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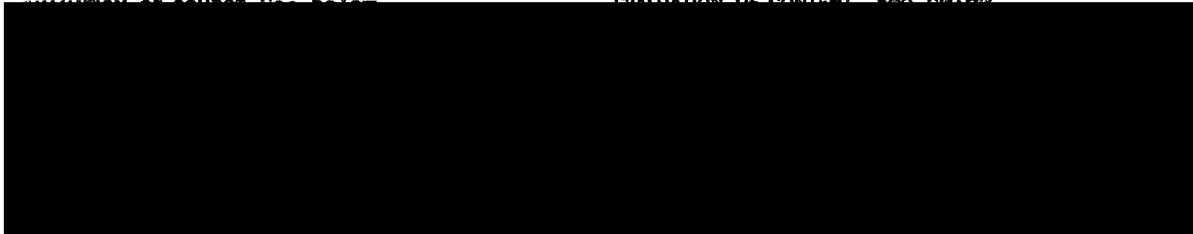
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B-3 1. 23 November 1946

The Soviet executive has requested an additional 6,000 persons to complete the dismantling of the Zeiss plant at Jena within two months. The Russians are measuring and sketching all the rooms, down to the smallest closet.

B-2 2. 24 November 1946

It is hoped to add to the 2,500 employees still at Zeiss. Those now working are engaged chiefly in packing equipment for shipment to the USSR. Although Zeiss executives have been assured that glass and photographic lens production will continue at Jena, they have not been told anything about actual plans, and do not know whether the plant is to be taken over by SMA. The SMA administrative officer now at Zeiss is Major Villner.

B-2 3. 30 November 1946

a) In addition to a large number of workers recruited by the Russians solely for dismantling activities, Zeiss has placed 600 administrative personnel and all its laborers at the disposal of the dismantling officers, leaving 1,600 people on Zeiss' books. Besides this, the Stadtroda district labor office was ordered to halt all construction work, shifting the men thus released to Zeiss; and the 1,500 Zeiss employees who were discharged on 22 October have been ordered to return. As of 30 November, the labor office had not complied with the order of Levitin, the Soviet personnel director, to return the former employees under police escort.

b) Workers transferred to dismantling work received their last Zeiss payment on 20 October. Since that time, they have been paid by the Russians on a scale ranging from .46 marks per hour for female helpers to 2.20 marks per hour for skilled workers (excluding a 25% bonus). A few of the workers classified as "engineers"

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receive 2.80 marks per hour. The director of the apprentice workshop has been receiving 2.18 marks an hour, a fraction of his normal pay. Heavy deductions are made for absences. Working hours are arbitrarily fixed according to particular needs. A majority of the workers have been reclassified, placed on payrolls, but as yet have not drawn any salaries.

c) The above conditions, plus attacks on the local populace by Soviet troops and the haphazard methods employed in the dismantling, have shortened the tempers of the German workers at Zeiss. The competition between Soviet officers to hasten the dismantling has worked to the detriment of the machinery. Packing is done in great haste: in one instance, chair seat reeds were substituted for wood shavings and a valuable stock of rare wood was cut up for crates.

d) This already high state of indignation has been increased by reports in the SED press that 1,000 machines are to be returned to Zeiss. The workers say that this total must include screw drivers, chairs, and rulers. Actually, out of approximately 11,000 machines removed, 700 - chosen without regard to the production program and now classified as rejects - have been earmarked for return to the plant. An optical grinding section was left with only those machines which were ready for scrapping at the last inventory. Another section found that, of the eighty machines remaining, only two were immediately operative, twenty-three could be repaired in three months, and the rest would have to be scrapped.

e) Although Zeiss was to be allowed seventeen automatic lathes, ten were removed. The delivery quota presented by SMA is greater than the remaining plant capacity.

f) A majority of the evacuated machines have been addressed to Moscow. Machinery from the precision instrument production section carried the address, "Okular Leningrad". Machinery used to produce range-finders and periscopes was addressed, "Kiev Prisma". The particularly valuable division machinery used in the fine graduating section was scheduled for removal by air to Moscow shortly after 30 November.

g) The deadlines set for dismantling of the various Zeiss sections vary between 1 and 31 December 1946.

h) The microbiological laboratory of the Schott-Werke, directed by Dr. Knoll, was slated for dismantling on 22 November. This laboratory had been used mainly for the production of penicillin.

i) A letter received from Dipl. Ing. Bihlmaier, former plant director of the entire optical construction branch at Zeiss, stated that he had arrived at his destination, some ten kilometers west of Moscow.

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