

TOPIC Airfield under Construction in Schorfheide 25X1EVALUATION 25X1 [redacted] PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1

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REMARKS

1. On 1 August 1952, [redacted] construction on a new airfield in Schorfheide was started. The site in the woods was cleared by special details who were equipped with motor frame saws. It was allegedly intended to engage about 2,000 Germans to work at the field. It was rumored that an ammunition dump was to be established near the field. (1)
2. On 1 August, it was observed that a cantonment was under construction in the area northwest of Grossvaeter. Eight temporary buildings of the type formerly used by the Reich Labor Service were erected. They were occupied by the Soviet construction staff, the chief of which was a colonel who wore red-bordered golden epaulets, and the German construction management [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 60 temporary buildings were to be erected for the workers and, subsequently, the construction of barracks installations was to start. [redacted] the workers would be employed until the end of 1952 which is the target date for completion of the airfield. [redacted] the arrival of 6,000 tons of cement for the runway at the large airfield was expected soon. (2)
In late July, two barges carrying prefabricated houses and building material were unloaded in Zehdenick. The material was hauled away on trucks [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the material came from Potsdam and was destined for the site in the woods near Gruenewald. (3)
3. [redacted] construction on a new airfield in Schorfheide was to start this year. The concrete installations were to be constructed different from those at Brand and Welzow airfields. Large hangars were to be erected.
4. On 2 August, signboards were set up at the intersection of the roads leading from Gross Doelln to Vogelsang and from Gruenewald to the forester's house at Kappe Schluess. These signboards which can be seen when coming from Gross Doelln or Vogelsang bore the inscription: "Building Enterprise Walter Guenther, Engineer, Dresden, Railroad Construction Project Gruenewald." Three large wooden buildings in U-shape, probably for the storage of building material, were observed about 1 km south of Vogelsang railroad station, east of the Zehdenick-Templin road. A spur track branched off from the Loewenberg-Templin railroad line. It crossed Zehdenick-Templin road exactly half way between kilometer markers 15.6 and 15.7, continued in

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a curve, passed through the northern half of Jagen (forest-subarea) 129 and 130 and terminated at a point in line with Bergluch. The further expansion of the spur track could not be observed. The woods along the spur track was cleared to a width of 10 meters. Work on the embankment was started along the spur track from the main railroad line as far as a few 100 meters into the woods. The top of the embankment was staked off to a width of about 4 meters from which [redacted] a single-line spur track was to be constructed. No ties or rails were observed being stored there. A 2-meter-high board fence was being erected around the clearing. The timber which had been cut at the site and sawn to boards in the Vietnamsdorf sawmill was used for this fence. (4)

5. [redacted] clearing work at the site in Schorfheide had been started before 5 August, that an area of 400,000 square meters was to be concreted and that billets estimated to cost 2.8 million eastmarks were to be constructed. (5)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The reported construction of an ammunition dump may be correct because of the large size of the airfield under construction.
- (2) Grossvater is located about 4 km south-southeast of the field. See Map GSGS 4411, Sheet 2947. The construction of 60 temporary buildings for workers indicates that a sizeable number of workers are to be employed at the site.
- (3) Zehdenik is located along the Neuruppin-Templin railroad line about 40 km southwest of Templin, at the Havel Canal. [redacted]
- (4) For location sketch of airfield, see Annex. The three temporary buildings probably stored construction material for the spur track. For pinpoint locations of the individual villages, [redacted] Noteworthy is the erection of a 2-meter-high board fence around the field which is only in the initial stage of construction.
- (5) If the reported size of the concrete area is correct the runway, taxiways and connecting lanes should be of the usual dimensions.

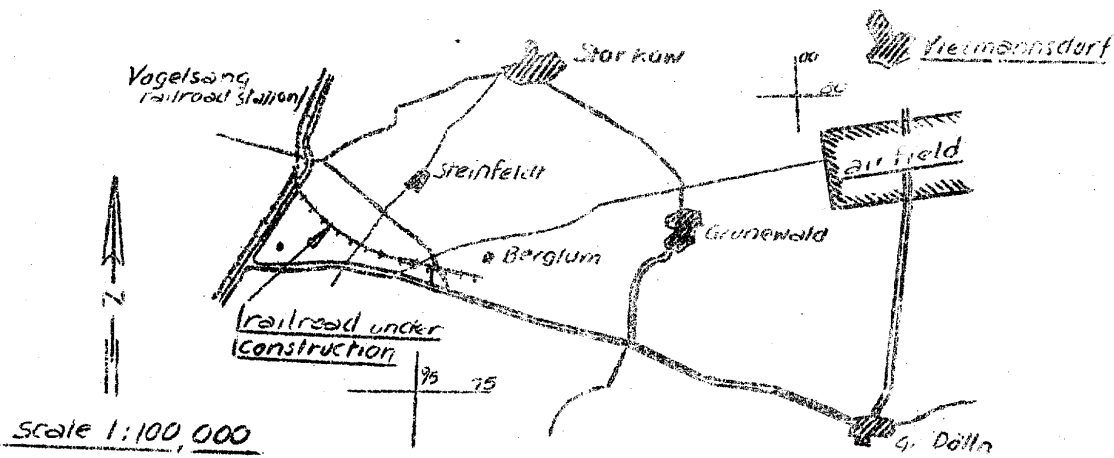
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Annex to



Location Sketch of Airfield under Construction in Schorfheide



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