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1. Development work on the new ultracentrifuge being carried out by Experimental Design Office No. 1 (KoV-1) of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, was being accelerated as of September 1955 so as to be able to show this instrument at the Leipzig Spring Fair of 1956. The metal parts of the centrifuge proper and the attached small Schlieren device are now being given numerous applications of a rust-free lacquer. 25X1
2. The ultracentrifuge has speed of 50,000 revolutions per minute, exercising a power [redacted] and no further major difficulties were experienced. The instrument is to be moved to another laboratory of the plant to be tested for density, compactness, and vacuum tightness (Abdichtung). The laboratory which is to conduct these latter tests is headed by Hauenstein (fnu). 240,000 ✓
3. Present plans call for the Experimental Design Office No. 1 (KoV-1) to build another ultracentrifuge instrument for endurance and performance tests. It is planned to run this instrument at the same speed of 50,000 revolutions per minute, or within a tolerance of ten percent plus or minus, until such time as the instrument begins to disintegrate.
4. Nothing definite is known as yet regarding the sale price of this instrument.

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