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1. From early September to the end of October 1953, 68 A-1-p aerial training devices were delivered by VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, to the Russian Acceptance Commission for A-1-p Devices. The remainder of the total of 135 devices to be delivered in 1953 will be transferred to the Russians between 1 and 30 November 1953. The 30 sets of spare parts ordered for 1953 will be delivered from 1 to 15 November 1953.
2. Since delivery of A-1-p devices began in September 1953, a Russian Acceptance Commission composed of five persons has been permanently present in the Zeiss firm. The Commission is headed by Ivshenko (fnu), an Air Force major. Another member of the Commission is Rätmirov (fnu). In October 1953, the two Russians and an unidentified member of the Engineer Administration of the Soviet Trade Delegation in East Berlin negotiated with the Zeiss firm for the delivery of A-1-p devices to Russia in 1954. In late October 1953, a contract was signed by the Zeiss firm and the Russians for delivery in 1954 of 135 A-1-p devices and ten complete sets of spare parts. Delivery is to begin on 31 July 1954 and to be completed by 30 November 1954. The contract expressly stipulates that the devices to be delivered in 1954 are not to have any essential "structural and functional" change in comparison to the 1953 devices.
3. The devices delivered and still to be delivered in 1953 underwent some structural changes in comparison to those delivered previously. Exact data on these changes cannot be provided as yet. It is known, however, that the changes concern the "camping" and the "steering rod" of the devices.
4. The Russian Acceptance Commission has not ordered A-2 aerial training devices, nor have its members shown any interest in this device.

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