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jet aircraft factory in 25X1  
 Vodochody. The report includes a map sketch showing the location and layout of the plant. 25X1

1. Comment: The report describes the factory as a Rudy Letov plant, but the Prague telephone directory for 1955 lists no Rudy Letov plant at Vodochody and does list an Aero plant there.

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are being assembled and tested.

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2. Location: The plant is situated north of Prague by the west side of the Prague-Klicany-Valtrusy road near the village Vedochedy. (See attached sketch.)
3. Output: In summer 1955, during 3-shifts a day schedule, as many as 12 aircraft MIG 15 type were assembled in the plant. Towards autumn 1955, the output decreased to 7½ aircraft per day owing to the reorganization of assembling lines for a new 2-engine jet-type aircraft. Parts for aircraft arrived to the plant from various factories in Prague as well as from the whole Republic.

4. Aircraft parking area: Assembled aircraft are being parked on the concrete apron in front of hangars. Approximately 100-120 aircraft MIG 15 type were usually parked there, protected by canvas covers.

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5. Test flights: Only one aircraft takes off at a time. Start is by the fuel tank (east to west). Landing direction is the same and the aircraft is pulled after completed flight back to parking area by a tractor. Aircraft remain in the air up to 60 minutes. In case of any kind of defect aircraft must land immediately. Only when aircraft are flown away by Soviet pilots start three aircraft at once. Soviet pilots are being flown here via passenger planes Titusin type three times a week.

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6. Employees: In autumn 1955, the plant employed about 2,500 - 3,000 workers of whom approximately 30% are women. When a person applies for job at the plant he or she must undergo a very thorough "cadre" screening and the applicant must fill out a 6-page questionnaire. (Some of the questions: whether the applicant has any relatives living abroad; where they live; what they do there; whether they correspond; when did they leave the country; whether ever any member of his family was arrested etc.)

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**7. Description of the plant:**

1. Material receiving store: A 4-storied building, 30 x 70 meters, situated by the side road to Dolinsk, where also is the second entrance to the plant.
2. Hangars: Toward west of the Material receiving store extends for about 300 meters a row of hangars. An approximate width of individual hangar is 30 meters. The hangars have a total of 18 sliding sideway gates. In front of the hangars is a 30 meters wide concrete apron. The west of hangars is being utilized as repair shop. Inside the first hangars are various testing apparatus for tested aircraft.
3. Control and observation towers: On the west side of hangars are two 3-storied buildings, 25 x 25 meters. The 4th floor of the first building is made of glass. The west building serves as control tower where are placed: radices, meteorological instruments. The second tower most probably is used for observation by the Plant's Militia and by the Interior Guards.
4. Assembly hall: A ferro-concrete construction, approximately 70 x 200 meters. Inside, on the west side of the hall is a row of offices.
5. A complex of 3-and-4-storied buildings, housing offices, stores, and billets. There is also first aid and other conveniences. The billets were scheduled to be discontinued as soon as the housing development is completed. [REDACTED]
6. Three storerooms: Two groundfloor buildings, approximately 60 x 10 meters. The third building is 50 x 20 meters and to its north side adjoins the gatekeeper's lodge.
7. Testing range of aircraft weapons: On the southwestern tip of the plant's area, west of the assembly hall stands the shooting-range.
8. Brigade-workers camp and Interior Guard tent-camp: From the main entrance to the state highway extends wooden-hut camp which was originally occupied by the building workers and was schedule for dismantling in 1956. Now it billets the brigade helpers who are engaged on building the new housing development. Next to the wooden camp is the tent-camp of the Interior Guard Unit which was erected in summer 1955.
9. Housing development Vedochody: To northwest of the plant a new houses for the employees are under construction. The development will be called Vedochody town. Mostly they are apartment houses, 4-storied, about 60 x 20 meters.
10. Runway: A 30-meters <sup>wide</sup> concrete runway, 2,000 meters long. The path direction is west - east. The eastern end of runway is approximately 50 meters distant from the state highway, and about 250 meters from the hangars to the south. It is separated from the plant's area by wire fence. The west end of the runway is about 20-50 meters distant from the former Fostrišin-Maslovice road. (The latter road as well as the road to Odolana Voda has been closed.) The area towards west was leveled and the runway thus extended to 1,000 meters.

