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- 1. Between 2 August and 14 September 1954, it was determined that the so-called Millionenbau on Isolde Strasse in Werder did not house a switchboard, as assumed previously, but a central radio station of the Soviet Air Force. Air force radio operators were seen at work in a large cellar of the building, where 16 tables were arranged in 2 rows of 8. At each table was a radio operator sitting in front of a gray-brown radio set, about 50 cm long, 40 cm high and about 25 cm wide. Almost all of the radio operators transmitted messages by means of a sending key. These messages were apparently recorded on a message pad. All the radio operators wore headphones. Each radio set had a cable connection to a cabinet on the wall. The cables which converged in the cabinet continued outside of the room and terminated individually at a wire antenna in the garden of the villa. A single wire antenna was strung between 2 masts, about 5 meters high and 10 meters apart. It could not be determined that exactly 16 cables terminated there. About 5 additional radio installations were seen in the garden of the villa. Each installation consisted of 2 masts, about 11 meters high and 13 to 15 meters apart. The antenna was strung between the two masts and looked like a dual cage aerial. About 6 wires were strung between the rings, each about 50 cm in diameter. It could not be determined whether the 5 radio installations, all of which were of the same structure and size, were also connected by cables to the radio room. 25X1

- 2. The central switchboard and teletype for the headquarters in Werder were housed in a building at the southern edge of the field. The air force officers working there wore the signal insignia of army troops. 25X1

- 3. Between 28 August and 2 October, the following trucks were used by Soviet Air Force commissaries for purchase at the central commissary (Basa) in Werder: 25X1

Commissaries

Voschenkov (1)

Volevach (2)

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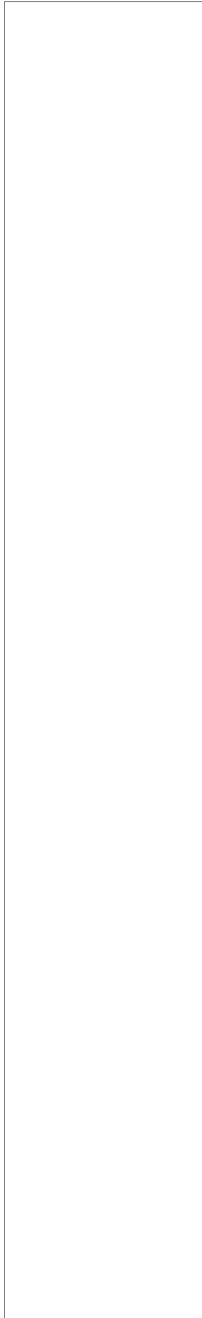


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- Gitun (3)
- Maslov (4)
- Bilyatski (5)
- Toporkov (8)
- Mashkin (9)

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Eromenko (11)

Tupitsin (12)

Gorshenkov (13)

Komar (14)

Zenozatski (17)

Krushilnitski (18)

Magazine 5 (Wusterhausen)

Magazine 6 (Bad Seerow)

Magazine 12 (Rangsdorf)

A new sedan [redacted] was assigned to the Base in Werder.
The following air force officers were seen visiting the Base in Werder:

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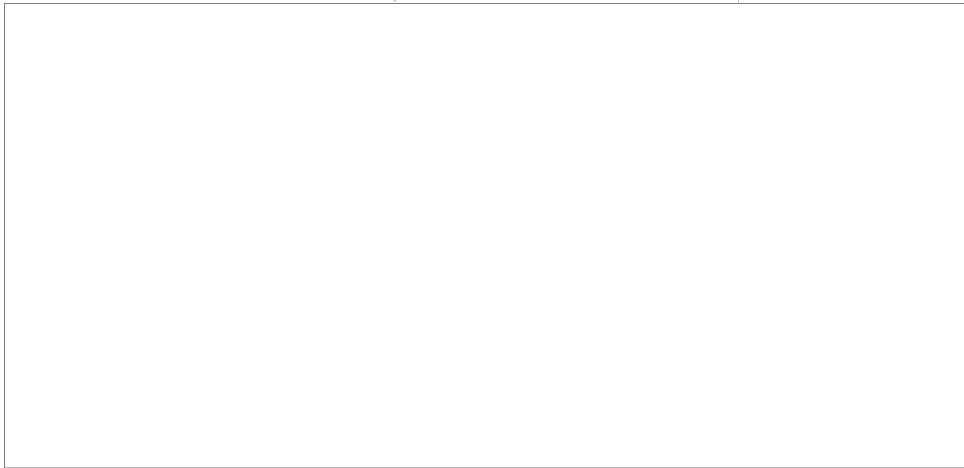
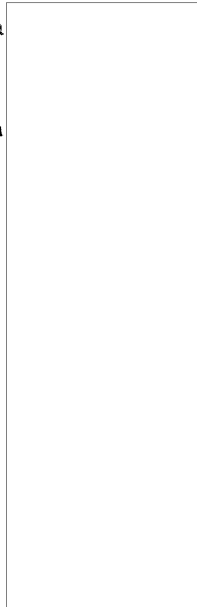


