

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. [Redacted] the steel runway mats, the shipment of which to Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield was previously reported, were packed in bundles of 20 units. The mats were about 5 mm thick. [Redacted]

25X1 [Redacted] the number of mats available would suffice for a runway. Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets transloaded the mats using a crane operated by hand. On each day of observation, at least one and sometimes even three carloads were unloaded at Bindersleben airfield. The mats were always hauled to the field on the same truck. *

25X1 25X1 2. After 1 June, an estimated 10 jet fighters were stationed at the field. There was intensive flying activity. Mostly take-offs and landings were made, probably to acquaint the pilots with the field. **

3. On 8 June, two railroad tank cars with gasoline arrived at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield coming from Aken-Elbe. The shipment was dispatched by Unit [Redacted]

25X1 [Redacted] Comment. For sketch of steel mats [Redacted] It is believed that the mats will be used for the construction of an auxiliary runway.

25X1 [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] the aircraft [Redacted] are MiG-15s of the fighter regiment in Brandis. It is believed that these aircraft were temporarily transferred to Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield so that the pilots of the new fighter regiment in Brandis may practice take-offs and landings at airfield without a hard-surface runway. It is not known whether an auxiliary runway was constructed by 1 June by means of the steel mats [Redacted]

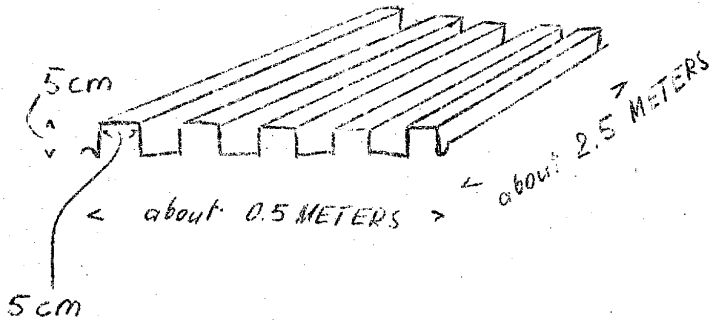
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Bent Steel Plate Observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield



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