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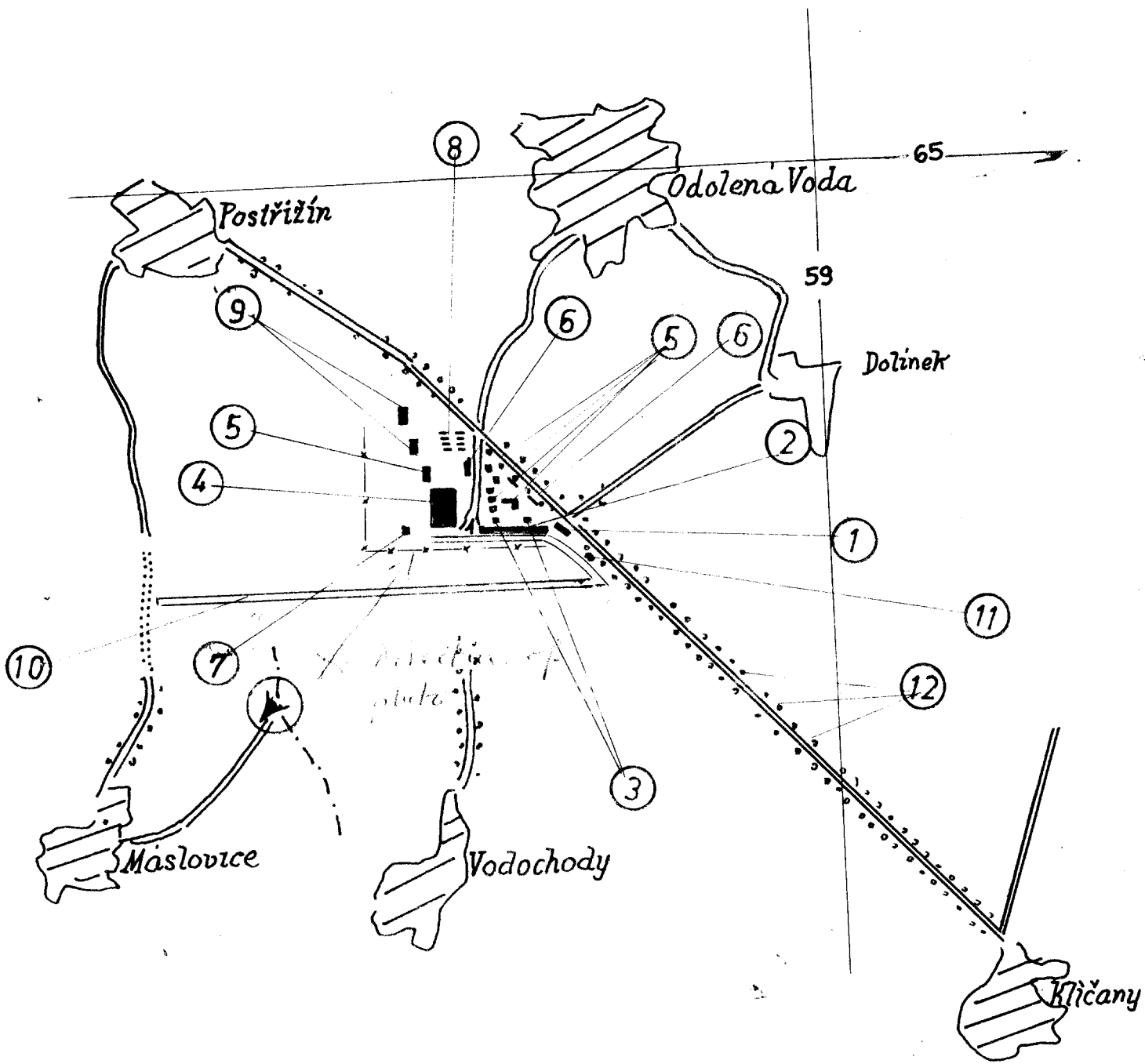
It happened several times that the planes stopped only on the leveled area. On both sides of the runway about 200 - 300 meters wide area was cleared and flattened.

11. Fuel tanks: A small building by the eastern tip of the runway. Aircraft are towed there with tractors for filling.
12. Highway leading to Klicany bordered with trees. (Alley.)



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