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TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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1. During the period from 20 to 28 January 1952, the number of aircraft stationed at Merseburg airfield remained constant. Eight jet fighters were parked in a row at the eastern end of the runway. Fifteen to twenty men, half of them in flying suits, were continuously observed near these planes, both day and night. The remainder of the aircraft were kept in the hangars. There was no flying throughout the period of observation. *

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2. On 25 January, the radio installation with four masts was moved to the northeast. ** Radio truck [redacted] which had a rod antenna eight to 10 meters high, was observed 20 meters west of the previous location of the radio installation. The radio truck had a mast five to seven meters long fitted with a horizontal bar at its top, from which seven horizontal rods, 1.5 to 2 meters long, evenly spaced extended. *** Another radio truck was observed 10 meters west of this truck. [redacted]

3. On 28 January, there was no flying at the field. On 30 January, 10 jet fighters were observed parked in a row in front of an open hangar. Seven single engine low-wing monoplanes and three biplanes were observed in the northwestern corner of the field. After 2 p.m. jet fighters made practice flights. They took off in groups of two in quick succession from east to west. After 10 minutes they landed individually at intervals of about two minutes. They took off again five to ten minutes later. Flying was discontinued about 4 p.m. There was a northwesterly wind and a high degree of cloudiness. The runway had been cleared of snow. [redacted]

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* [redacted] Comment. According to a report [redacted] nine more MiG-15s arrived at the field so that a total of 16 MiG-15s are stationed there now. [redacted]

[redacted]. The fighter regiment at Merseburg, which is in the process of activation is the first of such regiments in which a sizable increase of aircraft equipment has been observed.

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** [redacted] Comment. For new location of the Adcock DF station, see Annex.

*** [redacted] Comment. The installation is a Rus-2 type radar set the presence of which is reported for the first time in Merseburg.

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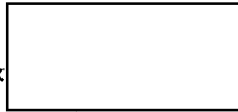
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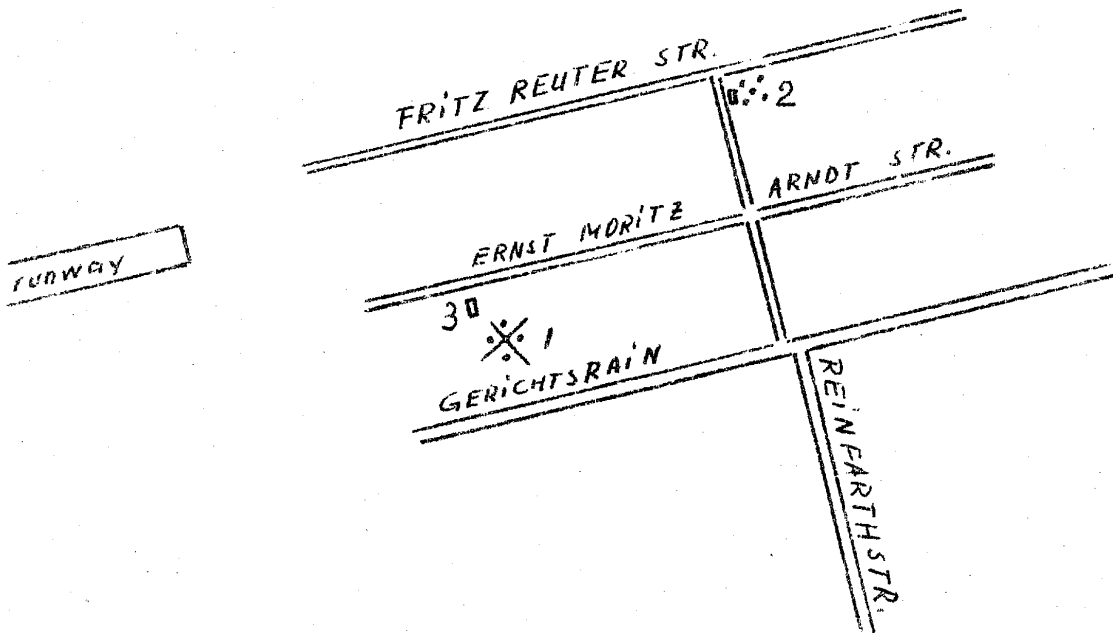
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Annex



Location of Adcock DF Station at Horseburg Airfield.



Legend:

- 1 Previous location of Adcock DF station
- 2 New location of DF station
- 3 Location of ANS-2 type radar set