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TOPIC Compilation of Information on Ammunition Depot near Klein-Wutersdorf

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REMARKS

SOURCE

1. Two large underground storage depots are available in the Klein-Wutersdorf (N 51/1 75) area. During the last war, these two installations allegedly housed plants engaged in the production of jet fighter aircraft.
2. The Rothensteiner Felsen depot is located about 1.5 km south of the village of Rothenstein, in the western side of the Saale River valley. Information on this depot was transmitted previously. * According to a sketch made in 1944, the installation has 12 galleries with entrances 2 meters wide and 2.5 meters high. The depot itself is about 4,000 meters long and consists of a network of galleries and natural open spaces. The galleries extend 500 to 600 meters into the side of the hill. There are 20 branch shafts, each of them 5 meters wide and 4 meters deep, also available. At the end of the war, the installation was half completed. The rock over the galleries and natural open spaces is believed to be 50 to 60 meters thick. This makes the installation absolutely invulnerable to air attacks. Post-war information on the installation is not available.
3. There is another underground installation immediately north of Gross-Wutersdorf, which is also built into the rocks in the side of a hill on the western bank of the Saale River. The installation is approximately 1,000 meters long. Exact data are, however, not available. [REDACTED] 25X1X
[REDACTED] the installation has 18 galleries, each of them 250 meters long and 3.5 meters wide. The installation allegedly, has only one entrance, which is continuously guarded by VP men. However, it is believed that there are more entrances, but source could not see them because they were well camouflaged. 25X1X
4. [REDACTED] the two installations were filled with ammunition in 1949. The strictest security measures were taken by the Soviets on this occasion, and part of the ammunition arrived at night. Further details are not available. In September 1950, the Rothensteiner Felsen depot was, allegedly, evacuated by the Soviets and turned over to German administration. *

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5. Efforts initiated four weeks ago with a view to obtain further information on the two installations have not had any results so far. No rail shipments have been dispatched to these installations recently. However, slow-down regulations issued by the regional railroad headquarters for the period of 23 September through 6 October 1951 point out that special caution is required on the railroad line passing the installations because of "danger of explosions". This indicates that the two depots are still filled.

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