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- 1. The following aircraft and air activities were observed at Alt-Loennwitz airfield between 25 May and 5 June 1952:

25 May. There was no flying activity at the field. It rained heavily.

26 May. About 8:30 a.m., no flying was observed while it was raining. An alert flight of six MiG-15s was observed at the east end of the runway day and night. The planes pointed to the south.

27 May. Between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., 28 individual single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were counted crossing the field. There was a light rain.

28 May. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., 24 MiG-15s crossed the field.

29 May. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., 26 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes individually crossed the field. Between 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., 32 MiG-15s were counted flying individually over the field. It started raining.

30 May. Between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. formation flying in elements of two and flights was observed.

31 May. Between 8:30 and 9 a.m., a U-2 [redacted] practiced flying. After 8:45 a.m., a twin-engine plane with a double rudder assembly was observed aloft. The plane towed a target which was approached by individual MiG-15s. At 9:45 a.m., individual flights were made by MiG-15s.

1 June. There was no flying.

2 June. Two MiG-15s with vapor trails were observed flying at a high altitude.

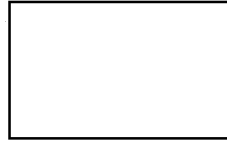
3 June. About 10 a.m., eight MiG-15s made individual flights.

About 1 p.m. eight MiG-15s took off successively from east to west. A few minutes later, six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes took off. During the morning, 14 MiG-15s and 4 single-engine planes were parked in front of the hangars and 6 additional MiG-15s were aloft. The contours of an unidentified

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number of aircraft were observed in four hangars. Cranes and work benches were seen in the westernmost hangar and a plane was suspended on the chains of a crane midway between the floor and roof in the hangar. *

4 June. Between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. 63 MiG-15s and 40 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were observed crossing the field. The sky was cloudless.

5 June. Between 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., four MiG-15s made individual flights across the field at a high altitude. Vapor trails were observed emerging from the planes. Between 2 and 6 p.m. individual flights were made by MiG-15s and single-engine, low-wing monoplanes. There were no clouds. **

- 25X1 2. On 3 June, [redacted] a concrete taxiway extended along hangars 1 through 5. In line with hangar 4, this taxiway was connected with the runway by a communication lane. [redacted] the repair track did not terminate east of the hangars, as previously assumed, but that it extended to a point behind the north front of hangar 1. A loading ramp extended along the north front of this hangar.
- 25X1 3. About 9 a.m. on 31 May, eight motor vehicles loaded with timber moved toward Belgern coming from the field. [redacted] About 9:30 a.m., the motor vehicles, including a truck [redacted] were observed coming from the direction of Belgern. Several motor vehicles, including trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] all of which were loaded with timber, went toward Belgern until 4 p.m. ***

25X1 * [redacted] Comment. This first information on the number of aircraft at the field probably is correct. In addition to the 22 MiG-15s which were observed at the field or in the air, other MiG-15s were probably parked in the four hangars. This supports the assumption that the new fighter regiment at the field is equipped with about 30 MiG-15s. The western hangar no doubt is the repair hangar.

25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. The status of training of the fighter regiment is comparable to that of the other new fighter regiments. It includes formation flying in elements of two and flights, firing at sleeve targets and high-altitude flights by individual planes. Training in a formation of more than squadron strength has not been observed with the nine newly organized fighter regiments.

25X1 *** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] probably made an error in the direction in which the timber was transported, since [redacted] observed on 31 May that six cars loaded with pine trees allegedly for fence construction were shipped from Letzebrand to Alt-Loennewitz. 25X1

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