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- 1. The following production is planned by Carl Zeiss, Jena, for the Soviet Air Force for 1950 and 1951.

For 1950:

- a. 200 each of a fighter gunnery training device produced for gunnery practice to simulate flight of conventional type aircraft, not jet propelled.
- b. 2 pilot models of training device to train bombardiers in bombing runs. Simulation is done through movie camera.
- c. 8,000 cameras to be installed in fighters, and possibly bombers, to be coordinated with guns to keep photographic records of fights with enemy planes. The original order called for 2,000 cameras, but was later revised.

For 1951:

- 200 gunnery training devices (see 1a)
- 200 of the same training set but different only in that the device should simulate flight of jet-propelled aircraft.
- 400 bombing training devices (see 1b)

- 2. Recently the Russians brought one of the new Russian AC fighter gunnery sights to Zeiss, Jena, to inquire if the firm could reproduce it. No agreements were reached to date. The sights are very primitively constructed, but very good. A scientist who worked for the German Air Force during the war commented, that the sights are very simple, but seem to accomplish the same as German sights, with the added advantage that they can withstand more wear and tear and mishandling.
- 3. Carl Zeiss, Jena was recently informed by the Eastern Zone government that any new developments made at the plant's research department, would automatically become the property of the DDR.

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