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1. The Parchim (M 54/T 74) airfield was observed between 1:45 and 3:45 p.m. on 5 August 1950. It was occupied by three single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines and pale grayish-brown paint; two twin-engine, mid-wing monoplanes with radial engines and dark-gray paint; four aluminum-color jet planes with swept-back wings; and five low-wing monoplanes painted grayish-brown. \*

           Comment. The occupation of the airfield has apparently not changed since late-May 1950.            The aircraft which were observed are not the total occupation of the field. The four jet planes probably are the alerted tactical formation at the field. All the other jet planes, estimated to be about 35, probably were in the hangars. Most of the jet planes were standing in the open in May 1950, but recently they have been kept in the hangars. One fighter regiment is believed to be stationed at the field. This was confirmed            on 15 August 1950. The twin-engine planes are probably A-20s.            Since this aircraft type has been observed only with the air reconnaissance regiment previously stationed in Koethen, it is possible that the twin-engine planes of the air reconnaissance regiment have been transferred to Parchim. Another section of the air reconnaissance regiment is stationed in Stendal.

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