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F-. 1. Brandenburg (Z23): [redacted] the airfield was again in use in June. Russian planes are continually engaged in training activities.

2. Chemnitz (Z66): 150 men, one Ju-52, and two Fieseler Storchs were observed at this field. Only transport and courier planes have landed in the past few weeks. Until May, the field was occupied by a small group of three-motor bombers.

3. Dresden-Klotzsche (Y29):

(a) There are about ten to fifteen daily take-offs and landings of courier and transport planes, which appear to fly in the general direction Dresden (OSL) - Prague. About 20 single-engine fighters are housed in hangars. The planes are used for training at irregular intervals.

(b) Between 3,000 and 5,000 men, of whom approximately 100 are air cadets, are stationed at this field.

(c) One anti-aircraft regiment is located at the field with a battery of heavy guns similar to German self-propelled SS's. The regiment has a few light guns which have been used for training since 1 July.

(d) There is an ammunition dump in the small woods on the right side of the Autobahn to Berlin, where bombs were unloaded at the end of April. This area is off-limits and is carefully guarded. A section of the Autobahn was used during the war by the Germans as an airplane runway.

4. Furstenwalde (V33):

(a) Only a few constantly [illegible]

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long range, twin-engine fighters; and bombers were seen. There are no specific flight units stationed at this field. Most of the planes that land there come from Silesia.

(b) A large ground force provides careful maintenance. The field, which is being enlarged, appears to be a reserve field.

(c) There are several bomb and fuel depots in the vicinity.

Grossenhain (A01):

(a) In addition to "medium" transient traffic, there was heavy training activity in Grossenhain until the end of June. Since that time there has been a reduction in the number of training flights. The daily average is about thirty flights of single-engine trainers which remain aloft 30-60 minutes.

(b) Until mid-June, there were about 50 tri-motor bombers. While their ground crews remained behind, these planes left the field in small groups.

(c) Of the total of 1,500 troops, including two headquarters, 70%-80% are Russian air force personnel. The highest rank at the headquarters is that of colonel.

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Meckau (E21): This field has light and strictly commercial traffic, chiefly involving transport planes. Except for a few occasional landings, no fighter aircraft has been observed for several months. The planes are loaded, for the most part, with small heavy crates which are brought by the Army to the field for trans-shipment. There are large fuel reserves but no ammunition at the field.

Oschatz (E71): Very little air activity was observed. Since the end of June, about 40 old tri-motor bombers with no markings other than the Soviet star on the wings have been stationed at Oschatz. A large repair unit keeps the planes in good condition, always ready for use. There are about 1,000 air personnel and two motorized anti-aircraft batteries.

Bautzen (T54), Kottewitz (T57), Breslau (G81) and Liegnitz (G82): These airfields are reported to be serviceable again.

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