

COUNTRY Austria Approved For Release 2004/02/13 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001100470006-2TOPIC Wiener Neustadt AirfieldEVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 28 February to 5 March 1953 25X1XDATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 7 April 1953 25X1A

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 28 February 1953, only a portion of the total occupation at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield was observed. Six MiG-15s pointing to the southwest were parked in a row from northwest to southeast about 200 meters northwest of the AA gun emplacements along Badener Strasse. A bus trailer, 3 trucks, 1 van-like truck and 1 jeep were parked at a small distance from the northernmost plane. No air activity was observed. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,200 meters and a northwesterly wind of about 35 km/h. The soldiers quartered in the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt and the sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen trucks were parked in the barracks yard and the garages. No guns or weapons were observed. Trucks [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets hauled the garbage away. The waste paper was burned under the supervision of an officer.¹
2. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 1 March, no air activity was observed at the field. There was a northwesterly wind of about 10 km/h, visibility of 15 km and light rain. An antenna mast, about 12 meters high with four cone-shaped bracings, was observed northwest of Felixdorf (O 48/X 35). Near this mast, there were a brick building, about 8 meters square, a radio truck and a rod about 6 meters high with an unidentified device. The 12-meter-high mast had about ten antenna wires fixed at its end, which terminated on the ground in a circle about 150 meters in diameter. Four additional wires, fixed at the upper end of the mast, extended along the mast down to the ground and led to the radio truck and the brick building. 1 and 2
3. Up to about 10 p.m. on 2 March, [redacted] air activity by MiG-15s and apparently by individual single-engine planes, which had set position lights.¹ 25X1
4. Between 6:30 and 7:40 p.m. on 4 March, there was moderate air activity by MiG-15s. There was a 8/10 overcast, a westerly wind of 10 to 15 km/h and a ceiling at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. Ten MiG-15s were parked in a line with the AA gun emplacements along Badener Strasse. The planes taxied under their own power to the take-off point, where they stopped for about 2 minutes. Then, their engines were run up and the planes took off. Shortly after the take-off, three searchlights, about

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1.5 meters in diameter, flashed up and lighted the take-off strip. The searchlights were mounted on trucks about 200 meters northwest of the MiG-15s which were parked in line with the AA gun emplacements along Badener Strasse. They were extinguished after the take-off. The same procedure began shortly before the landing. During air activity, the previously reported searchlights north of the Wiener-Neustadt-Bad Fischau road and the searchlights in the northern section of the field flashed up red. Previously, the latter searchlights had flashed up white. The MiG-15s had set position lights while flying.¹

25X1B At about 4 p.m. on 5 March, no air activity was observed. There was a 8/10 overcast and hazy weather.

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¹ 25X1A Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield is still believed to be occupied by two fighter regiments.

2. Comment. The newly observed antenna mast northwest of Felixdorf probably is the landing beacon II (type D) which is generally located about 4 km from the landing field. The estimated height of 12 meters is probably underestimated. The previously observed antenna masts of the landing beacon II were about 18 meters high. Further information is required for the identification of the second set with a 6-meter-high mast.

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