: In 1950: 25 tons; in 1951: 35 tons (in March.)

Import from Palestine (Israel):

Citrus fruits (all sent to Rumania:) In autumn 1950: first arrivals of small quantities; in the spring of 1951: approximately 500 tons;

Medicines: (especially penicillin). Each time the M/S "Transilvania" arrives at CONSTANTINA (about once a week) she brings from 1,000 to 1,500 lbs of medicines made in Palestine.

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Ether oil: from 500 to 500 kg each week by the M/S  
"Transilvania."

Export to Egypt:

Woods: approximately 10,000 cubic meters per month over a period of nine months within one year. Shipped by Greek and Panamanian ships. In May 1951, the shipments were carried out by the ships "Danube" and "Virginia," (Panamanian flag and of Greek construction.)

Glass sheets: small quantities. Between March and April: 500 tons.

Various goods: small quantities.

Plywood: occasional shipments only five or six times a year.

Import from Egypt:

Nothing.

Export to Albania:

Petroleum products: an average of 3,000 to 4,000 tons monthly; partly lamp petrol and partly gasoline. Shipments are carried out by Agip ships; in 1951 by "Vittorio Zaniboni" and "Cometa," in 1950 by "Giovi" (Constructor FASSIO.)

Printing paper: quantities of 300 tons, five or six times a year, by Rumanian ships "Beresina" and "Plehanov."

Cereals (corn): In 1950, by the "Plehanov": 2,000 tons in autumn; in 1951, by the "Beresina": 2,000 tons in April.

Glass sheets: small quantities;

Not specified mechanical tools: in September and October 1950, the "Plehanov" left ODESSA, calling at CONSTANTIA, with a load of machinery (mechanical tools, agricultural machines and other, packed in cases).

Import from Albania:

Scrap iron and iron ores: in 1950: from 700 to 800 tons by the "Plehanov" and "F.Engels;" in 1951: in February 500 tons by the "Dimitrov," another 250 tons, date unknown.

Export to Great Britain:

Nothing.



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Import from Great Britain:

Maize: approximately 10,000 tons in 1951, by the "Dimitrov" and "F. Engels."

Export to Poland:

Petroleum products: in 1950: the "Karpati" made three voyages shipping a total of 9,000 tons of material; in 1951: the "Maracaibo" (Panama flag, Italian equipment and construction) has a contract for one year. Until now she made three voyages shipping each time about 9,000 tons of material.

Cereals: in 1950: two Polish ships loaded 5,000 tons; on 18 May 1951 the Polish ship "Ang" coming from China with a cargo for Poland arrived at CONSTANTA. A treaty exists between Poland and Rumania for the transit of goods coming from China and going to Poland. The shipments are carried out by Polish ships.

Import from Poland:

Nothing.

Export to Finland:

Petroleum products: according to an agreement between Russia and Finland, the latter will import from Rumania unspecified quantities of petroleum products. The first shipments are under way: "Panzio" (Finnish) shipped 10,000 tons; "Neste" (Finnish) shipped 9,000 tons; "Rapallo" of the Agip will make two voyages.

Import from Finland:

Nothing.

Export to Sweden:

The traffic started in 1949. In 1949 "Ardeal" shipped 500 to 600 tons of sunflower residue. In 1950 the "Ardeal" loaded 7,000 tons of maize. In 1951: nothing.

Import from Sweden:

Nothing.

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Export to USA:

In 1949 approximately 5,000 tons of residue of beets in paperbags; in 1950 and 1951 a small shipment of nuts. Voyages made by the "Isabella" and "Rosellin."

Import from USA:

Nothing.

Export to Argentine:

It started in 1950 and was carried out by "Lauro Fleet," which holds a contract for the shipment of 150,000 cubic meters of wood. In 1951 the "Lauro Fleet" will ship 90,000 cubic meters of wood.

Import from Argentine:

1948 and 1949 raw wool and untanned leather by the following Argentine ships: "Flettero," approximately 5,000 tons of leather and 2,000 tons of raw wool; "Ceibo," 4,000 tons of leather and 2,500 tons of raw wool; "Rio Chibud," 5,000 tons of leather and 1,000 tons of raw wool; In 1950 by the Swedish ship "Gorton," 1,000 tons of raw leather; by the Swedish ship "Alida Gorton," 1,500 tons of raw leather; by the Italian ship "Laura Lauton," 2,200 tons of raw leather; in 1951 by the Swedish ship "Birkalland," 750 tons of raw leather; by the Norwegian ship "A. Telkiesen" (transit AMSTERDAM,) 250 tons of raw wool.

Export to Australia:

On 1 January 1951, S/S "Marleen" (Italian, constructor MONTA Luigi from GENOVA) left CONSTANTIA with 10,000 cubic meters of wood in planks and 250 tons of plywood. On 18 May 1951, the "Marineri" (constructor MONTA Luigi from GENOVA) left with 7,000 cubic meters of wood and 2,000 tons of plywood. In the autumn of 1950 the Greek S/S "Hidraios" shipped 7,000 cubic meters of wood.

Import from Australia:

Nothing.

Export to India:

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Import from India:

Iron ore: the Norwegian S/S "Lowstad" arrived at CONSTANTA in November and December 1950 with a cargo of 5,000 tons.

Export to Tunis:

Nothing.

Import from Tunis:

Cork: In 1950, a Rumanian ship unloaded at CONSTANTA 2,500 tons of cork.

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Information: probably true.