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- The following observations were made at Finow airfield between 10 and 18 February 1953:
  - 10 February. No air activity was observed at the field. There was heavy snowfall almost throughout the day. 25X1
  - 11 to 13 February. Air activity was performed every day between about 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. At 2:40 p.m. on 13 February, 12 MiG-15 and type-29 planes were parked in one line in the southern section of the short runway. Several starting carriages, tank trucks and a mobile flight control station were observed between the aircraft. Take-offs were made by a swept-back jet fighter and four MiG-15 and type-29 planes. The following aircraft were observed at the field at 3:20 p.m.: 31 MiG-15 and type-29 planes on the northern edge, the alert flight of 4 swept-back jet fighters, including 2 3 additional swept-back jet fighters, including 2 about 60 meters south of the alert flight, and about 16 MiG-15 and type-29 planes on the northern edge of the field. At the same time, four MiG-15s, including two landed at the field. 25X1
  - 14 February. Between 8:45 and 9 a.m., individual planes took off. 25X1
  - 15 February. There was no air activity.
  - 17 February. After 9 a.m., swept-back jet fighters took off. One single-engine low-wing monoplane landed at the field. Between 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was no air activity because of snowfall. After 2 p.m., individual take-offs were made by MiG-15 and type-29 planes. Between noon and 12:30 p.m., 20 MiG-15s were parked on the eastern edge of the runway, 21 MiG-15 and type-29 planes on the northern edge, 4 MiG-15s of the alert flight and about 12 MiG-15 and type-29 planes on the northern edge of the field. A tank truck, 2 starting carriages and 2 trucks were parked near the 20 MiG-15s on the eastern edge of the runway. 25X1
  - 18 February. Between 8 and 10:30 a.m. and between 1 and 4:15 p.m., there was air activity by MiG-15s.<sup>1</sup>
- Up to 18 February, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was occupied by six 37-mm AA guns. On 13 February, only one gun was covered with tarpaulins, while the barrels of the other guns pointed upward. Two guns were fitted with gun shields. About 10 soldiers who stood around an uncovered gun were probably given instruction. One or two sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns were observed in the gun emplacements.<sup>2</sup>

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3. During the first half of February, four piles of bombs were observed in the northeastern corner of the field. The bomb dump was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun.
4. On 13 February, a barbed wire fence, about 1 meter high, was observed in the gap of the fence along the eastern edge of the field. Two diagonal wires and 4 or 5 horizontal wires were strung between poles, which were 2 to 3 meters apart.
5. During the morning of 5 February, [redacted] a radio installation consisting of two masts each 8 to 10 meters high and braced with four guy wires, just southeast of the garage. An antenna of three wires was strung between the two masts and attached to cross bars, about 1 meter long and about 1 meter from the mast. Two van-like trucks [redacted] were parked near the masts. On 11 and 12 February, the radio installation was no longer observed. On 11 February, [redacted] from the Finow-Schoepfurth road two mast antennas, about 6 meters long, projecting above a bunker which could not be identified. 25X1
6. Between 14 and 20 February, air activity was performed at the field during the mornings and afternoons of weekdays. Most of the aircraft took off in elements of two. During the air activity, four alert planes were always parked at the eastern end of the runway. 25X1
7. Crated ammunition with an estimated dimension of 80 x 25 x 25 cm was stored in piles about 1 meter high in the ammunition dump near the field.
8. High ranking air force officers and generals were repeatedly observed entering and leaving the restricted area northeast of the field. From this observation, [redacted] a headquarters was located there. The entrances to the restricted area were guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. Finow airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments. It has been previously believed that 48 to 50 MiG-15s were stationed at the field. It remains to be seen whether the increased number of 58 planes mentioned in the present report is only temporary. Aircraft [redacted] are reported for the first time, [redacted] were previously observed in Neuruppin. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The AA battery of six 37-mm AA guns has been stationed at the field for some months. It was not observed that AA protection at the field was increased. 25X1

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