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1. There is a Soviet airfield at Welzow, near Kottbus, whose field covers an area of two hectares and has a runway 1,200 meters long.
2. The field contains 36 splinter-proof shelters for jet bombers. The shelters are 3.5 meters high by 16 meters wide and 10 meters long. They are camouflaged.
3. Stationed at the field at the present time are 36 jet bombers, and six jet fighters; also two battalions of the Soviet Army, one of which is a motorized searchlight battalion. There are also 12 motor vehicles and one Stalin organ rocket launcher, and a half-division of Volkspolizei from Weimar.
4. The field is guarded and secured by the Volkspolizei. Anyone approaching is fired at.
5. The airfield is to be further enlarged.

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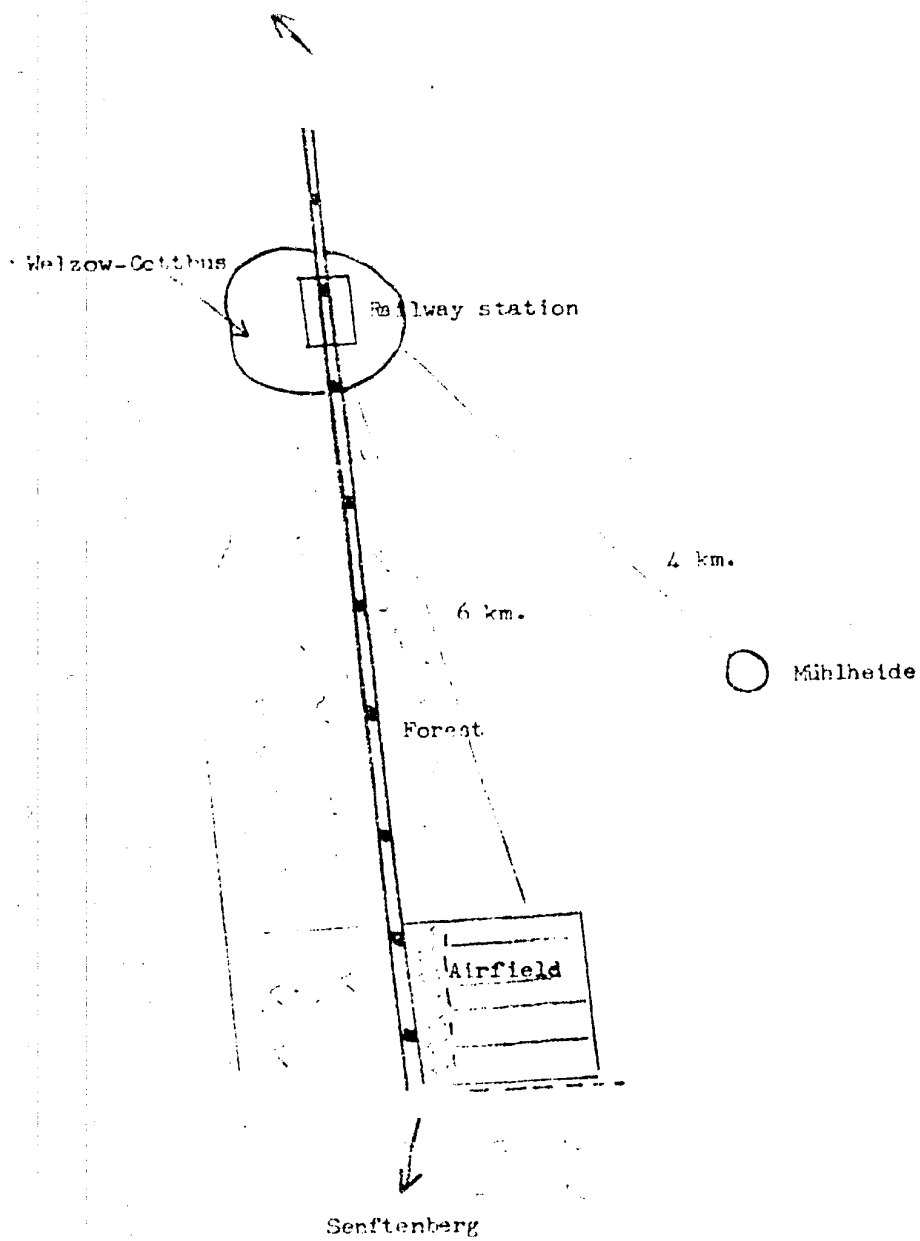
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