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[redacted] Zeiss has been trying for a long time to obtain

supplementary contracts for diamond-dies for the USSR, but [redacted] all Zeiss attempts until now have been in vain, in fact Zeiss had been told by the authorities in Berlin that no such contract was envisioned either in the long-range DDR-USSR trade agreement or for the 1952 reparations program. As late as 17 Dec 51, Zeiss had been told by Director Suhling of the Kabelwerk Köpenick that such a contract was unlikely. [redacted]

Zeiss received an inquiry [redacted] from Dama-Feinwerk-Technik regarding an order for 15,000 diamond dies for the USSR, including a request for 2,000 dies in December 51. Zeiss refused to consider the latter order since it had cut down its die shop to a point of insignificant capacity (in view of a lack of contracts and the uncertainty of obtaining any raw diamonds). [redacted]

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25X1 in the task of setting up the die shop again. The following agreement was reached [redacted]

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25X1 (1) Zeiss to receive [redacted] from Soyuzpromexport a written statement of requirements in all detail.

25X1 (2) [redacted] Zeiss is to study all problems connected with resumption of the diamond die program.

25X1 (3) Zeiss to decide [redacted] whether or not it can accept the contract. Peitscher lists the following notes as a supplement:

(1) The total contract will be for 15000 diamond dies, .05 mm bore, with a tolerance of only minus .005 mm.

(2) The representative of Soyuzpromexport does not know what material is to be drawn with these dies, but he is of the opinion that one-half is for soft-drawing and one-half for hard-drawing.

(3) Zeiss would be expected to deliver 1500 dies per month, and the total contract would have to be delivered during 1952. They are willing to adapt themselves to our possibilities (capabilities) with respect to the time when the first partial delivery is to be made, and with respect to the size of the first delivery.

(4) The representative of Soyuzpromexport cannot give firm assurance of supplementary contracts. However this question is to be clarified in good season in the course of the year. [redacted]

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25X1 (5) An agreement on prices in hard currency is to be made between the USSR and DIA. [redacted]

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25X1 (6) Zeiss is to be provided with raw diamonds [redacted] and [redacted] aid already to have been checked for their useability. [redacted]

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They are said to be stones of Brazilian origin, but not entirely so. Zeiss insists that the final checks on useability occur on the Zeiss premises and reserves the right to reject stones which cannot be used. The stones are said to be [redacted] [redacted] of a weight of from .23 to .25 carats each. One-third of the total lot are to be turned over to us at once when the contract is accepted. The rest would be delivered progressively.

(7) Diamond dust and powder are also to be delivered to Zeiss. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] It is assumed at Zeiss that the contract will be accepted. It is a fact that most of the workers who had been working in the diamond-die shop in 1950 have since then been taken over by Walter Fischer for work on Zeiss optical production, and that Weiss will have to scrape together what personnel he can find and probably train some new people.

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