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1. The situation in the field of ^{water} ~~water~~ glass (Wasserglas) production, as of 13 October 1954, was as follows:

Water glass requirements, 4th quarter - 1954	13,001.50 tons
Planned amount, 4th quarter - 1954	11,644.-- tons
Expected Plan fulfillment, 4th quarter - 1954	10,488.-- tons
Total deficit, 4th quarter - 1954	2,513.50 tons

2. This deficit resulted from the following:

- a. An insufficient level of production;
- b. The increased demands for export;
- c. The underfulfillment of the Plan;
- d. The breakdown in production in the Farbenfabrik Wolfen caused by furnace repairs which were initiated on short notice.

3. The Werk Genthin ⁽¹⁾ requires 1,750 tons of ^{water} ~~water~~ glass. However, on the basis of the situation described above, an allotment of only 1,200 tons was stipulated. This measure was expected to have a disturbing effect on the production of ~~antagonists~~ ^{customers}. Furthermore, the requirements of all concerned ~~customers~~ were decreased.

4. The deficit in production of ^{water} ~~water~~ glass by VEB Neuglas ^(Weisswasser) was to be charged against the enterprises of the Ministry for Light Industry. This would have a considerable effect on the production of the paper and cardboard industries.

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