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Observations

1. The site of the Rudy Letov Aircraft Factory at Vodochody was observed 18, 20, and 24 January 1955. The following observations were made:

12 (sic) January

1 MIG-15, type unidentified, on the runway opposite the control tower.
 1 line of 8 MIGs in front of the revetments; type unidentified.
 1 MIG, single seat, covered with canvas, and 1 MIG, two-seater, at the extreme east of the revetments.
 3 MIG two-seaters under a sort of portico, at the eastern extremity behind the revetments; then again in back of these, 1 MIG two-seater.
 2 MIG single-seaters and 1 MIG of which the back of the fuselage had been removed, making visible the back part of the engine.

The total number of aircraft seen outside the buildings that day was 17 (sic).

20 January

1 MIG, type not identified, on the runway opposite the control tower.
 A line of more than 5 MIGs, type not identified, in front of the revetments, then 3 MIGs at the end of these.
 In back of the hangars 5 MIG two-seaters, then 3 MIGs, type not identified.
 Between the hangars and the workshop 2 MIGs, type not identified.
 A total of at least 19 aircraft seen outside.

24 January

2 MIGs, type unidentified, on the runway opposite the control tower.
 A line of MIGs, type unidentified, [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] but at least 5 aircraft in front of the revetments; at the eastern extremity of these, 3 MIGs, two-seater, and one one-seater. Four two-seater MIGs on the east taxiway, being tested; in back of the revetments 4 two-seater MIGs; then 5 others of an unidentified type. 25X1

A total of at least 24 aircraft on the outside.

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General Remarks

2. Certain buildings of the factory have been painted a light green color all over. This is certainly a color for camouflage, because since about the middle of December 1954 a number of buildings, barracks or factories have been painted the same color.
3. A pipeline is being laid in the east of the field. It cuts the main Prague-Teresin road at right angles 750 meters north of the village of Klicany.
4. A new road has been laid out connecting the factory directly with the northwest. The work is temporarily interrupted and the road leads nowhere. The purpose of the establishment of this new route of access is unknown.
5. The production of the factory at Vodochody, which at the moment appears to consist only of two-seat MIGs for pilot training, seems less compared with the spring of 1954, when it was not unusual to see 60 or 70 aircraft outside the hangars.

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