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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Dessau Airfield

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACED IN [redacted] 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 28 October 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Dessau airfield on 1 and 5 October 1954:

1 October. Between 0630 and 1700, formation flying was practiced by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which disappeared from view flying in close order formation at an altitude of about 12,000 meters. A total of 21 jet fighters were counted at the field

In the eastern section of the field was a radio installation on one mast with a red flashing light which was also in operation during the daytime. The landing lights were also on, probably because of the poor visibility on this day. Camouflaged motor vehicles were parked at the field.

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5 October. At 1100, 26 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off heading east. They were not seen returning to the field. At a later hour, no aircraft were observed at the field. The radio installation had also disappeared.

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2. As previously reported, the field was being vacated during the afternoon of 5 October.

[redacted] 20 to 30 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s had still been stationed there. A rumor had it that, on 1 October, 2 jet fighters collided in the air near Dessau and one of them made an emergency landing in the open field in the vicinity of the village of Toerten near Dessau. The pilot who had a broken arm was freed from the squeezed cabin.

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Comment.

[redacted] occupation of Dessau airfield in connection with the fall maneuvers after 27 September 1954. [redacted] The observed aircraft

[redacted] the aircraft had come from Merseburg. Truck [redacted] was previously observed in Merseburg and Wittenberg. No air activity was observed at Merseburg airfield between 27 September and 5 October. [redacted]

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