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Pustnitz-Daugarten Air Site.

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1. The following information has been furnished by [] who would appreciate having COS check the Air Force for any information it may have on sites mentioned.

2. The Pustnitz-Daugarten site, a former GAF airfield and naval plane base which the Russians took over in 1945 and converted into a shipbuilding yard specializing in constructing cutters which went to the Soviets as reparations, is presently being reconverted to its original purpose as an air base. Runways are being constructed on what the local populace considers an emergency schedule. Two hundred and fifty of the shipyard employees have already been dismissed and have been grabbed by Wismut AG for the uranium mines. The remaining employees are likely to lose their jobs by 1 September, the date generally considered as a deadline for Pustnitz as a shipbuilding yard. Thereafter, it will be a Soviet air base.

3. Two additional hangars are under construction. The old living quarters in the vicinity of Pustnitz are being readied for occupancy. Their capacity is estimated at about 5000 men. The air base will house turbine medium bombers, not jet planes. The same applies to airfields under construction at Hart, Peenemuende and Markgrafenhöhe, in the vicinity of Warnemünde.

4. The hangars are hard to observe from the air as they are hidden in woods and shrubbery. They are easily accessible, however, from the Boden, a waterway separating Ribnitz from Daugarten.

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