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1. Three representatives of the Chinese Trade Delegation visited the Zeiss plant in Jena between 10 and 13 September 1951 for the purpose of concluding a contract for Zeiss instruments for 1951 and 1952. The delegation was headed by a Mr. Wang. He was escorted to Jena by Bill of the DAHL.

2. The contract amounts to about 12,000,000 rubles, or 9,600,000 DM. About 5 million rubles of this contract have been awarded to the Telescope Division of Zeiss for about 18,000 field glasses of various types, half of which are to be provided with reticles.* Considerable numbers of instruments are also to be furnished under this contract by the following Zeiss divisions:

- a. Technical precision measuring instruments;
- b. Physical instruments;
- c. Microscopes (research and working);
- d. Geodetic instruments.

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3. Contracts now outstanding between the Zeiss firm and China total about 16,000,000 rubles, including an order amounting to about 1,500,000 rubles from the four Chinese scientists who visited Zeiss, Jena in early August 1951.**

4. On 13 September 1951, Zeiss was visited by the Chinese ambassador and his wife.

5. In order to be assured of sufficient investment funds from the State for future production for deliveries to the "People's Democracies", a prospective production plan for the various divisions has been set up for the years 1952 to 1955, as follows:

Microscopes	35,375,000 DM
Optical and physical instruments	1,525,000 "
Technical precision measuring instruments	12,138,000 "

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Telescopes	8,160,000 DM
Ophthalmological instruments	6,459,000 "
Projectors and movie apparatus	8,351,676 "
Surveying instruments	6,189,000 "

6. Planned production figures for the following divisions are not yet complete for the same period as above:

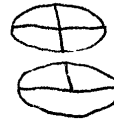
- Spectacles
- Photographic lenses
- Astronomical instruments

7. The official figures for reparations deliveries by Zeiss in 1945 and 1946 are as follows:

1945: 9,093,121 DM
 1946: 39,345,724 DM

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whereas Zeiss normally makes them in this shape:



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