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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT
TOPIC <u>Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield</u>	50X1
EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>
DATE OF CONTENT <u>[REDACTED]</u>	50X1-HUM
DATE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	DATE PREPARED <u>19 October 1953</u>
REFERENCES <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
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REMARKS <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
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- The following light air activity was observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 16 August and 19 September 1953:
 - 17 August. At about 1:45 p.m., a formation of four single-engine aircraft was observed over Erfurt. The landings of these aircraft could not be observed.
 - 22 August. At about 4:15 p.m., a formation of four single-engine aircraft was again observed over the town. The aircraft approached the airfield, broke up the formation and landed.
 - 24 August. Shortly after 1 p.m., a formation of four single-engine aircraft landed at the field. 50X1-HUM

Previously, only MiG-15s have been observed at the field, namely 4 on 17 August, 3 on 18 August, and 4 on 20 August.

 - 8 September. One MiG-15 landed at 9:55 a.m. and 4 MiG-15s at 12:52 p.m.
 - 17 September. Between 11:10 a.m. and 11:35 a.m., two Mi G-15s practiced flying over the clouds. Two MiG-15s which also flew above the cloud layer landed at 12:56 p.m.
- A radar station consisting of a Kniferest set and a Fishnet set, about 30 meters apart, was observed in the southwestern corner of the field near the eastern exit of Bindersleben on 10 September.² Next to the two radar sets were two radio trucks. The motorized Rus-2 type set which had been previously observed west of the guardhouse was removed. 50X1-HUM
- During the second half of August, construction work at the field was discontinued. The fuel containers still lay on the ground.
 - The gate west of the main entrance was closed with barbed wire. On the western edge of the landing field there was still a gap in the fence, about 75 meters long, through which many motor vehicle trails extended from the direction of Bindersleben railroad station. Truck moved to the airfield. 50X1-HUM
- Comment. An alert flight of MiG-15s, probably of the fighter division in Merseburg, is still detached to Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. Single-engine aircraft have been repeatedly observed. However, their type could not be identified because of the vague description. 50X1-HUM
- Comment. The presence at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield of a Kniferest radar set and a Fishnet radar set is reported for the first time. 50X1-HUM

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