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COUNTRY Soviet zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Finow airfield

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1. There were many jet aircraft flights at the Finow (N 33/V 08) airfield [REDACTED] Duration of flights varied from two to twenty-two minutes. Most flights were local. The field was strictly guarded but the [REDACTED] (1) biplanes were used for low-level flights near the field border while jet planes were in the air.

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2. There were many flights with single-engine fighters with radial engine and in-line engine the morning of 8 April 1950, despite a light ground fog. (2) The fighters with in-line engines seemed to fly and climb faster than those with radial engines. Only those jet fighters with sweptback wings were flying. It was noticed that these planes had two or three oval slots above the nose wheel flap, on the right side of the fuselage. The number of slots differed. The fuselage bulged slightly aft of the slots, as far as approximately in line with the leading edge of the wings. (3)

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- 3. The following aircraft were counted at the field on 8 April 1950:
 - 25 jet planes with sweptback wings
 - 9 two-seat jet planes with conventional wings

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- 4. Individual jet planes with sweptback wings made local flights [redacted] There was a light wind and rain and clouds were low. Photographs were taken of two jet planes standing on the ground. * The field was strictly guarded.

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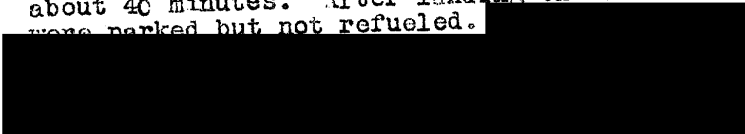
- 5. The field was occupied by the following planes on [redacted]
 - 35 jet planes, including 16 with camouflage cover
 - 50 single-engine fighters
 - 3 biplanes and
 - 1 twin-engine transport.
 Three jet planes made a formation flight of about 40 minutes. After landing the aircraft were parked but not refueled.

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- 6. The status of the radio installation east of the field was unchanged. The station had four masts and a wooden cabin in the center, and was near the Finowfurt estate. The single mast had been removed.

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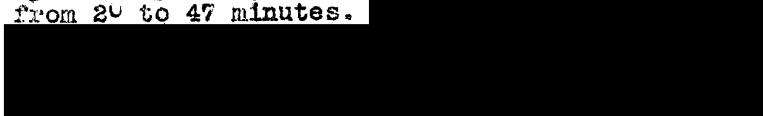
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- 7. The airfield was occupied by the following planes on 19 April 1950:
 - 52 jet fighters
 - 50 to 55 single-engine low-wing mono-planes
 - 12 biplanes and
 - 1 large transport.

There was much flying with jet fighters and single-engine low-wing monoplanes. The jet fighters flew in formations of up to 12 planes, the flight time varying from 20 to 47 minutes.

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25X1A (1) comment. For photographs of planes see Annexes 1 through 7.

25X1A (2) Comment. The fighters with radial engine probably are Yak-11s. This accounts for the observed lower rate of climb compared with the Yak-3.

25X1A (3) Comment. The oval slots on the right side of the nose cannot be seen in the photographs.

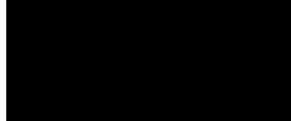
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 on the occupation of the airfield by jet aircraft and conventional fighters. The number of aircraft indicates that the field is still occupied by two fighter regiments. The photographs taken of the jet planes of type 14 show the following striking features:
 Power plant - Vertical strut in air intake.

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- Fuselage - Flaps on the side of the fuselage, under the rudder assembly (probably auxiliary landing brake)
- Wings - Landing flaps are extended downward and rearward.
- Tail unit - Horizontal rod to the rear in line with elevator assembly (purpose of rod not known)
- Armament - Two weapons in lower section of nose. Right weapon of larger caliber than left weapon.
- Nose wheel - Possible rotation by 90 degrees before retracting.

