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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the following aircraft were observed at Wiener Neustadt airfield: 49 MiG-15s, including 32 north of the eastern AA gun emplacement along Badener Strasse, 3 southeast of the eastern AA gun emplacement, 4 east of the north-eastern corner of the woods, 4 east of the depression, 5 in the depression and 1 near the flight control station; 12 Pe-2s near the assumed fuel dump, east of the mountain spring water supply; and 4 single-engine planes with radial engines. 1 Up to 9:30 a.m., there was light fog and a 10/10 overcast. After 10 a.m., the weather cleared up, the degree of cloudiness changed between 4/10 and 7/10, the ceiling was between 1,000 and 1,200 meters, and visibility was limited to about 8 km. The mountains in the vicinity mostly were covered with fog or clouds. The following motor vehicles were parked between the MiG-15s along Badener Strasse and the 3 MiG-15s southeast of the aforementioned planes: 20 tank trucks, 3 Moskvich-type van-like trucks, 25 trucks, 3 van-like trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 track-laying vehicle, and 3 rollers. South of these motor vehicles were 3 radio trucks with rod antennas and a bus trailer painted in a black and white checker board pattern. Northwest of these vehicles were another radio truck with a rod antenna and a van-like truck with the same black and white pattern. From the arrangement of the vehicles, [redacted] inferred that a large scale exercise was probably held at the field. Sentries armed with submachine guns were posted at points along the road around the field and at the field which was previously unoccupied. At noon, officers with blue service colors and women had lunch at tables covered with white tablecloths.

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2. The following air activity was observed at the field on 18 June: 10:40 a.m. Air activity started by MiG-15s which individually took off at intervals of 30 to 90 seconds. Twelve to 15 planes were employed which circled the field once or twice. After the take-off, the planes

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turned to the east and north just south of Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road and came in for landing between radio installations No 17 and 18, flying in a southwesterly direction. It appeared that individual planes were unable to come in to land after flying such narrow curves and, therefore, the planes climbed again to circle another time. All aircraft used brakes and split flaps. They retracted their landing gears after the take-off over the field and extended them before the landing just north of radio installation No 17. After the landing of the last MiG-15, air activity was discontinued for about 15 minutes and then resumed in the described manner.

11:30 a.m. Two MiG-15s took off at an interval of about two wing spans and a distance of about two aircraft lengths, heading southwest. After a short time, the planes approached the field from the southeast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and, at an angle of about 15 degrees, dived down to about 100 meters above the aircraft parked along Badener Strasse. Subsequently, they climbed again and repeated the dive. The two planes landed individually at about noon. Air activity was then discontinued.

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About 2:20 p.m. Two Il-28s or Uil-28s approached for landing, coming from the east.

3. Of the seven searchlights of the northern row of lights, four were dismantled before air activity started. The AA gun emplacements in the southern and eastern sections of the field apparently were not occupied by AA guns, but individual soldiers were observed there. Two trucks and a two-wheel trailer were parked at the eastern garage installation.

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No changes were observed in the ground radio installations or in the southern row of searchlights. At 10 a.m., two railroad tank cars were towed by a steam locomotive from the railroad stop at the pyrotechnic plant to the assumed fuel dump northeast of the pyrotechnic plant. The houses north of the pyrotechnic plant were apparently exclusively occupied by Austrian civilians. [redacted] not determine whether the long-wire antenna observed there was operated by Soviets or Austrians.

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4. The following observations were made at Wiener Neustadt military post:

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Vehicular traffic observed there apparently was somewhat more intensive than on the preceding days of observation. The Artillerie Kaserne was guarded and frequented by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets.

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The following radio installations were observed in the area of the installation:

- a. A van-like truck with a rod antenna parked in a shed, with a second rod antenna on the roof of the shed;
- b. A rod antenna on the roof of the western barracks installation;
- c. A rod antenna on the roof of the southern section of the middle barracks building;

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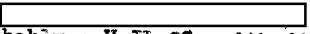
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d. Antenna mast with small cone-shaped antenna under a disk on the center of the roof of the middle barracks building. The installation resembled the installation in the garden near the school in Deutsch Wagram (P 49/S 50).⁴

5. The former officer candidate school in Bad Fischau was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and frequented by officers and EM with blue service color or black-bordered blue epaulets and individual personnel with red-bordered black epaulets.



