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Air Observations Made West of Bucharest

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REMARKS

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1. After the spring of 1951, most of the aircraft observed over the area west of Bucharest (R 43-44/C 64) were jet planes. The mid-wing planes with swept back wings had the air intake in the nose and the exhaust opening in the tail. The high rudder assembly had the elevator assembly with swept back leading edges set up high on the vertical fin. All these aircraft were marked with the red Soviet star. The aircraft apparently took off from and landed at an airfield which must have been located about 5 or 6 kilometers northwest of Racho'a III.

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This airfield was constructed by the Soviets after the war and was utilized by Soviet air force units only. The aircraft practiced formation flying, prior to the summer of 1951, in elements of three or four planes, and later in formation of up to 8 aircraft. Two to four aircraft took off in one group, while five and more aircraft took off in two groups. Before the aircraft came in for landing they changed to line formation, then they landed at short intervals.

The aircraft generally took off in west-eastern direction and climbed steeply immediately after they had become airborne.

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There was only little night flying.

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2. After December 1950, mid-wing aircraft with a pronounced sweep back of the wings and Soviet insignia were observed flying in formations of up to 10 aircraft over the area west of Bucharest. Single engine conventional monoplanes were also seen. From the take offs and landings, as well from the engine noises it was inferred that there was an airfield located about 3 or 4 kilometers west of Racho'a III PW camp. Noises of jet aircraft were also heard at night, and light flare was seen at night in the direction of the assumed airfield.

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[Redacted] Comment [Redacted]

[Redacted] the majority of aircraft seen in the area of B [Redacted] after 1951, were MiG-15s with Soviet insignia which were stationed at a new large airfield west of [Redacted].

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[Redacted] the area south of Chiajna (R 43/44/C 64) was believed suitable for the construction of an airfield.

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It is improbable that the Soviet MiG-15s be stationed at Gliocast (R 43/44/C 53) airfield which, [Redacted] is occupied by an aviation school only.

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[Redacted] the MiG-15s are probably stationed at a new airfield which is [Redacted] located west of [Redacted].

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However, [Redacted] does not indicate at which side of the suburban railroad and road ring around [Redacted] the field is located.

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