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In order to carry on with the neutrino experiments, a quantity of cast iron blocks and steel blocks is esteemed necessary.

With a view to meeting this eventuality, the Purchasing Office sent out to forty-five European firms an inquiry regarding 700 cast iron blocks and about 200 tons of normal square steel blocks. Fifteen firms made an offer. The cheapest for the 700 blocks was the French firm "Compagnie des Ateliers et Forges de la Loire" (C.A.F.L.), represented by the firm E. Uldry S.A., Renens, with a price of 665,000.-- Swiss francs, CIF Geneva. Prices of the remaining tenderers varied from 700,000.-- Swiss francs to 1.1 million.

For the 200 tons of normal steel blocks, the firm Noverraz, l'Huillier, Geneva, presented the cheapest offer for 89,500.-- Swiss francs. It might be that for these special blocks we might even use a cheaper quality, but this will be studied further when the necessity arises.

This document serves to inform the Finance Committee of the tenders offered and to ask for formal approval to place the contract for the cast iron blocks with "Compagnie des Ateliers et Forges de la Loire."

It will be difficult to find the money for this purpose within this year's budget, but, on the other hand, the carrying out of the next phase of research into neutrinos requires delivery within the next few months. Every effort is being made to see whether the steel can be obtained from other sources, possibly by borrowing, and at the same time an examination is being made of the budget situation.

But for the moment and to avoid further delays, the Finance Committee is asked to give its formal approval to the placing of the contract if all other methods fail of getting the steel and assuming the money can be found within the budget.