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SYRIA:

1. HOMS AIRFIELD, NOW KNOWN AS EL QUSEIB AIRFIELD, IS REPORTED SERVICEABLE BUT DEVOID OF AIRCRAFT.
2. HAMA AIRFIELD, NO AIRCRAFT REPORTED; WORK CONTINUES ON RUNWAY EXTENSIONS.
3. DJERAH AIRFIELD HAS SOME OBJECTS IN THE REVETMENTS THAT APPEAR TO BE AIRCRAFT, BUT THE OBSERVER COULD STATE ONLY THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST SIX AND PERHAPS TEN OF THE OBJECTS.
4. RASIN EL ABOUD AIRFIELD, SEVEN SINGLE -ENGINE AIRCRAFT REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED AS TO TYPE.
5. ALEPPO AIRFIELD, 36 AIRCRAFT REPORTED, INCLUDING 30 T-6 TYPE TRAINERS, 4 C-47'S, AND 2 LIAISON.
6. DAMASCUS AIRFIELD, 30 AIRCRAFT REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

5 METEOR FIGHTERS

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1 C-54

1 C-47

1 TWIN-ENGINE TRANSPORT, TYPE UNSPECIFIED

22 SINGLE-ENGINE PROPELLER AIRCRAFT, UNKNOWN TYPE.

7. BAB EL HAOUA, QAMICHLIYE, [REDACTED] AND SAHL ES SAHRA AIRFIELDS REPORTEDLY HAVE NO AIRCRAFT.

8. DAMASCUS MILITARY DEPOT HAS AN ESTIMATED 136 VEHICLES AND 20 ARTILLERY PEICES.

9. THERE IS A LARGE OPEN STORAGE AREA AT THE MILITARY INSTALLATION NORTH OF DAMASCUS.

10. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED AT THE MILITARY INSTALLATION SEVEN NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF DAMASCUS AIRFIELD.

11. THERE IS A MILITARY SUPPLY DUMP SW OF THE CITY OF HOMS. IT IS SERVED BY THREE RAIL SPURS, AND HAS WAREHOUSES AS WELLAS OPEN STORAGE. THERE IS A CAMP AREA ADJACENT TO THE DUMP. IT CONTAINS THREE LARGE AND TWO SMALL ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS AND 35 MULTI-STORY BARRACKS AS WELL AS 14 FIELD-TYPE TENTS. SW OF THE CAMP IS ANOTHER STORAGE COMPOUND WITH 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSIDERABLE OPEN STORAGE. APPROXIMATELY 120 VEHICLES ARE PARKED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

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12. DERA (DARA) IS A CROSSROADS OF RAIL TRAFFIC. THE TRACK

OF THE CITY, AND LEAVES THE CITY IN AN EAST SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION.

IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY THERE IS A MARSHALLING YARD
ABOUT 500 YARDS LONG WITH SEVEN OR EIGHT TRACKS. THERE ARE
TWO LARGE AND ONE SMALL WAREHOUSE AT THE YARD, AND AT TIME OF
OBSERVATION THERE WERE 25-30 CARS AND ONE ENGINE IN THE AREA.
THE AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE MARSHALLING ^{YARD} ~~YARD~~ IS USED FOR OPEN
STORAGE. THERE IS NO NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITY IN THE BARRACKS AREA
WEST OF THE YARD. THERE IS A SMALL LANDING FIELD BETWEEN THE
YARD AND THE BARRACKS, NO AIRCRAFT.

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LEBANON:

13. BEIRUT/INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD, 26 AIRCRAFT REPORTED AS
FOLLOWS:

3 FIGHTERS PROBABLY VAMPIRES

16 TRANSPORTS INCLUDING

1 CONSTELLATION

4 C-54 TYPE

11 C-47'S

9 UNIDENTIFIED INCLUDING

1 FOUR ENIGNE

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3 TWIN ENGINE

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14. METULLA AIRFIELD, NO AIRCRAFT REPORTED. FIELD SAID TO BE
DETERIORATING.

