

COUNTRY	Austria	25X1	REPORT	
TOPIC	Aspern Airfield and Gross Enzersdorf Military Post			
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REMARKS				

- 25X1 1. On 14 April, Aspern (P. 49/X 49) airfield was observed between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. At 8 a.m., four MiG-15s [redacted] were towed to the eastern end of the runway. Four starter carriages drove to the tails of the four aircraft which were started shortly afterwards. It was observed that there were many instruments at the rear side of the carriages. After a white flare had been shot, the four MiG-15s began to taxi on the runway, while four additional MiG-15s were towed from the revetments to the runway. At 9:04 a.m. the first MiG-15s took off in groups of two at intervals of 20 seconds and assembled to four-finger formation. At 9:19 a.m., the next four MiG-15s [redacted] took off. The following take-offs were observed: At 9:36 a.m., 2 MiG-15s; at 9:47 a.m., 4 MiG-15s; at 9:58 a.m., 4 MiG-15s [redacted] at 10:09 a.m., 2 MiG-15s [redacted] and at 10:26 a.m. two additional MiG-15s. None of the aircraft had returned by 2 p.m. They were all fitted with large auxiliary fuel tanks. Aspern airfield was occupied by a total of about 30 MiG-15s [redacted] 9 Pe-2, 3 single engine monoplanes and 1 biplane. Four of the MiG-15s were covered with tarpaulins and parked west of the flight control building. The AAA emplacements at the Fuel Dump West were vacant. The vacant garages and temporary buildings were guarded. 1, 2 and 3
- 25X1 2. Three officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Aspern komendatura building. There were no sentries in front of the building. The antennas had been removed from the house at No 4 Siegesplatz. Four artillery officers and trucks [redacted] driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] were seen in front of this building. The officers' club was occupied by air force personnel. Truck [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] were parked in the yard of the building. The buildings on Lobaugasse were not guarded. The gates were boarded up. There was no guard at the vacant garage at 13 Zachgasse. Several Soviet women in air force uniforms were living at a house in Essling. The Konrad Kaserne at Gross Enzersdorf still quartered air force units. However, according to the traffic observed, the occupation was not as heavy as before. An air force guard was posted in front of the vacant home for aged people. The vacant building at 241 Kasernenstrasse was not guarded. The fuel dump at Schlosshofer Strasse was not occupied. There were no guards nor other personnel seen at the radio installation at the eastern town border. The antenna however was still there.

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3. At 7:30 a.m. on 16 April, the following aircraft were parked at Aspern airfield: Twelve Pe-2, probably not airworthy, parked in the southwestern corner of the field; 5 MiG-15s parked west of the flight administration building; 3 single-engine two-seater low-wing monoplanes with rounded wing tips, radial engines, and two-bladed propellers; and 1 biplane. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,500 meters and good visibility. Motor vehicles parked at the eastern edge of the runway included one radio truck with rod antenna, one truck with box-like superstructure, one truck, one jeep with white flag and many vehicles which had been moved out of the garages. There were no activities at the field until 8:45 a.m. when two MiG-15s [redacted] fitted with large auxiliary fuel tanks, approached the field from east-southeast at an altitude of 300 meters. The aircraft landed at 8:55 a.m. [redacted]

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By 2 p.m. the motor vehicles were taken from the area east of the runway and 60 percent of those vehicles were back in the garages. The MiG-15s which had landed at the field were parked in a north-south line, some of them were covered with tarpaulins.<sup>3</sup>

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4. At 2 p.m. trucks [redacted] were parked near the garages. Fuel Dump West was being refilled from many fuel trucks. The empty fuel trucks left in the direction of Winterhafen (a harbor on the Danube ...), probably to an Drop fuel depot located there. Some of the fuel trucks were of a new type, they were painted beige and had the exhaust pipe in front under the engine. The tapping of one of these trucks lasted only 15 to 20 minutes. Motor vehicles observed at the fuel dump [redacted]

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5. On 15 April, Aspern airfield was observed from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aircraft seen at the field included 6 Pe-2s, 5 MiG-15s, 5 single engine monoplanes and 1 biplane. There was no flying in good weather. The field appeared to be

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25X1 lightly occupied. Some soldiers were repairing the fence. Two trucks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] were parked in the garages at the field. The AAA emplacement was vacant.  
 25X1 Officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and individual air force officers  
 25X1 were seen at the officers' club in Aspern. Truck [redacted] and van-like truck  
 25X1 [redacted] were parked in the yard of the building. Truck [redacted] was parked at  
 the Essling warehouse.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. Aspern airfield is still occupied by one fighter regiment. The  
 25X1 reduced occupation of the billets at Aspern and Gross Enzersdorf and the small  
 25X1 number of Pe-2s indicate that the bomber regiment previously stationed at the  
 field was transferred. It is probable that the bomber regiment stationed at  
 Deutsch Wagram since March 1953 had arrived from Aspern.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. The flying activities by the jet fighter units stationed at Aspern,  
 Parndorf and Wiener Neustadt airfields included formation flying up to squadron  
 formation, night flying, firing at ground and air targets as well as bad weather  
 25X1 flying. It is assumed that fighter escorting has been practiced with bomber units,  
 especially with the Il-28 bomber unit stationed at Wiener Neustadt.



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