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6. On 17 and 18 and 25 June, a Li-2 plane was parked in front of the hangar in Theresienfeld. On 17 June, the tail of a MiG-15 and the power plant of another MiG-15 were observed at the gate of the hangar. On 18 June, 14 gray crates, each about 2.5 x 1.5 x 2 meters were stored in front of the hangar. On 25 June,  two Il-28s, in front of the hangar, one of them probably a U-Il-28, with disassembled rudder assemblies. The engine of one Il-28 was running at a low speed. Later, the two planes were covered with tarpaulins.⁶

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7. Between noon and 1 p.m. on 20 June, a twin-jet plane with glassed cabin was towed by a caterpillar tractor on a field path from Wiener Neustadt airfield to the Theresienfeld repair hangar across the Suedbahn track over which planks were laid. The field path was blocked by numerous sentries. The towed plane had no number on its rudder assembly.⁶

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9. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 27 June, the airfield was occupied by about 43 MiG-15s, including 24 parked near the flight control station, 9 along Badener Strasse, 10 to 12 in the depression near the pyrotechnic plant, 12 Pe-2s northeast of the pyrotechnic plant, 1 biplane near the flight control station, and 1 single-engine plane with a radial engine at Badener Strasse. There was a 5/10 overcast, a northeasterly wind of 10 to 15 km/h, visibility of about 8 km, and ceiling at about 2,000 meters. About noon, a biplane landed at the field and taxied to the flight control station.¹

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10. The eastern AA gun emplacement was not occupied by AA guns or guarded. The long-wire antenna and one temporary building were dismantled. Two Il-28s with disassembled rudder assemblies were observed in front of the hangar in Theresienfeld and 2 MiG-15s on which maintenance work was being done were parked in the hangar. Four gray crates, each about 1.5 x 1.5 x 2 meters, were stored near one Il-28 plane. Signal troops with black-bordered blue epaulets worked on the overhead telephone lines along Theresienfeld-Sollenau (O 48/X 34) road.
11. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 29 June, the following aircraft were observed at the airfield: 43 MiG-15s, including 24 near the flight control station, 12 in the depression near the pyrotechnic plant, 6 west of Badener Strasse and 1 about 100 meters southeast of the aircraft group along Badener Strasse; 12 Pe-2s northeast of the pyrotechnic plant; 2 biplanes near the flight control station; and 1 single-engine plane with radial engine near the MiG-15 which was 100 meters southeast of Badener Strasse. There was a 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, a northeasterly wind of about 8 km/h and visibility of 15 km. No air activity was observed. Near the MiG-15s along Badener Strasse were 7 trucks and 3 tank trucks, the drivers of which and 8 other men were sitting around. Next to these vehicles was a tank-shaped container, 2 x 1 x 0.5 meters, which was on blocks about 3 meters high.
12. The eastern AA gun emplacement was not occupied. The southern AA gun emplacement was provided with a long-wire antenna, as was previously observed at the eastern AA gun emplacement, from where the wire still extended to the Artillerie Kaserne. The flight control station was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. In the area of the flight control station were two masts between which a sleeve target was strung. The eastern garages were occupied by 5 trucks, 1 Moskvich-type van-like truck and 2 trucks with mounted searchlights.

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13. The Artillerie Kaserne at Wiener Neustadt military post was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. The radio installations were unchanged.

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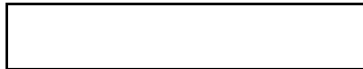
The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Three trucks, 2 van-like trucks and 1 tank truck were parked in the barracks yard.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield is occupied by a Soviet fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments.

- 25X1A 2. Comment. It is unknown whether the activity observed on 17 and 18 June is connected with the disturbances in East Germany or whether an exercise was actually held.

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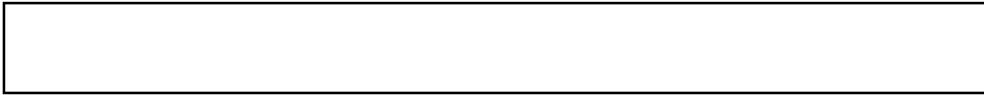


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Comment. For sketch of new antenna shape, see Annex. The type and purpose of the antenna are not known.

