Approved For Release 2009/06/12: CIA-RDP84T00864R000100010004-8 TOP SECRET CHESS RUFF · 2 AUGUST 1965 PAGES 2 PAGE / OF 2 COPY LHASA AIRFIELD DDR - Dupe TIBET THE AIRFIELD WAS FIRST COVERED BY SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE WAS PROVIDED BY NINE TALENT MISSIONS AND AT LEAST SEVEN KH MISSIONS. AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED ON THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS: 2 PROBABLE 2-ENGINE TRANSPORTS 3 CRATE 1 CRATE 1 MEDIUM STRAIGHT-WING 2 SMALL POSSIBLE STRAIGHT-WING 1 MEDIUM STRAIGHT-WING 7 POSSIBLE 1 MEDIUM STRAIGHT-WING FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO RUNWAYS IN A V-PLAN, A TAXIWAY EXTENDING FROM THE NORTHEAST END OF THE NE/SW RUNWAY TO A PARKING APRON, AND A SUPPORT AREA CONTAINING 20 BUILDINGS (INCLUDING AN OPERATIONS BUILDING WITH CONTROL TOWER AND A SMALL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY).

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THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT 11,585 FT OF THE 18,160 X 135 FT ENE/WSW RUNWAY HAS BEEN NEWLY RESURFACED WITH ASPHALT SINCE (THE REMAINING HAS A GRADED EARTH SURFACE). A NEW ASPHALT TAXIWAY CONNECTS IT TO THE 10,250 X 200 FT NE/SW RUNWAY WITH A 1,645 FT GRADED EARTH OVERRUN ON THE NE END. NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED

LHASA AIRFIELD IS THE SECOND AIRFIELD IN THE TIBET AREA TO HAVE BEEN IMPROVED FOR CIVIL/COMMERCIAL USES IN THE LAST YEAR. AIRFIELD, OBSERVED ON MISSION T314A, 16 DECEMBER 1964, WAS THE FIRST.

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