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TOPIC	Zerbst Airfield	25X1	
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- The following observations were made at Zerbst airfield between 14 January and 21 February 1953:
 - 14 January. Between noon and 1:30 p.m., there was no air activity. Four MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars and 5 or 6 MiG-15s in the northeastern section of the field.
 - 17 January. Between 3 and 5 p.m., no air activity was observed. Maintenance work was in progress on nine MiG-15s in the northeastern section of the field. Two additional MiG-15s were parked in front of the middle hangar.
 - 22 January. At about 9 a.m., several MiG-15s flew over Zerbst.
 - 23 January. At about 9 a.m., several formations of 4 swept-back jet fighters each were observed flying over the town. At 12:50 p.m., three MiG-15s [redacted] all with auxiliary fuel tanks, took off in rapid succession. An additional two MiG-15s, [redacted] took off at 1:10 p.m.
 - 26 and 27 January. There was a little air activity.
 - 31 January. Between 3 and 5:30 p.m., there was no air activity. Five MiG-15s were parked in front of the middle hangar and 6 MiG-15s in the northeastern section of the field. North of the dispersal area of the latter planes there was an earth bunker which was probably used as an alert shack.
 - 1 February. Between 10 and 11 a.m., three individual swept-back jet fighters were observed over the town.
 - 4 February. At about 11 a.m., two swept-back jet fighters flew over Zerbst. At 1:25 p.m., a MiG-15 [redacted] took off. There was a 8/10 overcast at an altitude of 500 to 800 meters and visibility of 2 km. The MiG-15 plane [redacted] took off at 1:30 p.m. and the MiG-15 [redacted] at 1:35 p.m. The three planes which were equipped with auxiliary fuel tanks headed west. At about 2 p.m., a formation of three MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks approached from the west and landed at the field.
 - 10 February. At about 10 a.m., two swept-back jet fighters flew over Zerbst. Take-offs were made by a MiG-15 at 10:55 a.m. and two MiG-15s [redacted] at 11:10 a.m. The sky was 5/10 overcast and visibility was limited to 2,000 meters. A MiG-15 plane [redacted] was also observed aloft.
 - 14 February. There was no air activity between 3 and 5 p.m. In the afternoon, 7 swept-back jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars.
 - 15 February. At about 10 a.m., [redacted] some MiG-15s were aloft. Two MiG-15s [redacted] took off at 12:10 p.m. Between noon and 1 p.m., there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters [redacted]

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21 February, [redacted] there was intensive air activity. The sky was 9/10 overcast and visibility was limited to about 800 meters. The take-offs were made in elements of two. Between 2 and 4 p.m., four aircraft [redacted] were aloft.

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2. Jeep [redacted] and the following trucks were observed in the vicinity of the field between 11 January and 24 February:

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[redacted] Comment. According to available information, Zerbst airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments. [redacted] the airfield only at intervals. the observations of air activity are incomplete. The aircraft [redacted] are reported for the first time.

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