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1. At Zeiss Jena there is increasing secretiveness and lack of contact between the director, Hugo Schrade, and other top employees. It is believed that Schrade did not confide to anyone the details of his trip to Moscow in May 1951. [redacted] the man nearest to Schrade is Dr. Jobst, formerly head of personnel and now Schrade's personal secretary. Jobst is a Communist. Rudolf Mueller, the production manager, is also close to Schrade because his technical knowledge makes him indispensable to the director. Mueller is not a member of the SED and boldly sweeps aside all political considerations.
2. Since the late Geheimrat Harting, head of Zeiss Jena's scientific staff, was in failing health early in 1951, a paper was drawn up on 1 March, whereby the direction of Jena's scientific section would be divided between four Zeiss scientists. This decision was put into effect on 1 June. The group of four scientists is composed of the following:
 - a. Dr. Kohler, telescopes and astronomical instruments;
 - b. Dr. Zollner, photography;
 - c. Professor Schuster, basic physical and chemical research;
 - d. Dr. Begerhold, micrometrics.
3. After Geheimrat Harting's death in September 1951, two possible successors to his position as head of Zeiss Jena's scientific staff were mentioned unofficially. The more probable one [redacted], is Dr. Wittbrodt, Communist member of the DDR's State Planning Commission. The other rumored successor is Dr. Steenbeck, formerly with Siemens in Berlin, who has been in Russia since 1946. Dr. Steenbeck's wife was repatriated to Germany in the spring of 1951 and is living in Jena. This latter possibility is reported to have been voiced by Professor Friedrich Moeglich.
4. Dr. Lucas and Dr. Gause, of the Zeiss Jena scientific staff, spent ten days in Budapest in January 1951. They were not allowed to visit optical plants during their stay in Hungary, but spent the time in a general exchange of information with Hungarian optical specialists.

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