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25X1 1. A helicopter with a three-man crew of the PILSEN (N 50/L 04) SNB air unit landed in MESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA (LIS NSTLIN - N 50/Q 07) at 5 p.m. on 3 August 1949. It was a double helicopter (lifting propeller on each wing) [redacted]

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2. The pilot, an SNB captain, stated:

a. SNB units are now making increased use of helicopters, particularly for border patrols. A maximum speed of 100 mph was reached during the flight from PILSEN to MESTYS ZELEZNA RUDA.\*

b. SNB air units equipped with Me-109s and helicopters of Czechoslovakian design, all with red engine cowlings, were stationed in PRAGUE, HRADEC KRALOVE (C 51/G 71), PILSEN, and C-BUDEJOVICE (O 49/Q 96).\*\*

25X1 [redacted] Comment:

\* a. The information that SNB air units are equipped with helicopters is received for the first time. The helicopters used are probably a version of the FA-223 German design, which is manufactured in CAKOVICE.

25X1 \*\* b. The presence of SNB air units at the airfields mentioned was confirmed [redacted]

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