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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] 5X1A PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] March 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. A woman employee of the Bauunion-South Firm who worked on estimates for the improvement of Merseburg (M 52/D 91) airfield said in early February 1951 that a conference was held, about two weeks ago, between the Bauunion-Firm, the police, the traffic administration, and the Schkopau (M 52/D 91) Buna Works. During this conference it was agreed that lack of space precluded an extension of the field to the north. To accomplish their objective it would be necessary to rebuild Lauchstaedterstrasse to the north. However, this would require in turn the removal southwards of the Buna Works sludge dump which now extends from Schkopau to the Merseburg-Lauchstaedt (M 52/D 81) railroad line. Before the sludge project could be initiated, the railroad line would have to be moved farther south. These successive moves would eliminate necessary space for the Lauchstaedterstrasse detour. The boundaries of the airfield were finally determined.*
2. The agricultural fields located in a triangle north of the airfield, previously surveyed for the extension of the runway, were released and once again returned to cultivation.
3. The spur track probably circles the field. A locomotive was seen moving from the northeastern edge to the eastern edge of the field. It stopped at a point in line with the firing range at the southwestern section of the field.

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* Comment. For sketch of airfield, see Annex. The new boundaries of the field are precisely drawn on the basis of angular measurements. Preparations for the improvement of the Merseburg airfield began in September 1950. Construction had not yet begun

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but 25X1A will promptly commence as soon as favorable weather sets in. [REDACTED] sketch with the scheduled boundaries of the airfield, including the fields to the north now returned to cultivation, was previously forwarded. [REDACTED] another sketch showed the intended removal of Lauchstaedterstrasse. [REDACTED]

1 Annex: Sketch on ditto

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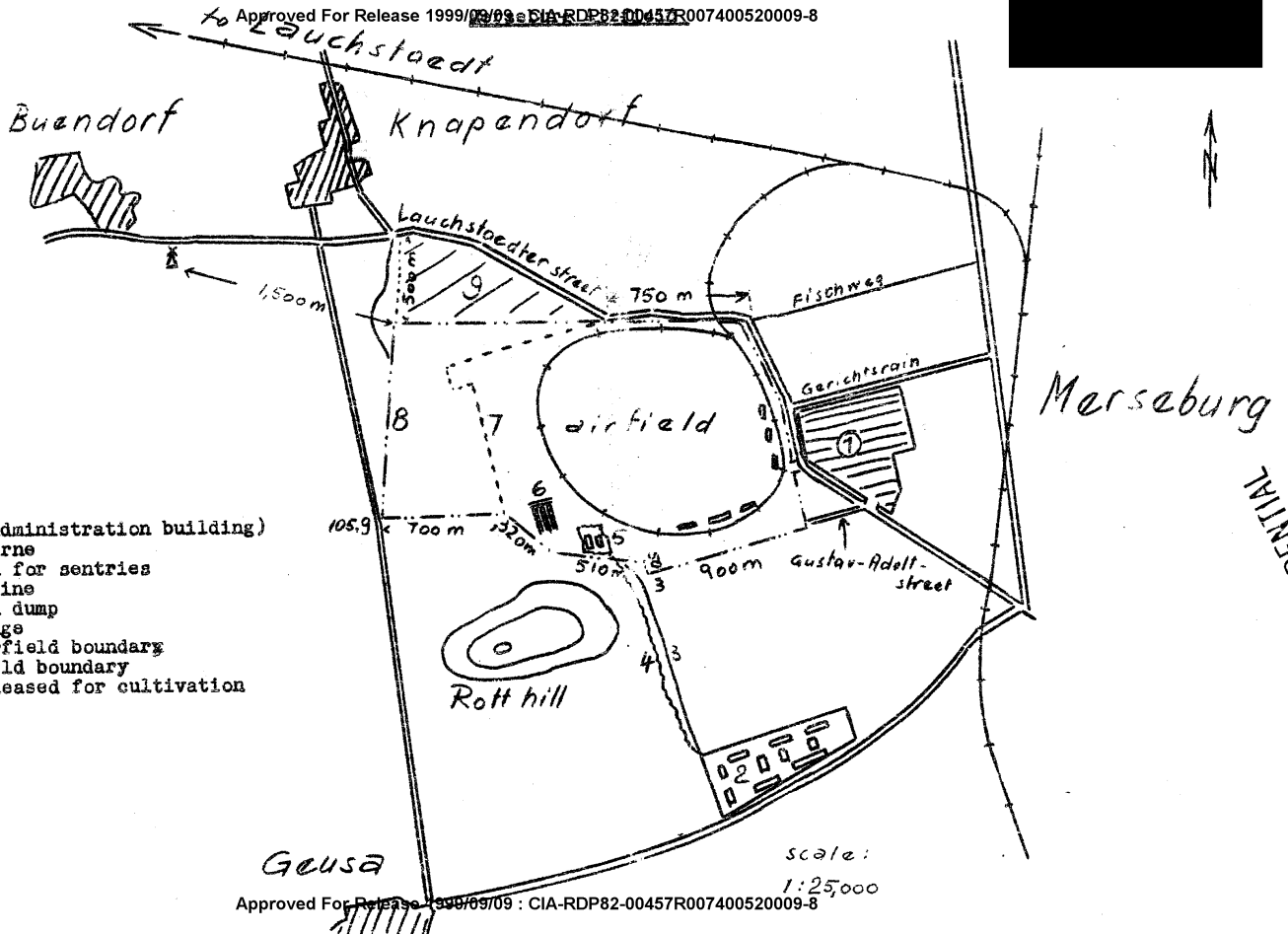
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- Legend:
- 1 - Airport (administration building)
 - Flak Kaserne
 - Field path for sentries
 - Electric line
 - Ammunition dump
 - Firing range
 - Former airfield boundary
 - New airfield boundary
 - Fields released for cultivation

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