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1. Since Dr. Herbert Kortum took over from Bischoff (fnu) at the beginning of January 1954 as Chief Designer (Haupt-Entwicklungsleiter, HED) of VEB Optik Carl Zeiss Jena, a general streamlining and expediting of development and construction plans has been noted throughout most departments of the plant.
2. Among the items to be developed and to be readied for construction by 1955, if possible, is a new table model type electronic microscope very similar to the one produced by the Dutch firm of Philips, Eindhoven.
3. Following insistent queries and demands from Vope circles and the East German Ministry of the Interior, Zeiss is considering the production in 1955 and 1956 of Stereoc-autographs and stereogram-comparators, 10 X 18, (Bildmassgeraete).
4. China placed a tentative order for 1954/55 of 200 one-hundred-second theodolites Normal Zeiss production and sale is 30 to 40 units per year.
5. China and other satellite countries have expressed repeated interest in so-called Balloon theodolites. Zeiss has not yet produced them, but intends to do so as soon as the orders have been definitely placed and the necessary sales licenses have been granted.
6. Planned 1955 Zeiss production capacity for A-1 aerial training devices is to be 400 units, as both the Zeiss management and the East German Ministry for Domestic and Foreign Trade (MTA) are anxious to push sales of these units since their sales price of about 130,000 rubles apiece gives a higher than average profit and, on the other hand, not too many critical materials or raw materials which have to be purchased with hard foreign currencies are used in the manufacturing process.

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