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1. Wiener Neustadt (G 48/X 34). On 27 and 30 September 1952, aircraft parked at Wiener Neustadt airfield in front of the flight control building and east of it along the road to Baden, included 15 MiG-15 and 9 or 10 aircraft, probably IL-28s. The depression in front of the pyrotechnic plant could not be observed. Between 2 and 6 p.m. on 27 September, flying was practiced by MiG-15s during a 7/10 overcast. On 30 September, the airfield was observed between 4 and 6 p.m. There was a 5/10 overcast, and no flying. From local residents it was learned, however, that flying by jet and conventional aircraft had been practiced before 3 p.m. On 6 and 9 October between 4 and 6 p.m., only one MiG-15 [redacted] and one IL-28 landed at the field. Both aircraft taxied to the flight control building where the other aircraft were parked.¹

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2. According to the statements of local residents, the former Militarakademie in Wiener Neustadt was still occupied by Russians. About 30 trucks were observed in the cantonment west of town. Four of these trucks were loaded with an AA machine gun, and five trucks were towing AA guns with flash hiders. Trucks observed [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, [redacted] with artillery insignia on the side and driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. Between 8:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 8 October, 10 aircraft, probably IL-28s, were parked at the flight control building at the airfield. One Pe-2 with a short canopy and two Pe-2s with a long canopy were parked on Theresienfeld at the northeastern border of the field. There was no flying during clear weather, a 6/10 overcast and a light wind. Maintenance work was done on several IL-28s.²

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4. There were only two trucks left in the garages of the former Nachrichten-Kaserne. Three sedans and two trucks with field kitchens were parked in the court yard.² Five AA guns with flash hiders and 21 trucks, five of them with mounted AA machine guns were observed in the cantonment west of the town. Truck [redacted] and tank truck [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen at the motor vehicle repair shop at the eastern border of the airfield. Truck [redacted] was observed at Theresienfeld, motor vehicle [redacted] in front of Nachrichtenkaserne, and motor vehicle [redacted] in the court of Artilleriekaserne. The drivers of the two last

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mentioned vehicles wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

5. Aspern (P 49/X 49). Between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., on 6 October, 28 Pe-2s and 28 MiG-15s were parked at Aspern airfield. Local residents had seen twin-engine jet aircraft at the field several days ago.³ Flying with MiG-15s started after 11:30 a.m. There was clear weather, a west wind and a visibility of about 10 km. The MiG-15s took off in elements of two for flights of five to 10 minutes. After the landing, they were towed by trucks or weapons carriers back to their parking area.

[redacted] All jet fighters were equipped with wing tip tanks which apparently were larger than the ones previously observed.⁵ The flying was accomplished in a very disciplined and exact manner.

6. Motor vehicles observed included 13 trucks and one radio truck with two rod antennas near the former Tanklager Ost, and two van-like trucks near the road from Aspern to Gross Enzersdorf (P 49/X 59). Fire truck [redacted] trucks [redacted] both loaded with billeting equipment, and truck [redacted] the driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were parked near the garages at the flight control building. Six tank trucks were parked at Tanklager West. Jeep [redacted] the driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and sedans [redacted] were parked in front of the Kommandantura at Aspern Military Post. Truck [redacted] the driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen in front of the officers billets. About 40 EM with black-bordered blue epaulets were standing in front of No 4 Siegesplatz. The long wire antenna which was observed there on 15 September had been dismantled again.

7. Gross Enzersdorf was observed between 1:30 and 3 p.m. on 6 October. Truck [redacted] loaded with ration boxes, driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and truck [redacted] driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of former Konradkaserne.

8. Deutsch Wagram (P 49/S 50). The airfield was not occupied. Thirty two splinter proof revetments were apparently completed. They were of the same type as the ones at Wiener Neustadt and Voestau airfields. A temporary wooden building near the aircraft repair shop in Deutsch Wagram was occupied. The motor vehicle park was apparently vacant, and only individual Russians were seen in town.

9. The camp at the edge of the wood at Strasshof appeared to be unoccupied. Guards wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted there. The largest building in the camp had broken windows, and the fence was damaged. Truck [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment came from the direction of Deutsch Wagram and drove to this building. Both drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets.⁶

10. Goetzendorf (P 49/X 47). Between 8 and 11 a.m. on 9 October, aircraft observed at Goetzendorf airfield included 42 Pe-2s, 2 Boston A-20s and 3 Aira Cobra F-63A s. There was 3/10 overcast at a cloud base of 2,500 meters. No flying was observed.

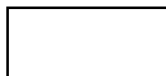
11. Two fuel trucks, one radio truck and two grading machines were parked near the temporary buildings of the flight control station. Truck [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, drove to the flight control building. Twenty-six trucks, 8 van-like trucks and 6 tank trucks were parked in the yard and the garages of the kommandatura there. Trucks observed [redacted] All drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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12. Margarethen/Moos was observed between 1 and 2 p.m. on 9 October. Four AA guns with a caliber of about 80 mm and with muzzle brakes, four AA guns with flash hiders and 12 motor vehicles were observed in the yard. About 80 men were engaged in athletics; some of them wore uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets.
13. Bad Voeslau (O 48/X 36). Between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on 7 October, 18 Pe-2s and 1 Li-2 were seen at Bad Voeslau airfield. There was no flying at 4/10 overcast and a visibility of about 10 km. The two lines of five splinterproof revetments along the road to Wiener Neustadt were completed. Five additional ones were under construction at the southwestern border of the field. The revetments were of the same type as the ones seen at Wiener Neustadt. The radio installations were unchanged.
14. The komendatura was observed between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 7 October. Trucks trailers and tank truck were parked in the yard. A guard wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted at Schloss Voeslau. No movements were determined at Schloss Gainfarn. No sentry was posted at the billets at Theresienhof.
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- 25X1 2. Comment. Except for a landing with IL-28 type aircraft, no flying activity has been reported since the arrival of the IL-28s. It has not yet been determined whether these IL-28s were to replace conventional aircraft of the bomber or reconnaissance unit of the Fifty-ninth Air Army or whether they were for retraining purposes.
- 25X1 3. Comment. The presence of twin engine jet aircraft at the field requires confirmation.
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- 25X1 5. Comment. MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks, larger than usually observed, were also reported from East Germany. It can be assumed that the fighter aircraft of the Fifty-ninth Air Army are also being equipped with these tanks which have a capacity of about 70 gallons.
- 25X1 6. Comment. It is assumed that the two fighter regiments which, during the past months, were stationed in Aspern and Parndorf, are to return to their previous base at Deutschagram airfield.
- 25X1 7. Comment. The airfields in Austria have systematically been equipped with splinterproof revetments.

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