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August 21, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14d-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d) (1) OR 13(e) (1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

SPECTRA-PHYSICS, INC.  
(Name of Subject Company) (Issuer)

THERMO ELECTRON CORPORATION  
(Name of Filing Person) (Offeror)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value per Share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

847568 10 2  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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