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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Puetnitz Airfield		25X1
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	22 September 1954
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED		

1. Until 1300 on 30 July 1954, no flying was practiced at Puetnitz airfield. There was rain prior to 1300, and a closed ceiling throughout the day. From around 1300 to 1800, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced individual flying at large intervals. After 2200, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced firing at an air sleeve which was illuminated by two searchlights and which was towed by a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 according to the noise heard.

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2. Between 23 and 30 August, except for Sunday the 29th, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, which took off individually, in elements of two and, occasionally, in formations of three. On 24 August, it was repeatedly observed that three elements of two MiG-s each took off in such a way that when one element became airborne, the next would start taxiing. Subsequently the six aircraft assembled to one formation, made two local flights, and landed individually after about 10 minutes. During the reported period, the maximum number of MiG-15s seen at the field was 45.

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3. In late August, two wooden aircraft dummies, one representing a fighter, the other a bomber, were standing at the northeastern edge of the field. Allegedly they were being used as targets for firing practices.

4. A radar set, apparently of Token type, was seen on Koepfenberg (hill). Another Token-type set was seen on a hill about 1 km south of the Ribnitz railroad station. A generator and a small temporary building were located in a gravel pit near there.

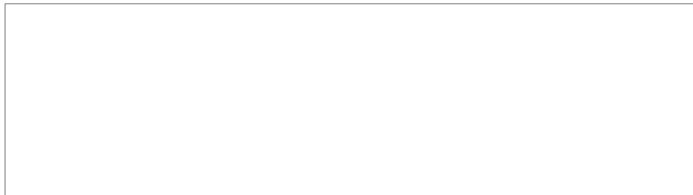
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Comment. Two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed at Puetnitz airfield.

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