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2 officers using	sedan
1 senior lieutenant using	jeep
1 general using	sedan
1 colonel "	"
1 " "	"
1 " "	"
1 " "	"
chief of main Basa using	"
Major Zavada (fnu)	"
1 major using	"
1 senior lieutenant using	"
1 major using	"

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5. Commissary Toporkov (8) was the only commissary which continually purchased signal insignia. Magazine 8 (7c) was located in Bukow.
6. On 27 September, the headquarters in Werder gave a banquet in the Russian restaurant on the restricted Eisenbahn Strasse in honor of Rosa Thaelmann and the author Anna Seghers. About 40 Soviet officers attended the dinner. In order to procure the desired crystal glasses, of which only 5 were available in the restaurant, Lieutenant Colonel Bondarenko (fnu), chief of the main bureau, drove to the Basa in Werder where he could get 15 glasses, and subsequently to the HO in Potsdam, where he purchased the rest. Major Spillicotin (fnu) sent a German worker with a certificate to the Basa in Rummelsburg in order to buy 15 kg of caviar. Since the caviar was scarce also at this central commissary, only 5 kg could be obtained.

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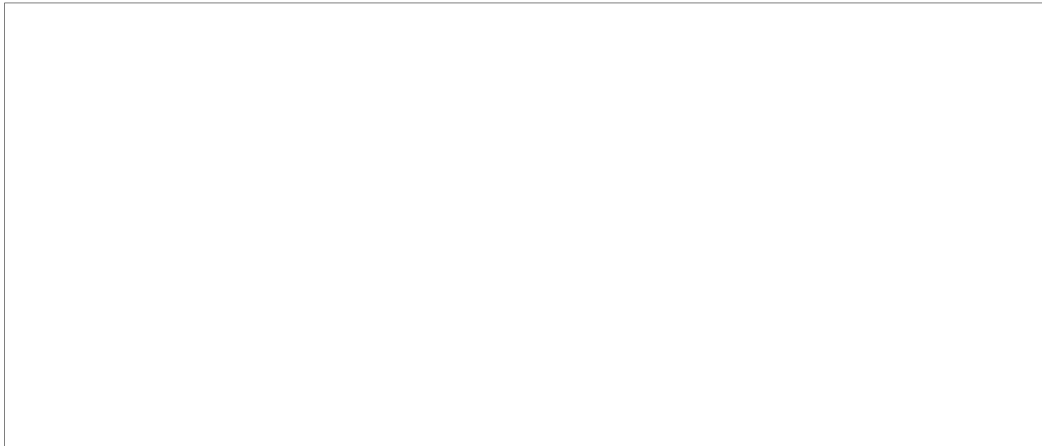
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 Comment. Same source previously reported that a central switchboard had been established in the so-called Millionenbau on Isolde Strasse in Werder.  The present report indicates that the central radio station of the Hq Twenty-Fourth Air Army is actually located there. For sketch of antenna system seen in the garden of the villa, see Annex.

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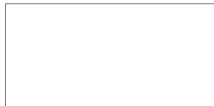
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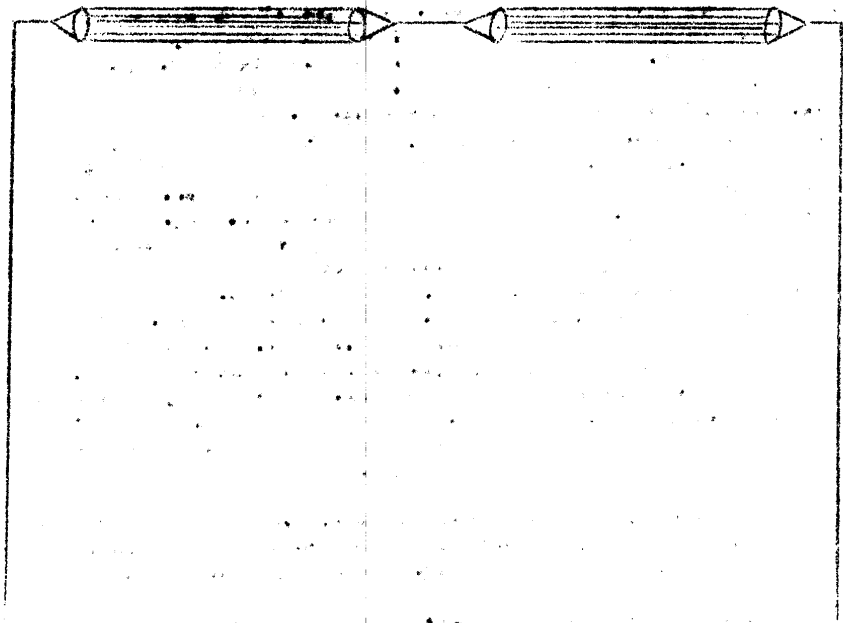
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Annex



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Antenna System Observed in the Garden of the Villa
on Isolde Strasse in Werder



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