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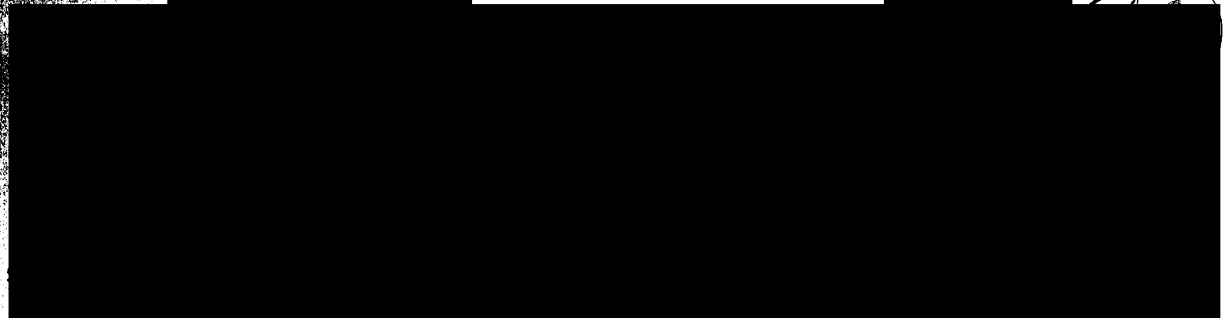
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Situation Reports
Zeiss Works, Jena

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- 1. The Zeiss works at Jena, which so far have escaped state ownership or incorporation into the SAG's, are currently employing 6,000 persons on the production of glass for spectacles, optical and astronomical instruments, and measurement devices (Messgeräte).
 - 2. Production of optical and astronomical instruments requires a twelve to fourteen month period, so actual output will not appear until 1948. Among the astronomical instruments now being produced is one ordered by the Greenwich (UK) observatory, which will not be finished for five years; other orders for both optical and astronomical instruments have come from all over the world.
 - 3. Negotiations between the Russians and the Zeiss management have not yet been terminated. To date, the Russians have demanded that fifty percent of output be turned over to them as reparations, the other fifty percent to be marketed in Germany and abroad. The Russians continue to suspect the management and the Works Council of sabotage, but a recent MVD investigation yielded no results.
 - 4. Dr. Rudolph Jobst, Ministerial Director in the Thuringian Ministry of Economy, and Dr. Schrader, Director of Zeiss Management, have quietly investigated the source of a Russian Zone press interview printed when the Zeiss works were reopened and which was attributed to Jobst. It was discovered that the text of the forged interview was sent by the Moscow Politbureau to the SED directorate for Propaganda through the SED Central Secretariat in Berlin.
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- 5. The Zeiss employees deported to Russia have been distributed among six optical enterprises in or near Moscow which so far have not gone into production. Letters from the deportees claim that although conditions were favorable at the start, their salaries have now been scaled to those received by Soviet workers and ordinary workers, and foremen receive less than in Germany. These two classes of employees also have been deprived of the right to purchase supplies in the Moscow Magazines. This forces them to buy in the free market, where prices are "ten times higher" than for rationed goods. Engineers, however, receive the equivalent of the German pay rate and those holding the title of Doctor are given five to seven times as much. The latter rate also applies for professors.

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