

COUNTRY, East Germany REPORT 25X1

TOPIC, Welzow Airfield

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED, 3 March 1953

REFERENCES 25X1

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REMARKS



25X1 2. In the afternoon of 9 January, there was no air activity at the field except for the landing of a Li-2 between 1 and 2 p.m. On 26 January, there was a 3/10 overcast and a visibility of about 7 km. Between 12:40 and about 3 p.m., there was air activity by jet bombers which took off individually. Some of the planes flew at high altitudes. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] At nightfall, nine jet bombers were parked west of the runway. Additional planes which could not be identified were camouflaged in the woods. Several aircraft crates were observed in the northwestern section of the field.

25X1 3. On 26 January, a radar set with ears was observed south of the flight control station and another radar set was in the extension of the runway north of the field. The latter radio truck had a white cross line, about 30 cm wide and 60 cm long, on its rear. About 20 meters from the radio truck there was a generator on which two Soviet soldiers were working.⁴

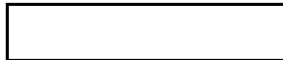
25X1 4. The field was bordered by a barbed wire fence to the north which extended along the Senftenberg-Cottbus railroad line and parallel to the Petershain-Welzow railroad line in the northeast. Two low wooden buildings and several trucks were observed in the triangle formed by the Cottbus-Senftenberg railroad line and the spur track in the northern section of the field.

25X1 5. Bus [redacted] jeep [redacted] trucks were observed entering and leaving the field: [redacted]

25X1 6. On the morning of 27 January, no parked aircraft could be observed at the field because of heavy snowfall and a visibility of about 400 meters. Six 37-mm AA guns were emplaced about 100 meters east of the Bahnsdorfer cemetery. A low wooden building was being erected nearby. Trucks [redacted] were observed at the field.

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 Comment. The three aircraft  were previously observed in Justerbog. As previously reported, the bomber regiment from Justerbog was transferred to Welzow.


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 Comment.  arrival of crates of various sizes at the field. It was reported that the crates were loaded on gondola cars, some of the crates taking up the entire loading area of a car. Although these statements may refer to MiG-15 crates, it was not believed that such a shipment was concerned. The present report, however, indicates that shipment of MiG-15 crates possibly arrived at the field. However, it is not known, why fighter planes should be shipped to a bomber airfield.

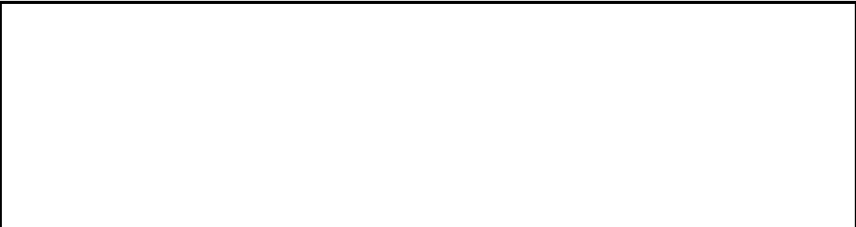
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 Comment. The radar set near the flight control station is a Dumbo type set. The radar set located in the extension of the runway was previously reported.

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