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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 4 July to 3 August 1953

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 1 September 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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25X1A 1. [redacted] 1. Between 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on 4 July, 28 individual take-offs by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were observed at Zerbst airfield. Some of the planes only circled the field half with extended landing gears and then landed again. There was no air activity between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 29 July, air activity, including individual take-offs, some of them in rapid succession, and dives by swept-back jet fighters, were observed. At noon a biplane was seen aloft.

25X1A 2. [redacted] 25X1C

25X1C 3. [redacted] 3. About 12:10 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on 3 August, no air activity was observed at the field. About noon, 8 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. No aircraft were seen in the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments at the edge of the field and in an open hangar.¹ The radar set observed in June in the woods southeast of triangulation point 77.9, about 1 km south of Kercnau were replaced by a Dumbo-type radar set. Truck [redacted] proceeding to this installation. In the woods, an additional five temporary wooden buildings were seen. An PKV-45 D/F station was observed about 1,250 meters from the runway in its northeastern extension.²

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Zerbst airfield was believed to be occupied by two Jueter regiments and the pertaining division headquarters. The observations [redacted] 3 August indicate a decrease of the occupation. Other sources observed three shipments proceeding from Kindau, the railroad station of Zerbst airfield, to Jueterbog-Altes Lager between 6 and 10 August. It is, therefore, possible that part of the units from Zerbst airfield transferred to Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield where a fighter regiment of the division was stationed previously.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. A Kniferest-type radar set was observed previously in the woods. [redacted] 25X1A

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