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1. Because it is no longer possible for the radio engineering (RFT) works to fulfill their production quotas and deliveries to the Soviet Union cannot be made on schedule, tubes are being purchased [redacted] especially of so-called miniature and broadcasting transmitter tubes. [redacted] the purchase of Western tubes is still less expensive than the payment of fines for non-fulfillment of contract. [redacted]

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2. In addition, the [redacted] firm [redacted] has sold about 3,000 tubes to the RFT, mostly tubes of the Q series.

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3. The material situation has grown worse during the past month /April 1954/ because promised deliveries from Poland, which were to be procured [redacted] have failed to arrive. The greatest shortages are in cathode, heating filament and anode materials. A recently developed severe shortage of fluorescent material also can only be relieved by imports from the West. This material is particularly important because it is used for Soviet orders. The Thuringian industry is no longer able to supply the demand because it has Soviet orders to fill.

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