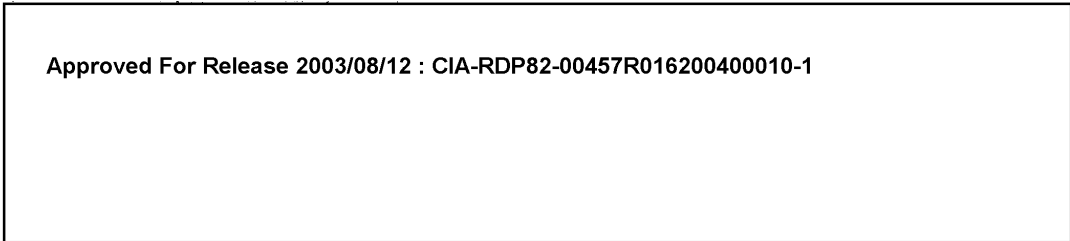


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1. [Redacted] Riga-Spilve (56-59N, 21-04E) airfield was about 2,500 meters long from north to south and 2,000 meters in length from east to west. The field had a spur track coming from the south and was connected by a road with the cement plant southeast of the field. The field had a grass cover. A concrete runway was not observed; however, the view of the installation was obstructed. Aircraft which took off used to raise heavy clouds of dust. No hangars or permanent hardstands were seen. There seemed to be a taxiway in the southern portion of the installation. A high radio tower with a red obstacle light on its top was seen at the sea plane base bordering the airfield to the north.

2. Ten to 14 single-seater, swept-back jet fighters were almost continuously seen parked at the east side of the field, about 100 meters west of a highway paralleling the Dvina River. The planes had an air intake in the nose and an air outlet in the rear, swept-back tail assemblies, elevator assemblies set rather high, and they were fitted with nose wheels and auxiliary fuel tanks in the outward third of the wings. The jet fighters were guarded by Soviet sentries. About 40 aircraft of various types, apparently piston engine aircraft, were parked in high brushwood in the western portion of the field.

3. [Redacted]

The jet planes almost always took off in a northwesterly direction, circled over the field, and then crossed the Dvina River at an altitude of 50 to 200 meters and headed toward the sea. Two planes would take off at intervals of about 30 seconds. [Redacted] on 30 July, four aircraft took off in succession, headed toward the sea, and returned after about one hour at a great altitude from the south, landing at the field within 20 minutes. The jet fighters seen at the field almost continuously participated in flying activities. The noise of flying jet engines was also heard at night. It appeared that aircraft taking off or landing at night used landing lights. Other lights were not observed at the field. At night, most of the planes approached the field from the sea. Conventional piston aircraft were not observed flying.

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