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15. RIYQA A/F, FOUR AIRCRAFT REPORTED, INCLUDING

1 VAMPIRE

2 UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTER TYPE

1 UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINE TYPE

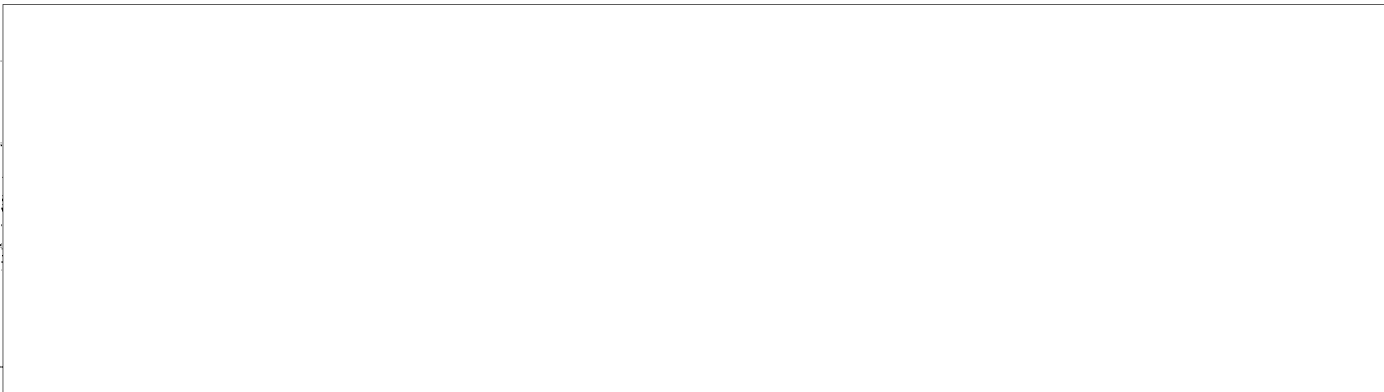
16. ESTABEL AIRFIELD REPORTEDLY SERVICEABLE ALTHOUGH WORK IS
IN PROGRESSION NORTH END OF NE-SW RUNWAY.

17. KLEIAT AIRFIELD, FOUR TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT REPORTED,
UNIDENTIFIED AS TO TYPE. CONSTRUCTION WORK ON RUNWAY CONTINUES.

18. BIR HASSAN AIRFIELD, REPORTED CONSTRUCTION ON THE RUNWAYS.

19. BEIRUT HARBOR, 20 CARGO VESSELS REPORTED.

20. PORT SIDON, 7 OCEAN-GOING TANKERS ANCHORED OFFSHORE 2NM
SSW OF CITY, JETTY 850' LONG BY 60' WIDE 3 NM S OF CITY. POL
STORAGE AREA 3.5 NM S OF CITY HAS LARGE TANKS AND SMALLER TANKS.



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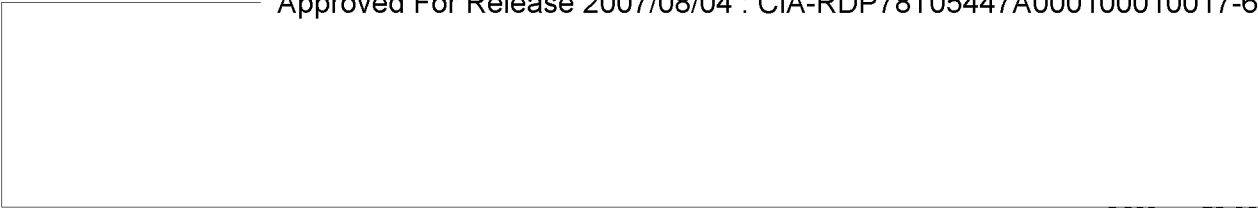
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JORDAN:



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40. AMMAN AIRFIELD, 22 AIRCRAFT REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

15 VAMPIRES

3 C-47

1 C-131

1 C-45

2 SINGLE ENGINE, TYPE UNKNOWN.

41. MAFRAQ (NEW) AIRFIELD:

1 METEOR FIGHTER

13 VAMPIRE FIGHTER

1 C-47

1 SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT, TYPE UNSPECIFIED.

42. MAFRAQ (OLD) AIRFIELD: BELIEVED SERVICEABLE BUT NO AIRCRAFT REPORTED.

43. JERUSALEM AIRFIELD: ONE C-47 TYPE AIRCRAFT REPORTED.

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44. ZERKA, JENIN, AND JERICHO AIRFIELDS, NO AIRCRAFT REPORTED.

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45. NO CONCENTRATION OF VEHICLES HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE JERUSALEM AREA. THE REFUGEE CAMP JUST SOUTH OF THE CITY IS APPARENTLY GROWING AND THERE IS A HEAVILY-FORTIFIED STRONG-POINT ON A NEARBY HILL. CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY JUST ACROSS THE BORDER IN ISRAEL AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT A SMALL AIRSTRIP IS BEING BUILT.

46. ZERKA MILITARY INSTALLATION: 67 VEHICLES AND 12 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES ARE REPORTED.

47. AMMAN MILITARY INSTALLATION: REPORTEDLY ABOUT 50 VEHICLES PRESENT.

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