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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 431

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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1. Between 5 November and 2 December 1951, two MiG-15s were parked in the northwestern corner of Brandis airfield. The planes which belonged to the unit previously stationed at the field occasionally made local flights. (1) At noon on 2 December, seven additional swept-back jet fighters whose rudder assemblies, however, appeared to be of different configuration, were parked on the runway. The landing of these planes was not observed. No aircraft crates were seen. Trucks [REDACTED] were observed. (2)

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2. The runway was extended to the west 80 to 100 meters beyond the Polenz-Machern highway and to the east as far as the Polenz-Loulitz highway. (3) An approach lane about 160 meters wide and 300 meters long was cut into the wooded area as an extension of the runway beyond the highway. A cabin having the appearance of a DF station was erected at the end of the approach lane. However, no antennas were seen because of the distance. A telephone line suspended from poles about 5 meters high extended from the cabin along the southern edge of the field to the target range in the southwestern corner of the installation. The railroad tank cars were usually emptied in the area behind the hangars, which was not visible. The bunkers erected at the east and west ends of the runway were used as shelters by sentries. According for the crews of the alert planes and were provided with bunks. The airfield employee further stated that a colonel, a major, and a captain, all of whom were addressed as commandant, were assigned to the field and that about 1,000 men, including numerous recruits, all wearing blue epaulets, were stationed there.

3. The radio installation with four masts, previously located at the southern edge of the field, was removed in early November 1951. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms that the fighter regiment left Brandis airfield. It is believed possible that a small rear detail to which the two MiG-15s belong remained at the field.
- (2) The statements on new jet aircraft, probably MiG-15s, agree with the information furnished by another source who has observed a new regiment at the field since 7 December 1951. [REDACTED] only short individual flights, possibly test flights, were made by the planes. The motor vehicle numbers were previously observed at the field. They probably belong to the GATB assigned to the fighter regiment previously stationed at the field.

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- (3) The enlargement of the field to the west was previously reported by another [REDACTED]
- (4) From radio traffic observed after 2 December it is believed that the radio installation has been reerected.

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