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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Air Activity Observed Over [redacted] West of Brno

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EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

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REFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. During the period from February 1951 to 17 September 1954, individual single-engine aircraft were observed flying over [redacted] (49 09N/16 21 E) west of Brno (Bruenn) (49 12 N/16 37 E) for the first time in early September 1954 during favorable weather. Prior to 15 September 1954, jet aircraft had been observed 4 to 5 times. The aircraft approached at an altitude of 400 to 600 meters from the east (Bruenn) during the afternoon. The aircraft flew in formations of 2 or 3 aircraft side-by-side at intervals of 100 to 200 meters. The aircraft flew for a few minutes, then returned toward the east, and did not reappear on the same day. The flying speed was very high. The whizzling and roaring noise of the jet engines was heard. No firing or air combat practices were observed. [redacted] the aircraft were stationed at Bruenn airfield. Description of aircraft: jet engine with whizzling sound, jet aperture in the rear, fuselage step definitely seen from the side, presumably mid-wing monoplane, leading and trailing edges of wings slightly tapering to wing tips, not swept back, section of fuselage in front of wings appeared considerably shorter than aft of wings, silver gray paint and red-white-blue circle as nationality marking.

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2. Almost every day between 1200 and 1700, when the weather was favorable, individual obsolete aircraft were also observed flying at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters. The aircraft were single-engine monoplanes, also approached from the east, flew some circles over Zbeschau and then returned toward the east. They were seen aloft for 10 to 25 minutes flying very slowly.

Comment. The described jet aircraft are reported for the first time from the Brno (Bruenn) area. It is possible that Brno-Turany airfield has been completed and was occupied by jet aircraft, possibly Yak-23s. The other single-engine aircraft, presumably of type Bf 109(aic), are stationed at the old airfield just southeast of Brno.

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