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Breslau-Langenau Airfield

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1. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 16 August 1951, source observed the airfield south of Langenau (P 52/C 52). Most of the low wooden buildings which had been built north of the field prior to 1945 were destroyed by fire. The landing field had a grass cover and no hard-surface runways. No underground fuel containers, night landing facilities, radio installation or weather station were available. The approach roads to the field and to the training area located north and west of the landing field were blocked by barriers. Some of the houses of Langenau and Gross Raake (P 52/C 52) were destroyed.

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2. [redacted] the villages of Langenau and Gross Raake were vacated by the civilian population in February and March 1950. The destruction in the villages had allegedly not occurred during the war but as a result of firing practice with live ammunition conducted by Polish artillery. Student pilots of Breslau-Gandau (P 52/C 41) airfield were allegedly quartered in a building north of the field; the flight instructors daily returned to Breslau-Gandau.

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3. [redacted] Langenau airfield is being used by student pilots of the Polish pilot school in Breslau-Gandau. The aircraft are supplied with fuel by a tank truck from Breslau-Gandau. During flying activity, about 200 pilot students allegedly practice take-offs and landings. About 16 two-seater biplanes with fixed landing gears and radial engines are said to land at the field in favorable weather. [redacted] single engine fighters of the Polish Air Force unit from Breslau-Schoengarten (P 52/C 31) airfield practiced firing at sleeve targets at Langenau airfield and the adjacent training area. Allegedly no flights with gliders were seen over the field. *

* Comment. Breslau-Langenau airfield is being used as a training field by the pilot school stationed at Breslau-Gandau airfield. This is probable because Breslau-Gandau airfield is located on the perimeter of Breslau and, therefore, would be unsuitable for primary pilot training. It is also believed credible that the troop training grounds in the surroundings of Breslau-Langenau are used for firing practices at sleeve targets by the Polish fighter unit which is stationed in Breslau-Schoengarten. For pin-point location of Breslau-Langenau airfield, see annex.

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Attachment

Annex to III

- 1 Quarters
- 2 Low wooden buildings burned down
- 3 Boundary of troop training grounds
- 4 Guarded fixed blocks
- 5 Evacuated villages

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