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- 1. The following is based on a report made for Zeiss, Jena, on a conference of a Zeiss representative with members of the Soviet Trade Delegation, Berlin, on 24 and 25 March 1952. The Russians present during the conference were:

Timofeev, president of the Soviet Trade Delegation

Sashin

Davtyan

Dobrozaravov

Mrs. Kargaltseva

- 2. The conference dealt with the following subjects:

a. Documentation of A1 Device

The Zeiss representative (fm) Starke told the Russian delegates that his firm includes with every device shipped all the necessary technical documentation and instructions, as was done with the first order of 200 devices. The Russians demanded an additional comprehensive description for each device. Starke pointed out that Zeiss had already, during the middle of 1951, forwarded 500 such descriptions for the 200 devices shipped and that he saw no reason for sending along additional copies, especially since the preparations of such descriptions would require a lot of time. The Russians agreed to contact Moscow immediately and to inform Zeiss of its decision.

b. Relay Caps

The Russians agreed to accept decolith in place of sheet metal in the manufacture of caps for switch relays.

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c. The Stalingrad Planetarium

The Zeiss representative requested permission to exhibit the refractor, before it is shipped to Stalingrad, at the Leipzig fair this fall. The Russian delegates were reluctant to grant the request because it involved a gift of the German people and not an export order. They stated the permission would most likely not be granted because delivery of the planetarium is urgently awaited by the mayor of Stalingrad who informed them that the building in which the planetarium is to be housed was nearing completion. Starke reminded them that the parts have been ready for shipment for two years already. A spot check of the crates revealed that the contents are intact.

d. Order Nos. 64/51294-08 and 64/51104

The Russians were very impatient over the delay in delivering the above orders consisting of 8 interferometers and 2 luminescence installations. Moscow insisted that these devices pass the border before the end of March 1952.