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1. The Rudy Letov Aircraft Factory, which was located in the Prague-Cakovice factory area Enc. A, Point 17, was generally known among Czechoslovak Airlines pilots as a MIG-15 factory. I heard from pilots at the Navigation School at Havlickuv Brod 4937N-1535E, Prague-Kbely Transport School, and other places that from the end of World War II until 1950, the Rudy Letov Factory manufactured

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told him that this factory manufactured the fuselage, empennage, etc. for MIG-15 aircraft, but that the engines were brought to Cakovice for final aircraft assembly from Motorlet-Jinonice in Jinonice 5003N-1422E where they were manufactured. I did not hear of any engines being brought to Cakovice from Malesice. The MIG-15's from Rudy Letov were flight tested at Prague-Kbely Airfield, because the plant airfield Encl. A, Point 27 had no concrete runways. After the tests, the MIG-15's were flown to military MIG regiments. The first MIG-15's supplied to the Czechoslovak Air Force were brought from East Germany to Milovice Airfield 5014N-1454E; all other MIG-15's used by the Czechoslovak Air Force have been produced in Czechoslovakia. I do not know how many MIG-15's were brought from East Germany or exactly when. In the Spring of 1951 I saw a number (less than 10) of unmarked and unpainted MIG-15's on Kbely Airfield. I have no information concerning the plant layout, production rates, number of employees, etc., of the Rudy Letov Aircraft Factory. Since 1948, Prague-Cakovice and Prague-Letnany Airfields have been considered part of the Rudy Letov plant.

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2. There was a crushed-stone taxi strip connecting Prague-Kbely and Prague-Letnany Airfields, but I am not certain of the exact location of the strip. In the Summer of 1952 I saw five Siebel aircraft taxi along this strip from Prague-Letnany to Prague-Kbely and take off on the concrete runway at Prague-Kbely Airfield. I believe the strip at Prague-Letnany Airfield was too wet to use. There may also be a connecting strip from the factory airfield at Cakovice to Letnany, but I am not certain of this.
3. I saw the following aircraft at the Aviation Military Research Institute (Letecky vojensky vyzkumny ustav) at Prague-Letnany Airfield: Spitfire, Mosquito, Siebel, Arado, Il-10, Il-2, Dakota, Junker 52, Heinkel 101, Heinkel 111, Sokol, Piper Cub, Buckler, ME-262, and ME-109. In 1951 I noticed that the Heinkel 111 was fitted with a Jumo 004 engine. I heard that the Siebel aircraft had been fitted with radar and with a bomb sight.
4. In 1951 I saw a UHU aircraft Encl. C parked on the grassy area in the vicinity of one of the buildings Encl. B, Pt. 2 of Prague-Letnany Airfield. I spoke with a military pilot there who told me that it was a World War II experimental model which was obtained by the Czechoslovaks at the end of the war and that it had a maximum speed of 600 km. per hour. It had a three-bladed propeller. I would estimate the wing span at 20 m., but this is very approximate. I would estimate the tail cone plexiglas radar antenna housing at 27 in. The military pilot told me that the tail contained a tail radar. I am positive that this aircraft was not a Soviet PE-2.
5. In 1951 I saw two aircraft, designated Aero 51 and Aero 53 Encl. D, being test-flown at Prague-Letnany Airfield. In the Summer of 1951 Czechoslovak Airlines received the Aero 51 to service test it for suitability as a cotton duster, but it proved unsuccessful. Czechoslovak Airlines bought the Aero 53 from the Aviation Military Research Institute and gave it to the Svazarm. The Aero 51 and Aero 53 were identical, except that the Aero 51 had two vertical stabilizers and the Aero 53 had three.

ENCLOSURES:

- A. Rudy Letov Aircraft Factory, Prague-Letnany Airfield, and Prague-Kbely Airfield
- B. Prague-Letnany Military Airfield
- C. Sketch of UHU Aircraft
- D. Sketch of Aero 51 or 53 Aircraft

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