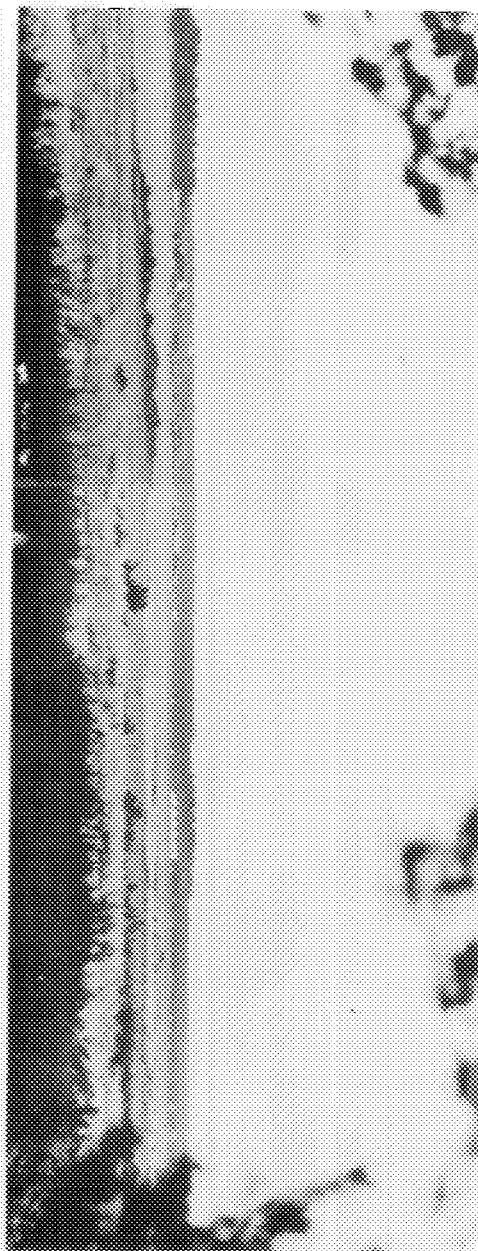
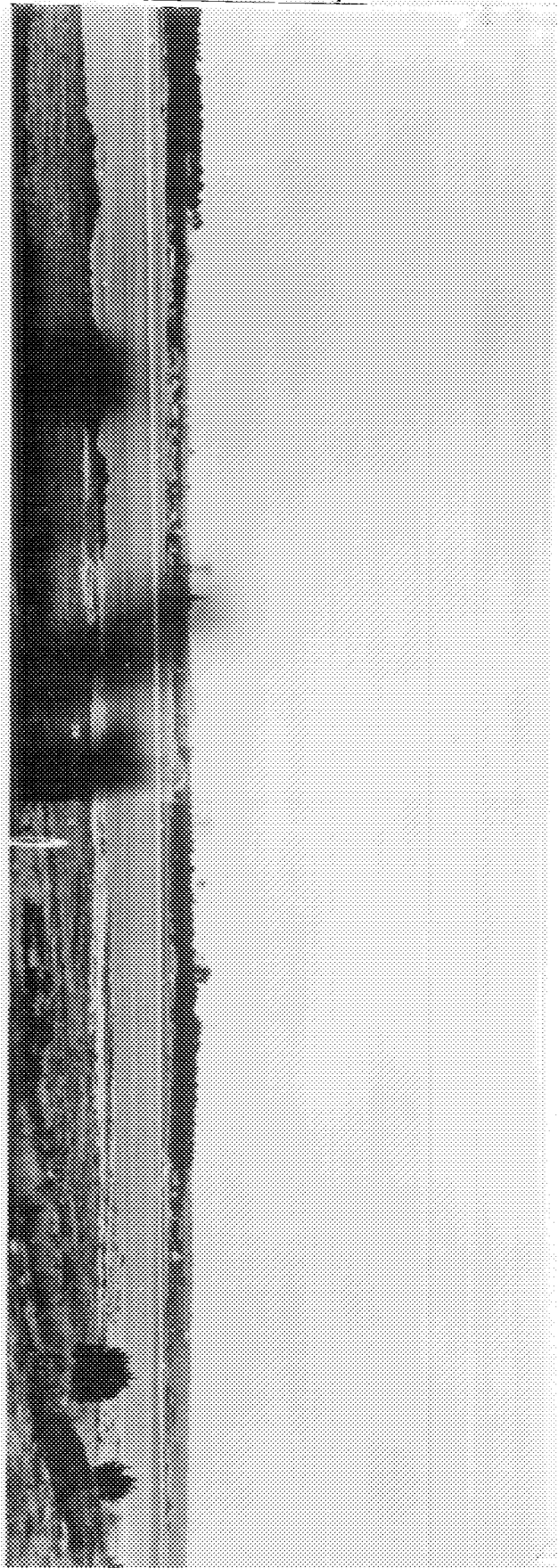
The other plane photographed is a Yak-3.