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Comment. Bad Fischau is occupied by a motor vehicle driving school and a portion of the 734th Signal Bn of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army.

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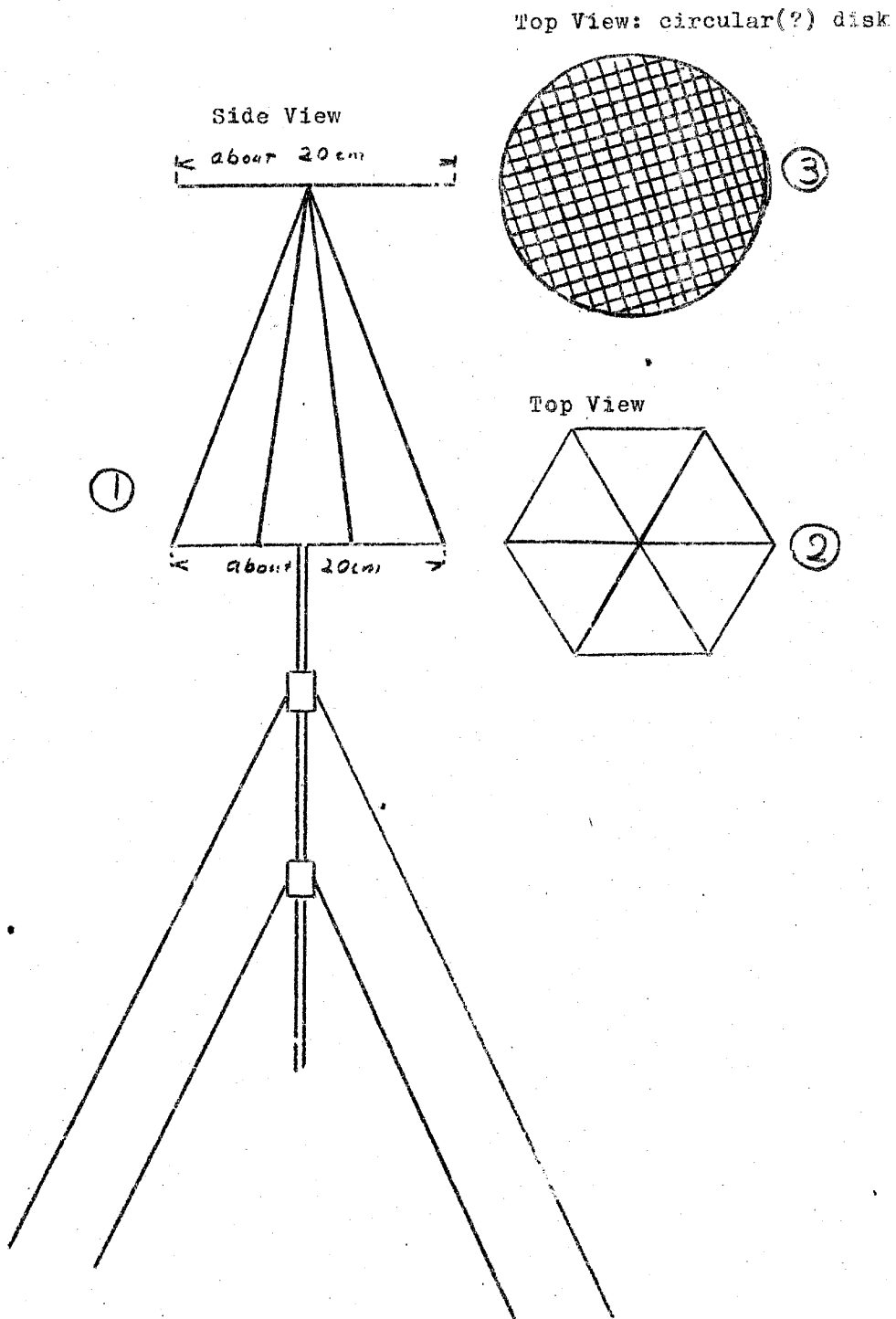
Comment. The reports indicate that an aircraft repair shop for jet planes is located at Theresienfeld airfield.

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Annex to

New Antenna Observed at Wiener Neustadt Military Post



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