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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 18 and 24 April 1953:

18 April: At 8:30 a.m., a fighter with radial engine took off, and, for one hour circled the field at various altitudes. Two swept-back jet fighters were towed to the southern end of the runway at 9:30 a.m. and took off at 9:40 a.m.

the two planes landed at 10:10 a.m.

22 April: At about 10 a.m., two swept-back jet fighters were observed aloft. They landed at 10:20 a.m. At 10:25 a.m., another element of two took off for a flight of about 40 minutes. About 11 a.m., another element of two took off and practiced diving over the field. At 11:20 a.m., two planes continuously dived at the Altenburg railroad station on the loading ramp of which army troops were being loaded. About 9:30 p.m., there was night flying by swept-back jet fighters with set position lights. The aircraft were caught by searchlights and flew in their beams, even if course and altitudes were changed.

24 April: Two MiG-15s were aloft at about 4:30 p.m. and 1 Po-2 landed at 4:15 p.m. Two MiG-15s took off at about 6 p.m. Eight swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field at 6 p.m.

2. The radio installations were still observed in the northern extension of the runway. On 10 April, the AA gun emplacements in the northern section of the flying lane were vacant.

3. Trucks observed entering and leaving the field

Comment. According to available information, one fighter regiment is stationed at Altenburg airfield. Practice flights at night with searchlights in operation were observed at other fighter airfields during the same period.

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