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1. During the Leipzig Fall Fair in 1952, Funkwerk Koepenick exhibited a Drahtdiktiergeraet (wire recorder) which drew the attention of State President Wilhelm Pieck. The model exhibited in Leipzig, however, was not in good running condition. Pieck expressed interest in an improved version. Department TEN (development of low-frequency instruments) of Funkwerk Koepenick, under the direction of Ing. Willy Geissler, was charged with the further development of the device.
2. In early June 1954, Pieck requested information on the progress made. Funkwerk Koepenick reported that the development was not yet completed. Thereupon, Pieck sent Professor Staneck (fnu)¹ of EFEM, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, and a professor of the Dresden Technical University, to Funkwerk Koepenick in order to investigate the causes of the delay in development. Staneck found out and reported to Pieck that practically no progress had been made since 1952. The wiring of the instrument was badly constructed and the wire itself suffered from torsion. In order to solve the development difficulties, Department TEN decided to buy a wire recorder [REDACTED] dismantle it and resume development, using it as a mo25X1
3. Up to June 1954, 300,000 DME had been spent by Department TEN for the development of a wire recorder.

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