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No. 525. Ministry of Supply state confidentially that recent barter agreement between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union is designed solely to permit the fulfilment of pre-war contracts and that no new purchases are involved. Soviet Union undertake to furnish 78,000 standards of sawn timber and 10,000 fathems of pit props in return for tin and rubber of equivalent value.

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