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1. For the 1954 Plan Year, as well as 1955, the Czechoslovakian State foreign trade company KOVO, in Prague, had ordered three million optical lenses for spectacles (Punktal Glaeser) from VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena. A similar quantity will be ordered for the 1956 Plan Year. The total price for this 1956 order is to be 620,000 rubles. Zeiss officials are not quite certain whether all of these lenses for spectacles are to be used for sale within Czechoslovakia or whether KOVO intends to re-export some of them in turn to other East Bloc countries.
2. In addition, KOVO has ordered 40,000 selenium photo-cells. Due to the fairly low sensitivity of the type of photo-cells ordered (about 700 MV), it is presumed that they are primarily intended for light meters, or some similar use, rather than for high-grade scientific instruments. The total value of this photo-cell order is to amount to 720,000 rubles.¹

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