

Report from Minister of trade, Rayko Damyanov, with a proposal for export of old

German armament to some third world countries, 23 March 1959

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TO THE PRIME MINISTER  
COMRADE ANTON YUGOV\*

REPORT

FROM RAYKO DAMYANOV - Minister of trade

COMRADE PRIME MINISTER,

There are available quantities of German models of weapons and ammunition not in use in the Bulgarian People's Army. Proposals have been made since 1955 to Czechoslovakia and Poland to re-export this weapon with no effect so far. Lately, the Engineer Department in the Ministry has made contacts with western companies showing interest to purchase these weapons and ammunitions. Through a mediator in February this year in Sofia negotiations were held with the Director of the English firm "Baker Street Trading Co Ltd", where price, terms, place and receipt of delivery were specified. The question on whose behalf the contract will be signed has not been answered yet.

Taking into account the experience of other socialist countries

WE SUGGEST:

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\* A handwritten resolution by Prime Minister A. Yugov ordered: "Concert with Deputy Prime Ministers and with State Planning Committee and put on signing. 24 March 1959."

1. The Engineer Department in the Ministry of trade shall seek clients and realize the export of available German models of weapons and ammunition not in use in the Bulgarian Army. The export shall be realized through western companies or directly to the following countries: Tunis, Morocco, Libya, Yemen and UAR through one of our export companies.
2. The Foreign Ministry shall coordinate with the Soviet Union the export of German models of weapons and ammunition to the following countries: Tunis, Morocco, Libya, Yemen and UAR.
3. In case there is no agreement to export the weapons on behalf of our export company, negotiations shall be held with Poland or Czechoslovakia to use their company to realize the export.

Sofia, 23 March 1959

MINISTER

*[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]*