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1. Much of the plastic material exhibited at the Leipzig Fair is not actually available in the DDR. Dr. Maass, plastics specialist with Zeiss, attempted to obtain some of these plastics for Zeiss production, but was unable to place an order. He was told that, particularly in the case of high quality plastics, the exhibits were laboratory samples. Dr. Maass therefore concluded that the plan to substitute plastics for scarce materials in the DDR cannot be implemented.
2. A research laboratory in Radebaul, Saxony, is producing silicones of good quality but in small quantities only. These silicones are needed for ultrasound apparatus and special motors and are not procurable from the West.
3. Gause of the Zeiss diamond department and Maass of the Zeiss plastics department are reported to have stated that Zeiss does not deliver diamonds to the Walzwerk für Buntmetalle, SAG MEDJ in Hettstedt, but that the Hettstedt concern cuts and drills its own diamonds.

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