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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Dessau Airfield

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On the morning of 22 August 1953, KVP personnel were observed for the first time at Dessau airfield. At about 7 a.m., about 100 men were lined up in front of the high building. A sentry armed with a rifle was posted at the entrance gate at Kuehnauer Strasse. Seven tents and 13 motor vehicles were observed next to the high building.

about 300 VP men were quartered in this building. Several double sentries patrolled the area of the field.

2. On 2 September, the two wings of the former Junkers Hochhaus (high building) in Dessau were occupied by soldiers. Windows were lighted in the evenings up to the seventh floor. There was an estimated occupation strength of about 400 officers and EM and a musical band of about 40 men. About 50 men were still engaged in winding-up work in the former Jumo administrative building which, prior to mid-1953, housed the main administration for transportation and agricultural machinery. The building which formerly housed the designs bureau of the Junkers engine plant was equipped with tables, chairs and beds in late August 1953. Prior to 2 September, the Jumo administration building, the Jumo designs bureau and the Jumo Achterberg house were not yet occupied by troops. The buildings were not lighted in the evening. The VP troops who had moved into the IFA high building and the Otto Mader plant wore black, green and dark blue epaulets and collar patches.

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a sum of 300,000 east-
marks was allotted for the construction of a hangar during the winter months of 1953. work could begin immediately and construction work on the heating installation would also be resumed. no work was available because of the housing program and the bricks which had formerly been allotted for construction work on the airfield were in the meantime used for the newly built houses.

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 Comment. No information has been received on an intended utilization of the installations at Dessau airfield. Preliminary work for the reerection of an air force industry, which is presently discontinued, can be resumed at any time if the political situation makes this desirable. It is possible that Dessau airfield will be used for another purpose in the meantime.

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