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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]COUNTRY East GermanyTOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

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DATE PREPARED 30 June 1953

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Koethen airfield between 2 and 11 May 1953:

2 May. No activity was observed between 1 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. The weather was fair.

4 May. About noon, 22 MiG-15s, 1 single-engine monoplane and 1 biplane were parked in the area of the hangars. Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. the engines of three MiG-15s were started but no take-offs were made. At that time only 8 planes were parked near the hangars.

6 May. Twenty-six MiG-15s, [REDACTED] were parked in the area of the hangars. There was air activity. After air activity was discontinued, 8 planes, [REDACTED] were seen near the hangars.

7 May. No air activity was observed. The weather was cold and dull. Eighteen MiG-15s and 2 single-engine monoplanes were parked in the area of the hangars.

9 May. There was no flying between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Eight MiG-15s, [REDACTED] were seen near the hangars. 25X1

11 May. At 10:30 a.m., two MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes, [REDACTED] took off. The sky was overcast. 25X1

2. On 4 May, work was under way at the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments. Twenty empty railroad cars, which had been loaded with crushed stones were observed on the spur track. On 7 May, 6 railroad cars loaded with crushed stones or chips were unloaded on both sides of the gap in the fence.

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4. On 7 May, MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced local flying and flying over the clouds at Koethen airfield between 11 a.m. and noon. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters and it rained intermittently. Between noon and 12:30 p.m., a Po-2 was seen aloft. About 2:30 p.m., 18 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks were parked in the area of the hangars. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on 10 May, few take-offs and landings were observed by MiG-15s which made local flights. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of 600 to 700 meters and it rained intermittently. About 7:30 p.m. on 11 May, a MiG-15, coming from the east, landed at the field. Between 13 and 20 May, there was air activity by MiG-15s, Po-2s and single-engine monoplanes. ¹

5. On 9 and 18 May, three railroad tank cars each and, on 12 May, two railroad tank cars were observed on the siding at the field. On 12 May, an additional four gondola cars loaded with timber were observed in the southeastern corner of the field.

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7. Between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 10 May, no air activity was observed at the field. The sky was 9/10 overcast. Thirteen MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes were parked in front of the hangars. In the noon hours on 19 and 20 May, no air activity was observed. Between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on 1 June, MiG-15s, [] took off in elements of two and subsequently practiced flying in elements of two and formations of four planes. At the same time, single-engine monoplanes practiced take-offs and landings. Between 1 and 4 June, night flying was conducted. At 9:55 p.m., the take-off of a formation of four planes was observed. ¹

8. On 10 May, work on five shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments at the southern edge of the field was completed while work was still going on on other revetments to which trucks [] were hauling sand.

9. About 200 meters west of the hangars fuel drums were observed in a bunker next to which a container of a diameter of 2.5 meters and a length of 8 meters was seen.

10. In early June, the PKV-45 D/F station was moved from the field to a place 3 km distant from the field between Gross-Badegast and Pfriemsdorf. ²

11. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 1 June, there was intensive air activity by planes which took off individually, in elements of two and once in a formation of four. The sky was very cloudy. Truck [] was seen near the field.

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1. [] Comment. Two fighter regiments, equipped with a total of 50 MiG-15s are stationed at Koethen airfield. []

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2. [] Comment. Recently, the PKV-45 D/F station was moved several times. At times the radio station was located on the airfield, but, according to the present report, it was again moved to the flying lane.

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