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TOPIC Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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1. The Alt Loennewitz (N 52 E 84) airfield was observed from 11 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Six jet planes with a high rudder assembly, and eight single-engine monoplanes of undetermined type stood in front of the closed hangars. A radio truck was parked north of the runway. Sentries were posted on roads passing the field. A man who gave starting signals with a red flag took a position near the take-off point.
2. About 12:30 p.m. a jet plane with swept-back wings flew over the field at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, heading southwest. At the same time four low-wing monoplanes were towed out of a hangar. These planes made long flights throughout the afternoon. Description: Radial engine or double-row radial engine; rounded trapezoidal wings; landing gear retracting inward and fitted near leading edge of wings. Square opening in the left front section of the wings, probably oil cooler; long two-place plexiglass cabin with a radio mast at its rear; painted light blue. One of the planes had the number 41 on the fuselage, another one was marked by diagonal stripes on the rudder assembly. (1)
3. The six jet planes were towed to the eastern end of the runway by trucks about 1:30 p.m. but were not flown. They had a pronounced sweep-back and their wings were possibly bent slightly downward. They had a red air intake, and air exhaust at the tail.
4. After 2:30 p.m. a jet plane of another type took off and landed at intervals of 30 to 40 minutes. It performed acrobatics, i.e. loops, banks, rolls, at an altitude of about 2,500 meters. It was a midwing monoplane, with the air outlet under the center of fuselage, and was probably a two-seater. It had standard wings, landing gear retracting inward, nose wheel retracting rearward, and was painted dark green. At one landing of this plane its power plant seemed to have stopped for a truck drove up and began to tow it. After a time the jet engine began operating again and the plane continued to taxi. (2)
5. White markings, probably painted with a luminous material, were on both sides of the runway. (3) At a point 350 meters from the eastern end of the runway there was a mast four meters high with two white lights, and south of it a red light. The field seemed to be equipped for night flying. (4)

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- (1) The planes are Yak-11s used for training purposes.
- (2) The planes type 16 are probably fitted with a starter.
- (3) This type of runway boundary was also reported from Finow airfield. It is not clear whether these markings actually have a luminous paint.
- (4) According to available information, Alt Loennewitz airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with type 14, and some type 16 jet planes, in addition to conventional La-9 fighters. Twenty-six jet planes were previously seen at the field. However, the actual number of such planes at Alt Loennewitz is probably higher.

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