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COUNTRY Polish-occupied Germany REPORT

TOPIC Sorau Airfield

EVALUATION [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 50X1

DATE OF CONTENT [redacted] 50X1-HUM

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] DATE PREPARED 3 May 1951

REFERENCES [redacted]

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REMARKS [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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1. An airfield was located on the northern perimeter of Sorau (O 52/B 16), between the roads leading to Benau (O 52/B 17) and Grabig (O 52/B 06). There was open terrain north of the field. The landing field was level and covered with grass. A concrete runway in good condition extended from southwest to northeast. \*
2. Three hangars, steel structures with vaulted roofs and each about 70 to 80 meters long, were located south of the runway. Taxiways led from the hangars to the runway. Two four-story brick buildings, similar to German barracks installations, were seen on the eastern edge of the field. The buildings were still vacant in the beginning of 1951. The doors, windows, and water pipes were dismantled. No other installations were seen at the field.
3. In the fall of 1950, civilian labor details, who were working for the Soviet Air Force stationed in Sagan-Kuepper (O 52/B 26), were engaged in dismantling the hangars at the Sorau airfield and re-assembling them at the Sagan-Kuepper airfield. This airfield was occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. Two hangars were completed by January 1951.
4. From 1940 to the beginning of 1951, the field was not occupied by Polish or Soviet Air Force troops nor was it guarded by sentries. The landing field was used as pasture land. \*\*
5. Aircraft which flew over Sorau were [redacted] 50X1-HUM stationed at the Sagan-Kuepper airfield. After the summer 1949, Soviet single-engine fighters with in-line engines, retractable landing gear, and a red Soviet star were frequently seen over Sorau. The aircraft, mostly in formations of up to 12 planes, practiced stunt flying. They were not seen after January 1951.
6. No four-engine aircraft or jet fighters were observed over Sorau up to January 1951.

\* [redacted] Comment. For location sketch of airfield, see Annex. The sketch is believed to be correct. No runway existed at the field at the end of the World War II.

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\*\*  Comment. The information is believed to be correct. According to another report, the Sagan-Kuepper airfield is occupied by one Soviet fighter regiment, among other units. 

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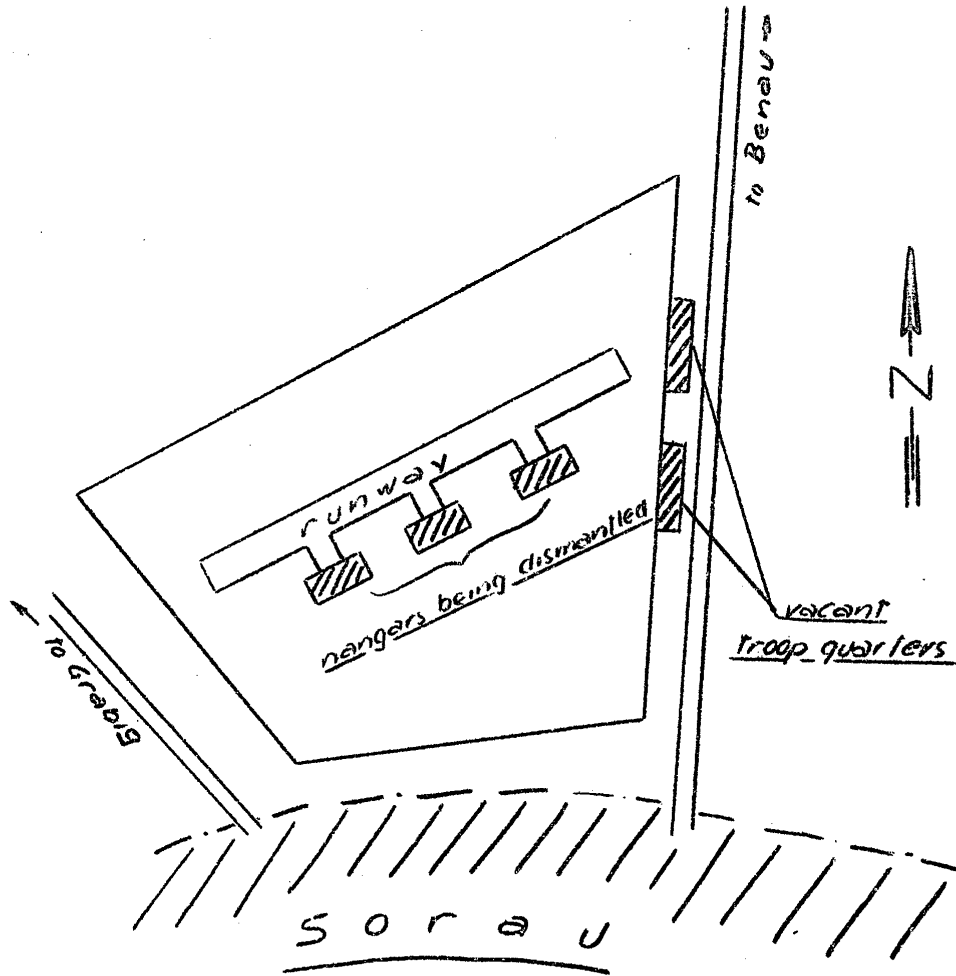
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1 Annex: Sketch.

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Sorau Airfield



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