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1. In 1944, Soviet forces began building an airfield at Liusbirgis (Linksmakalnis) (54°46'N, 23°56'E), Lithuania. [redacted] Comment: The name was erroneously reported as Liusbirgio [redacted] = [redacted] The airfield lies east of the Kaunas-Friena road and about 17 kms due south of Kaunas.

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2. About 1,500 German PWs (including some technicians) were employed in the construction of the airfield under MVD supervision. When the airfield was completed in October 1947, the majority of the labor was transported away. Some 500 German PWs and 150 MVD men remained. The German engineers now at the airfield have special privileges, e.g., their own servants in their homes.

3. In October 1947 the airfield had no runways or hangars. It had been levelled and on it had been built several massive concrete beds. The precise dimensions of these concrete beds is not known, but they are estimated to be over one meter deep. The concrete beds resemble, in size and appearance, large concrete defensive blockhouses with horizontal "roofs" and with no part protruding in the air. At or near the airfield there is a high tension power station. [redacted] on the airfield there is "a long row of about 200 concrete blocks, underneath which electric motors are built into the ground. These blocks are fenced in by thick logs about three meters high. On the east side there are wooden props". ([redacted] Comment: [redacted] appears to be describing the same installations in two different ways.)

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4. [redacted] guided missile research is in progress on the airfield.

5. The airfield is surrounded by barbed wire and guarded closely by Russian troops. None of the persons working at the airfield may leave the airfield.

6. The workshops at Rokai have been taken over by the Soviets to work exclusively for Liusbirgis requirements. During 1947, sizeable transports of gasoline and building materials were sent to Liusbirgis airfield, but up to late 1947 no items resembling V-weapons had been sent there.

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