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- 25X1 1. Between 2 and 25 January 1952, day flying was practiced by swept-back jet planes at Puetnitz airfield. The aircraft took off individually and assembled aloft in a formation. They mostly flew in a formation of three planes, sometimes in a formation of up to 15 planes. The field was heavily guarded by Soviet Air Force patrols and sentries.
- 2. A group of workers of Karen Dauunion was completing work on the spur track from Damgarten railroad station. This railroad siding was to be accepted by a railroad commission. The railroad bed needed reinforcement. Although work was under way individual railroad cars were shunted on this track to the field. During the period from 3 to 25 January, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., 5 railroad tank cars and 1 boxcar with a trailer, both loaded with ammunition, arrived at the field. No flatcars with plywood boxes, as observed during the early days of the occupation of the field, arrived there.
- 3. About 30 women were employed in the kitchen and in custodial work. German firemen, locksmiths and joiners were also employed at the field. The Germans said that the runway was occasionally covered with water although there were facilities for drainage. Therefore, it was rumored that the jet planes were to be transferred. *

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The report confirms the occupation of Puetnitz airfield by a fighter regiment which was repeatedly observed by another source after mid-November 1951. The exact strength of the regiment is not known. In addition to the regiment a fighter division headquarters is also stationed in Puetnitz. The nearby bay of the Baltic Sea may account for the ground humidity observed at the field. No information has been received on a planned evacuation of the field by the air unit.

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