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TOPIC Construction of an Airfield Near Holthusen-Buchholz

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- 1. [redacted] The construction of a narrow-gauge field railroad line crossing the Holthusen-Ludwigslust railroad line was planned. \*
- 2. Between 1 and 8 February, [redacted] plans for the construction of Holthusen-Buchholz airfield were started in mid-October 1951 and that work proper was begun on 2 January 1952. The completion date of the project was fixed for 25 August 1952. The Waren Baunion has the contract for the work. 25X1
- 3. The site for the field is in a state owned forest. An area of 400 x 2,800 meters is to be cleared. \*\* A 50-meter stretch both north and south of the projected field was cleared of trees but the stumps have not been uprooted. The top soil will be removed. Grading will be done by a Soviet unit which has not yet arrived. No Soviet construction supervisor had arrived.
- 4. Twenty office personnel and 160 workers were employed at the field. Equipment available includes two stump grubbers, one powered by a Diesel engine and one Huebzahl type caterpillar tractor. The trees in the southern section between stations 0 and 20 were uprooted. The portion of the wooded area opposite the construction material dump (Bauhof) was cleared, and the logs were being hauled away. Clearing was being done on a site of about 70,000 square meters near station 35.
- 5. No contract for the construction of hangars had been awarded. While working the terrain, particular attention was given to avoid uneven spots on the ground. Holes were, therefore, filled with particular care. As the contract was placed by the air force construction staff, the Baunion believed that an airfield was to be built there. Great stress was placed on the fact that the field was to be constructed not far from a heath in order to save the transportation costs of humus. This project was about 6 to 7 km from a swamp. No spur track was available. The project was designated "O 11" by the border construction staff.
- 6. According to Deputy Construction Chief Loebel (fnu), 1,300,000 eastmarks was tentatively granted. This sum would suffice only for the establishment of the construction sites and the cutting and uprooting of trees. The actual cost of the project is to be determined by a detailed tabulation of all the services

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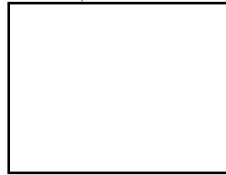
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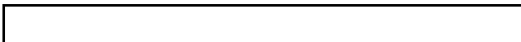
required cannot be provided by the construction staff, some of the work will be performed by Soviet units.

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the soil consisted of a top layer of heath of 6 to 8 cm, a sand layer slightly mixed with humus up to 15 cm, and another layer of fine grained gravel with a slight admixture of loam and marl. \*\*

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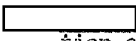
surveying was done by the Dresden Bauunion in Letzow which is located on the narrow-gauge field railroad line to Mauern between Senzke and Mauern. The Bauunions of Brandenburg and Dresden had allegedly refused to take the contract for this work. It is possible that Waren Bauunion, which already inspected the construction site, will get the contract for the Letzow project. \*\*\*

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Comment. For copy of document, see Annex 1. The railroad line is used to transport the earth required for grading the airfield near Holthusen--25X1 Buchholz.

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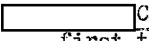


Comment. The planned construction of an airfield near Holthusen--Buchholz was previously reported [redacted]

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[redacted] This information is believed to be correct. The location of the field in a wooded and swampy area indicates that a training field is to be constructed there.

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Comment. The construction of an airfield in Letzow is reported for the first time.

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