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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 11 June 1951, it was observed that construction work at Welzow airfield was proceeding at a rapid pace. Work was being done in two shifts. A stretch of about 800 meters had been concreted. Leveling work had also made progress. Barracks were under construction at the northeast end of the field.
2. On 18 June 1951, it was observed that construction was being done on the runway at Welzow airfield. The runway was scheduled to be 3,000 meters long and was estimated to require approximately 550,000 tons of concrete. The layer of concrete was about 15 cm thick, the mixing ratio being 1:3. The completion date was fixed for August 1951. A total of 1,100 workers were employed at the field. Trucks  were observed. 50X1-HUM
3. Construction materials arriving at the field in May 1951 included 130 railroad cars with crushed stone, 103 boxcars with cement, 1 car with lumber, a field railroad locomotive and 5 Stalin-type tractors, 1 car with bricks, 2 cars with field railroad rails, 1 excavator, and 1 waterpillar tractor with a scraper in front.
4. On 26 June 1951, work on the construction of a runway at Welzow airfield was being accelerated.  the runway will be 3,400 meters long. The concrete layer was 20 cm thick. Reinforcing steel was not used. The runway will be 30 meters wide. The construction work was performed in such a way that concreted stretches 4 meters wide were alternated with unsurfaced stretches of the same width. On the day of observation a stretch 800 meters long and 40 meters wide was completed. 50X1-HUM
5. When completed, the field will cover an area of about 3,000 x 1,200 meters. The construction site did not appear to be guarded. Soviet soldiers were seen leveling the area and clearing the woods. The construction work was done by the Bau-Union firm of Dresden. The project had been classified as a priority I project. Gravel used for concreting work in grades from 10 to 25 mm were procured in the Hoyerswerda area. During some periods three trains with gravel were observed daily proceeding through Hoyerswerda in the direction of Welzow. \*

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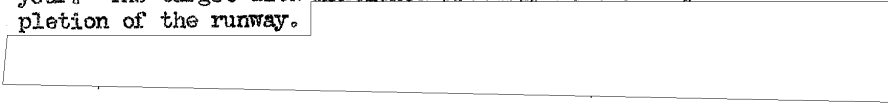
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\*  Comment. The report confirms the previously known construction work at Welzow airfield. The information contained in paragraph 2 is received for the first time. It is believed improbable that the construction will be completed by August of this year. The target data mentioned probably refers only to the completion of the runway.

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