7 Annexes: 7 photographs

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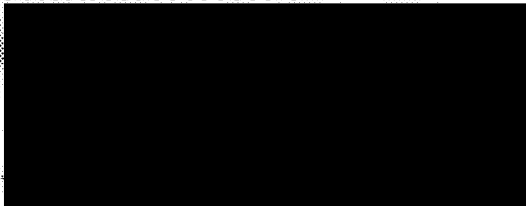
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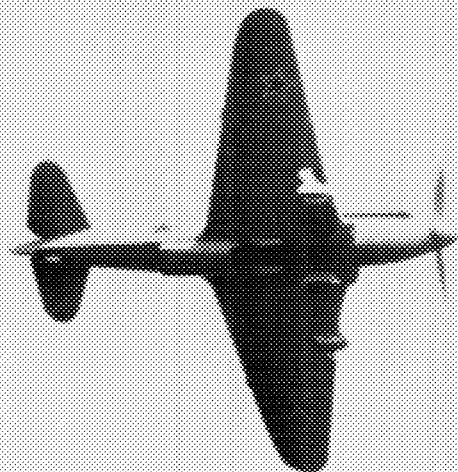
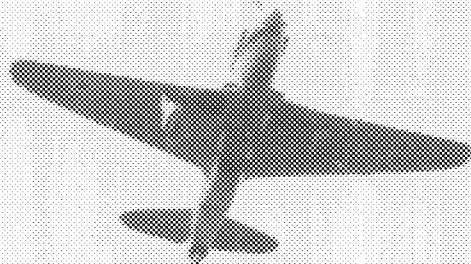
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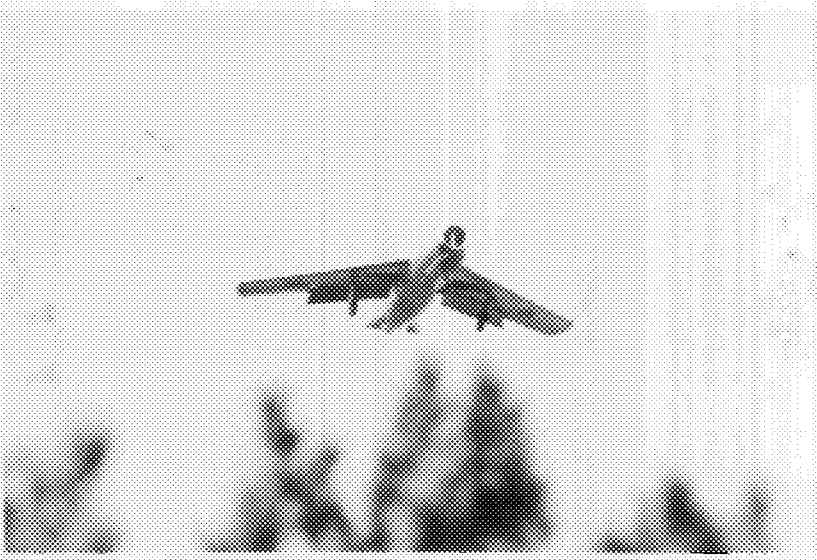
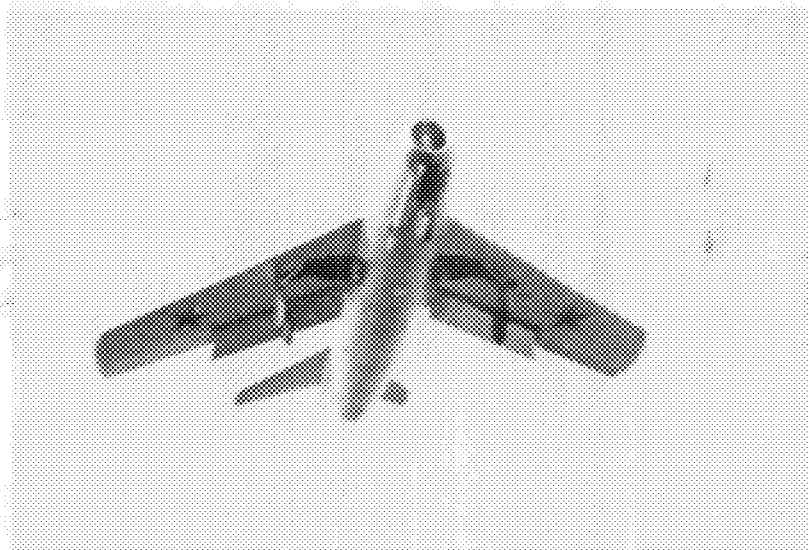
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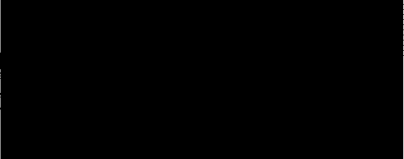


