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Motion Picture Projectors

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1. During the year of 1952, a Chinese delegation including three ministers, visited the Zeiss, Jena, works and tried to place a long-range order for the delivery of mobile motion picture projectors (Tonfilmkoffer). The order requested yearly delivery of ten million DME worth of instruments for the next ten years. It was furthermore requested that each instrument be accompanied by a small gasoline power station in view of the power shortage in China.
2. Zeiss was unable to accept the order. However, instruments totalling eight million DME will be delivered during 1953 to China. 1/ Zeiss will try to provide the gasoline stations but, for the time being, does not know where to obtain them.
3. The projectors to be delivered to China are for films of 16 mm width. Zeiss also produces another type for films of 35 mm width.

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1/ Comment: The price of a projector being around 3,000 DME (without gasoline stations), the contemplated 1953 delivery concerns about 1,000 instruments. They are to be used for propaganda purposes in China.

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