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1. Between 22 November and 7 December 1951, up to seven MiG-15s were observed at Brandis airfield. At least two were two-seaters which appeared to resemble the single-seaters, except for their cockpits which were longer and faired to the rear. Two single-engine planes, apparently Yak-11s were also at the field. On 7 December, there was intensive flying at the field. This was the first air activity observed since the arrival of the new planes. The [redacted] on a single-engine plane. The jet fighters were towed by trucks to the take-off point on the east end of the runway. A radio truck with a telescope antenna was also parked at the take-off point. All the planes flew only circles over the field. The landing tactics had changed. The planes approached the runway at a steeper gliding angle instead of approaching from a greater distance under engine power. They generally pulled out with the rear ends of their fuselages pointing to the ground. Brakes were not applied or only a little when the planes taxied smoothly to the end of the runway. Those planes which left the runway for the hangar or for refueling purposes were towed by trucks. No alert flight was observed parked at the field. [redacted] were observed being assigned to the installation. 25X1 25X1

2. The radio installation with four masts, which was previously located on the southern edge of the landing field, was observed in a clearing near Leulitz, about 1,000 meters from the east end of the runway.

3. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 10 December, the field was occupied by nine MiG-15s, six of which were parked at the east end of the runway and three near the closed hangars. Three take-offs and two landings were made by MiG-15s [redacted] Weather conditions included snow and rain, a 300-meter cloud base, and moderate visibility. The two planes which landed at the field were refueled from one tank truck. At 3:45 p.m., the tank trucks left the field, and the aircraft were towed by trucks to the hangars. A van-like truck with an antenna mast was parked at the take-off point. * 25X1 25X1

4. Between 8 and 19 December, the field was occupied by 9 jet aircraft, [redacted] and 1 single-engine plane which practiced local flights. On 19 December, two railroad tank cars were shunted to the fuel dump at the field.** 25X1

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* [redacted] Comment. The fighter regiment previously stationed at Brandis airfield was transferred in mid-October 1951. The information that flights by MiG-15s started on 7 December 1951 was confirmed [redacted] 25X1 25X1 [redacted] throughout the rest of December. The statements on the type of flying confirm previous observations and indicate that the aircraft belong to a new fighter regiment whose flying personnel are apparently being retrained on MiG-15s. Information received so far tends to indicate that the aircraft equipment of the regiment is still inadequate.

25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. Aircraft [redacted] previously assigned to a fighter 25X1 regiment in Dessau whose flying personnel was transferred to the U.S.S.R. in mid-October 1951.

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