

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Airfield under Construction in Schorfheide

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 August 1952, a lieutenant colonel with a red brassard <sup>requested</sup> information from Major Vironenko (fnu) in Werder about the construction staff in Brand. On 7 August, Major Ivshin (fnu) who temporarily replaced Lieutenant Colonel Smirnov (fnu) inspected Brand airfield and stated that construction work on the airfield in Schorfheide will be carried out exclusively by the Brand construction staff beginning in November or December 1952. while, up to that date, work will be performed by the Schoenwalde construction staff and the Bauunion in Brandenburg. Major Vironenko will be the supervisor in Schorfheide. \*
2. Between 3 and 10 August, the clearing of woods was almost completed at the site in Schorfheide. The timber was piled up at the site while the small branches were burnt immediately. Two steam locomotives to be used for uprooting arrived at the field. A section of Cross Doeiln-Vietmannsdorf road which extends through the area of the field was blocked by barriers and guarded by Soviet sentries.
3. A strip of woods was cleared for the spur track to Vogelsang. A section of the terrain was graded as far as a point about 1.5 km south-southeast of Crunewald on 8 August.
4. A foreman at the field said that the area for the barracks installations and temporary buildings is to extend from the southeastern edge of the field almost as far as Grossvaeter. According to the foreman's blueprint of the construction plan, or 10 buildings were to be erected. \*\*
5. A large portion of the Soviet construction staff was composed of civilian engineers and many women. Other administrative offices, such as the personnel bureau, employed Russian women. The organization was still very bad. An engineer officer said that even the Soviet construction staff has not yet seen the entire construction plan, probably for security reasons. The Soviet engineers and a Soviet motor transport detail, which allegedly arrived from Leipzig, were quartered in tents.
6. The German construction staff, whose responsibilities were apparently not yet defined was housed in two temporary buildings. Some laborers of the German construction firms had previously worked on the canal by-pass around Berlin. Drilling for water and the laying of cables were in progress in the area on a large scale.

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7. During the work hours, security measures at the site were rather poor because the organization was new. The issuance of passes with photographs for the workers was started. In off-duty hours, the area was off limits for Germans.

25X1\* Comment. If the construction staff in Brand will actually be charged with the construction of the airfield in Schorfheide it can be concluded that work in Brand will be completed by November or December 1952. Major Ivshin negotiated in Brand concerning improvement work on the runway. Lieutenant Colonel Smirnov who is assigned to the Construction Staff North is responsible for the financing of construction work at the airfield. Major Mironenko is the construction superintendent at Brand, Cottbus and Melzow airfields. It is possible that he was also charged with the supervision of the construction at Schorfheide airfield.

25X1\*\* Comment. For sketch of construction site, see sketch A on Annex. For layout sketch of buildings, see sketch B on Annex.

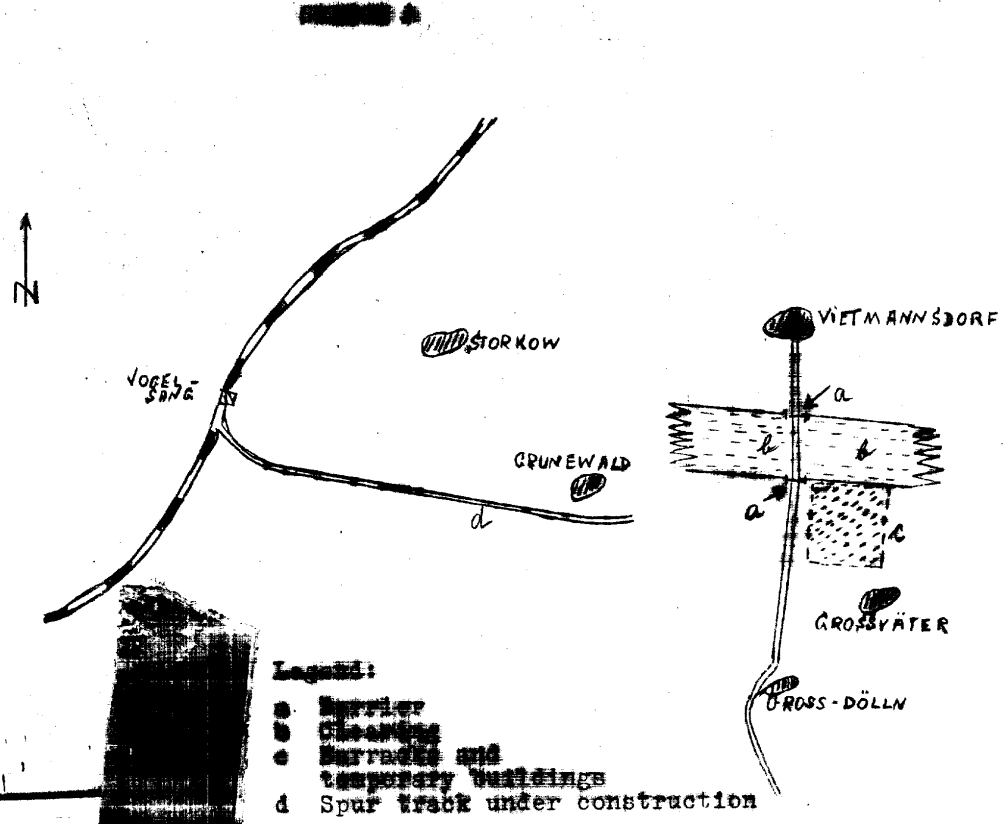
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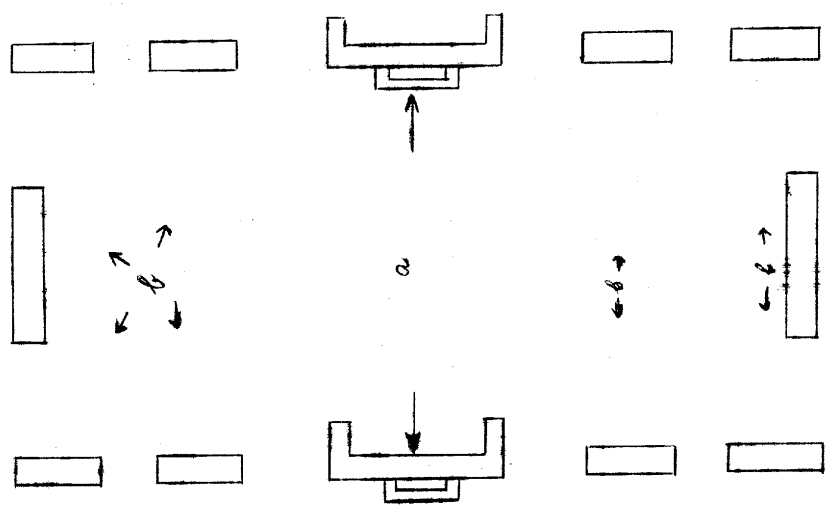


