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1. Numerous public statements have been made by Dr. Hugo Schrade, Chief of VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, and other leading Zeiss Jena officials to the effect that the Carl Zeiss Foundation's move [redacted] is illegal and that the seat of the Foundation and all inherent rights, such as patents and trademarks derived therefrom, are, under the Foundation's statutes, part and parcel of Jena and cannot be moved from that city. However, it seems that the ~~management~~ *Department of DLA realize that* of both VEB Carl Zeiss Jena and the Optics and Precision ~~Department~~ *Department of DLA realize that* their changes of winning the trademark and patent controversy in the course of [redacted] and some other [redacted] countries are rather slim. 25X1
2. Should these controversies indeed take an unfavorable turn for VEB Carl Zeiss Jena, the latter's management intends to change the name of VEB Carl Zeiss Jena to prevent future seizures of their exports and other lengthy legal entanglements. 25X1
3. This matter has as yet only been discussed among the very top officials, and they have been pledged to secrecy. 25X1
4. The suggested new name, if and when the name change takes place, is: VEB Ernst Abbe Werke¹. 25X1

1. Comment. Ernst Abbe was an employee of Carl Zeiss and the founder of the original Carl Zeiss Foundation. 25X1

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