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1. The "Serp i Molot" threshing machine plant is located on the eastern edge of Kharkov (50°00'N/36°15'E), Ukrainian SSR. (1)

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2. Bombs with an estimated weight of 200 kg were produced in workshop of the plant from about 1945 to April 1949,

3. Early in 1949 it was rumored at the plant that the production of aircraft parts was to be started. About May 1949 Soviet workers said that the production of threshers would be terminated. Sections of the plant were surrounded by fences and declared off limits to all PWs. The arrival of new machinery was noticed and young Soviet workers joined the plant work force. (3) In July 1949 Soviet workers said that they would soon get higher wages since aircraft parts were going to be produced at the plant. They pointed out the fact that a model of the plane to be produced had already arrived and that officers and government employees from Moscow had inspected the plant recently. (4)

4. [redacted] a disassembled aircraft loaded on a large truck arrived at the plant in June 1949. This plane was fitted with an in-line engine and conventional wings. [redacted] a small plane parked at the edge of the factory area in July 1949. Occasionally the plane was taken into the plant. Drawing boards with designs of aircraft components were accidentally seen in one of the plant buildings about mid-July 1949. Two weeks later the PW camp was shifted from the factory area. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) For plant location sketch, see Annex 1.
- (2) The manufacture of ammunition seems to have started about one year prior to the conversion of the plant to aircraft production.
- (3) This probably concerns the 14 foot presses mentioned [redacted]

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- (4) These inspections were probably made by acceptance commissions of the Ministry of the Air Armament Industry. This also supports the assumption that the reported plant was incorporated into the armament industry.
- (5) For sketch of this aircraft, see Annex 2. The attached sketch of this plane is believed to be incorrect and therefore makes its identification impossible. From all available information it appears, however, that the plane concerned, a two-seater craft, was fitted with an in-line engine and conventional wings and rudder assembly. \*

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