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- Between August and late October 1951, two types of jet planes with the Polish national emblem were observed coming from an airfield northwest of Warsaw (R 53/L 09). The plane of type 1 which was a mid-wing to high-wing monoplane had considerably swept-back wings, rounded wing tips, elevator assembly fitted high on rudder assembly and no step on the lower side of the fuselage. It was much faster than the plane of type 2. The plane of type 2 which was a low-wing to mid-wing monoplane had a step on the lower side of its fuselage; the wings were at a right angle to the fuselage; the wingtips were round and the elevator assembly was fitted at the rudder assembly at the extension of the upper edge of the fuselage. About the same number of both types was observed. Take-offs were apparently made in formations of up to flight strength. Subsequently, the planes assembled in formation of up to nine. Only aircraft of one type were observed in a formation. The flights were made at all altitudes, often very high producing vapor trails. No night flights were made by jet planes, while conventional aircraft were repeatedly observed aloft at night. _____ Polish pilots were trained on the jet planes. No other jet planes than the two types mentioned above were observed in the air space northwest of Warsaw. ¹

- Between August and December 1951, there was air activity involving biplanes and towed gliders from an airfield on the eastern shore of the Vistula River. It was occasionally observed that gliders were considerably larger than the towing biplanes. These gliders resembled those of the former German airborne troops which had a capacity of 8 to 10 men each. Usually, small sport gliders were towed. ²

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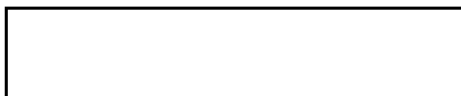
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
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1.  Comment. The airfield northwest of Warsaw is Barnowce airfield which is occupied by jet planes. According to the description in the present report and some sketches which are not forwarded, the jet planes are MIG-15s and MIG-9s or YAK-15s. Air activity over Warsaw by MIG-15s and other jet planes with a fuselage step was previously reported.

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2.  Comment. The airfield east of the Vistula River probably is the Coclawska (R 53/L 08) airfield, which is used by aircraft of the Liga Lotnicza, a Polish aviation association, and also probably by a parachute unit.

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