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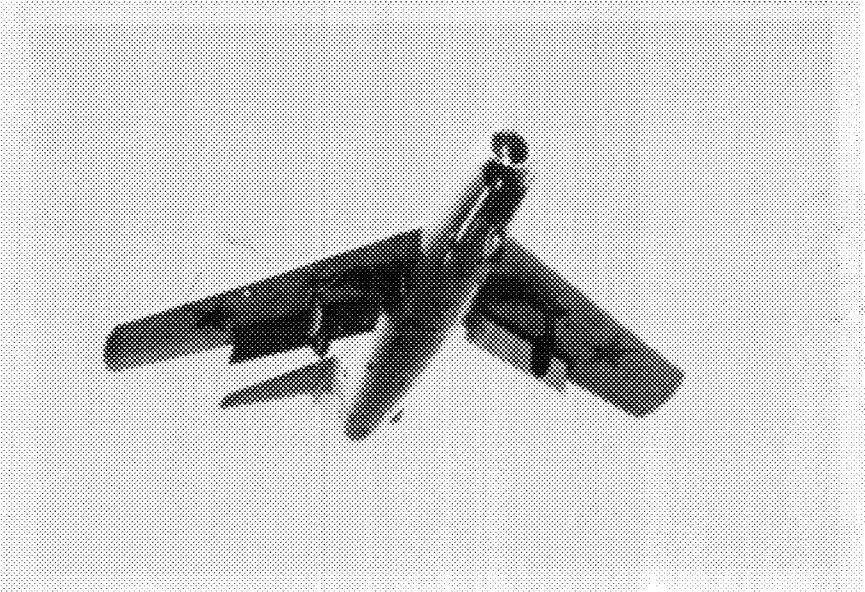
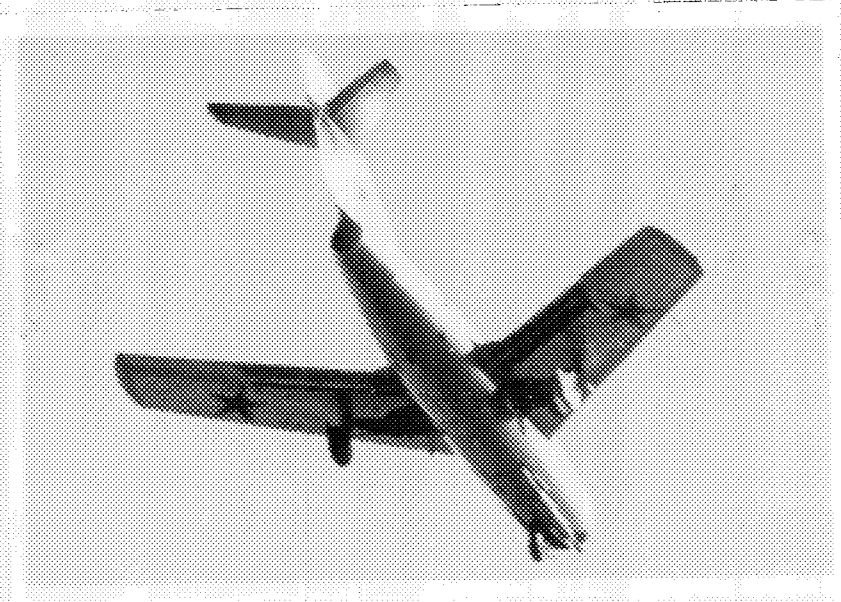
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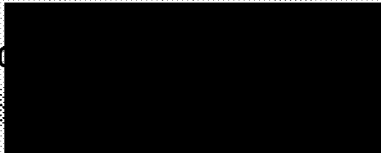


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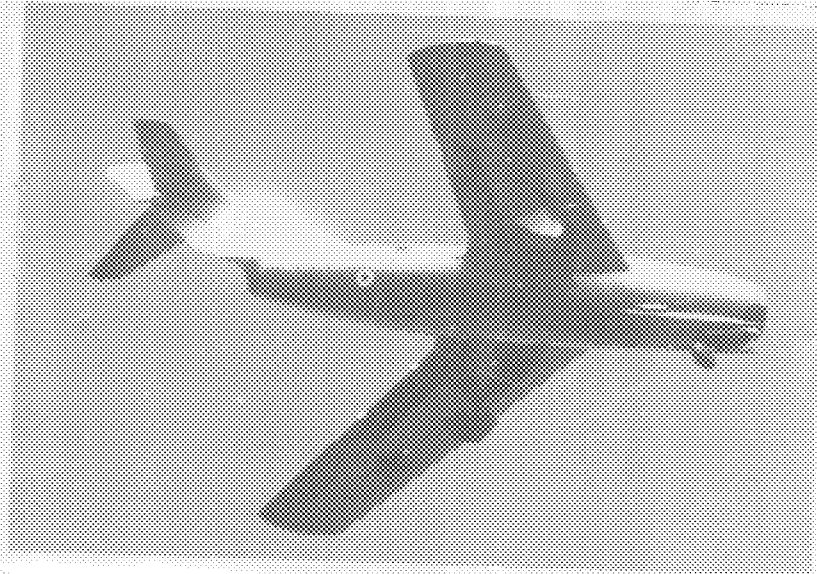


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