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TOPIC Flying Activity in the Brandenburg Area.

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REMARKS

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1. There was intensive flying with single-engine low-wing monoplanes equipped with in-line engines in the Brandenburg (N 53/E 23) area from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cloud cover was about 1,500 meters. The aircraft flew in formations of nine and, after breaking formation over Brandenburg, came in to land. *
 2. Firing practice by jet fighters was observed from the autobahn in the triangle formed by the localities of Grebs (N 53/E 32), Krahn (N 53/E 22) and Michelsdorf (N 53/E 32) about 10:00 a.m. The four participating aircraft had swept-back wings, the tail assembly set rather high and a silver coat of paint. They dived individually or in groups of two from an altitude of about 800 meters in an angle of about 45°, pulled out of the dive when about 50 meters above the ground and then climbed steeply. The aircraft approached from an East-west direction against a rather strong westerly wind. After regaining altitude the aircraft made a circle and approached again. They apparently fired with an automatic gun with bursts of three to six rounds. **

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. Large numbers of aircraft equipped with in-line engines are not stationed in Brandenburg. It is believed that the aircraft which were observed belong to a ground attack unit which made an intermediate landing in Brandenburg.

25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. This observation indicates that the MIG-15 type is apparently also employed for air-to-ground firing. The aircraft are believed to be assigned to the fighter regiment stationed in Brandenburg.

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