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**ANNEX 2**  
**Buildings**



- Legend:**
- a Three-story headquarters buildings
  - b Two-story buildings

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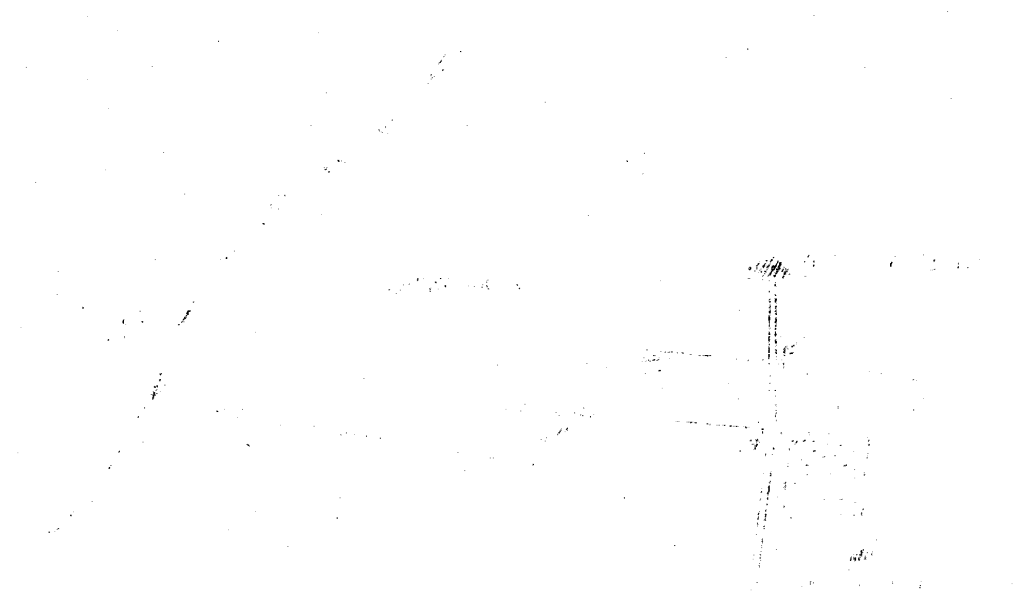
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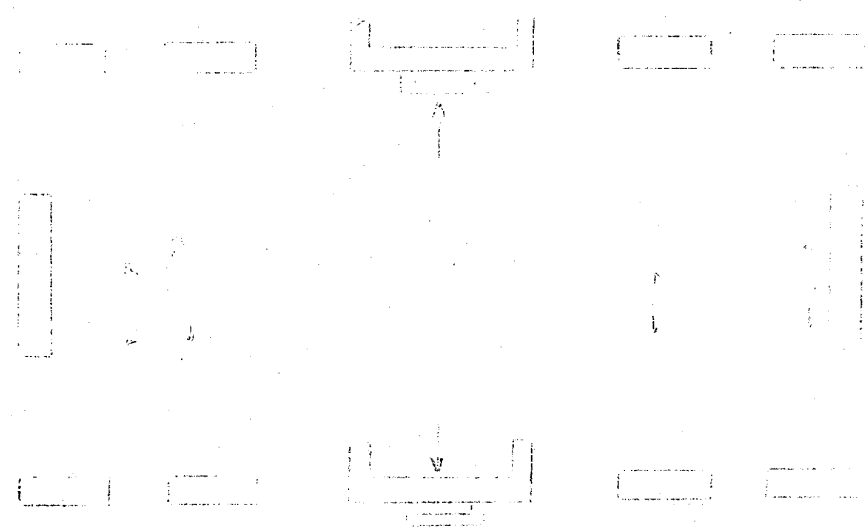
SKETCH A



Legend:

- a Barrier
- b Clearing
- c Barracks and temporary buildings
- d Spur track under construction

SKETCH B  
Buildings



Legend:

- 1 Three-story four-quarter buildings
- 2 Two-story buildings