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1. Jet fighters of two types were stationed at the ZERBST (M 52/D 98) airfield. The plane of type 1 with conventional wings, was very fast and did acrobatics in a cloudy sky. The plane of type 2 with swept back wings, was faster but only flew in cloudless weather.
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2. A colonel was the CO of the field. All officers were permitted to wear civilian clothes.
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Forty trucks had been jacked up.

3. The German tailors who worked for the Soviet officers of the field had to finish 90 uniforms by October Revolution Day 1949.
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 - 25X1 **Comment:**
 - a. The information on jet fighters at the ZERBST airfield agrees with previous reports. Only aircraft with swept back wings however have so far been observed there.
 - 25X1 it cannot be determined whether MIKOYAN and GUREVICH (MIG) or LAVOCHKIN designs are concerned. The jet fighter type with conventional wings probably is a La-15 as is inferred from the position of the cockpit and the shape of the wings and the rudder assembly. The position of the jet power plant as reproduced is unusual and probably wrong. Also, the La-15 has the air intake aperture at the nose. It is, however, noteworthy that * previously reported from TIFLIS planes with a similar position of the jet power plant.
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 - b. This report does not indicate the number of jet aircraft stationed at the field, but previous reports indicated about

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c. The introduction of a new uniform for Soviet Air Force officers is reported for the first time. Attempts are being made to learn the color of the new uniforms.

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d. Since the motor vehicle  have been repeatedly observed in JUMLEBDCG it is assumed that they are assigned to the fighter units stationed in JUMLEBDCG (B 7-81-20 through B 7-81-55). From appearance of these  in ZEMBOT it is inferred that units from JUMLEBDCG were transferred there. This assumption has not been confirmed.

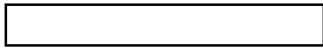
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