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1. (Fnu) Soshilin of the Soviet trade office of Stankoimport, Brunnenstrasse, East Berlin has ordered 30 Palfrich-photometers from Zeiss-Jena. Delivery was to be made during the first week of October 1951.

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2. [redacted] Tishchenko of the Soviet Trade Delegation in East Berlin told Zeiss-Jena authorities to prepare to receive an order for 79 A-1 P devices with twenty spare-parts kits. This order is to be fulfilled by Zeiss on a priority basis during 1952. It is to be charged to the 1952 Soviet account at Zeiss and is to be handled as a straight export contract through DIA and not as a reparations contract. Tishchenko exhibited extreme impatience until he was assured that the delivery would be made. He was informed that Zeiss could accept the contract in principle, but that formal agreement on the terms of the contract would have to be delayed until the end of the first week in October 1951.*

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3. [redacted] Tyrolf of the DDR Staatssekretariat für Materialversorgung informed Zeiss-Jena that the latter was to be given a contract for export to the USSR of diamond dies from .3 to .5 carats, 50 Mu bore. Tyrolf stated that the Staatssekretariat für Materialversorgung will provide the raw diamonds. Deliveries are scheduled as follows:

1951: 6,400
1952: 41,000

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4. Soviet Major (fnu) Nilyubin of [redacted] visited Zeiss-Jena on 28 September 1951 to place an order for 15 sound-movie-projectors. The price was listed as 6,000 DM East per projector, and Major Nilyubin was promised immediate delivery.

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5. At the end of September 1951, the Reparations Division of the Thuringian Land Government was impatiently pressing Zeiss-Jena for the immediate delivery of one universal linear measuring instrument (Universallängemesser) on behalf of [redacted]. Because of this order, Sarotnik of the Thuringian Office of Reparations authorized Zeiss, as an exception, to enter into direct postal communication with [redacted] in Potsdam, Pappelallee. The instrument in its present form at Zeiss can take external measurements, but those parts which would enable it to make internal measurements have not as yet been built into it.

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6. Drs. Köhler, Zöllner, Lukas and Hartwig of Zeiss-Jena are to travel to the Satellite countries during October and November 1951 to give lectures on subjects related to the science of optics. In the course of this lecture tour they are to appear in mid-November at the industrial fair which will be held in Bucharest.
7. Wang, the head of the Chinese Trade Delegation in Berlin, recently stated that another group of Chinese would arrive in East Germany in November 1951 to negotiate an additional trade agreement covering 1952 and 1953 between the DDR and China, and that Zeiss would receive a portion of the orders placed under this agreement.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: The A-1 is the Soviet aerial gunner's training device which was developed at Zeiss-Jena. The letter "P" probably designates "Pankratisch", referring to the optical system used in it).

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