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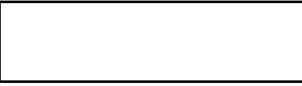
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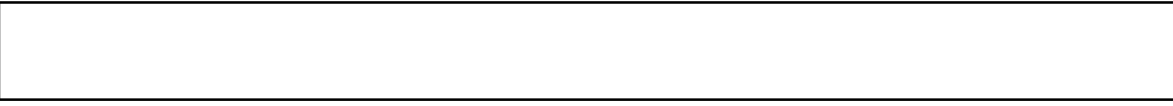
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- 25X1 1. In April 1947, SMA ordered the re-establishment of the Zeiss Works, which had been over ninety percent dismantled in 1945 and 1946, and appointed Andmann, a German Communist returned from Moscow, as manager. The Thuringian government was ordered to put at the disposal of the plant a non-interest-bearing capital of twenty-four million marks.
- 25X1 2. In June 1947, again on SMA orders, another twenty million marks of non-interest-bearing government credit was invested in the works. In July and August 1947, SMA made available to the works a quantity of machines and other equipment necessary for resuming production. Most of this materiel came from the equipment dismantled in 1945 and 1946; much of it was in such bad condition that it could not be used.
- 3. SMA applied steady and increasing pressure for speeding up the work of re-establishment. Under this encouragement, one part of the plant which had a crew of 6000 during the war is again working with a crew of 5500, since the end of August 1947. This section produces aerial cameras (Luftbildgeraete). The Zeiss Works have been the sole producers of the completely automatic aerial camera LBK 43 (Luftbild-Kamera 43).

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