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1. Delivery of ten A-1 aerial training devices from Carl Zeiss Jena to the Russians was scheduled to take place in August 1952. It was the first lot of a total of 79 devices, to be delivered during 1952. Delivery will now probably be delayed because of a last-minute change in Russian directives.
2. In July 1952, the Russians requested that a completed instrument be subjected to a 1,000-hour test and that delivery not begin prior to the successful outcome of the test. Zeiss pointed out to the Russian A-1 acceptance team at Jena that such a test would take more than two months, computed on the work of two shifts of eight hours each per day. Zeiss, therefore, stated that delivery of the devices would be delayed two months. The Russians continue to insist on the test. They pointed out that construction of the devices should be continued while the test was being run.
3. When Zeiss manufactured the first lot of 200 A-1 devices for the Russians, one instrument was given a long test. The devices were delivered and accepted at the time without waiting for the outcome of the test.

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