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REMARKS

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1. Between 2:15 and 4 p.m. on 19 April 1953 [ ] the following aircraft at Wiener Neustadt airfield: 46 MiG-15s, including 18 between the flight control station and Woellersdorfer Strasse railroad stop (area a), 11 MiG-15s, west of the road sign on Badener Strasse (area b), 12 MiG-15s in the northwestern corner of the field, and 5 MiG-15s near the northeastern corner of the woods along the western edge of the field; 9 twin-jet planes, including 4 in area a and 5 in area b; 3 single-engine planes in area a; 2 biplanes in area a; and 2 high-wing monoplanes, similar to the F1-156 type, in area a. At 10 a.m., MiG-15s and twin-engine planes began flying, the take-offs and landings being made from north to south, sometimes from north-northeast to south-southwest. The MiG-15s all of which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks took off individually and in elements of two and flew in formations of two, three and four planes, while the twin-engine planes took off and flew individually. [ ] The aircraft made local flights of various extensions and at different altitudes.

2. The guns in the AA gun emplacements along Badener Strasse were covered with tarpaulins. The operating personnel were engaged in calisthenics. Two sentries guarded the AA gun emplacement along Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road in which guns were observed. No operating personnel could be seen. Near the emplacements there were about 10 motor vehicles and some piles of timber and boards. West of the AA gun emplacements along Badener Strasse there were three van-like trucks with rod antennas 3 to 5 meters high and one van-like truck with a rod antenna, about 10 meters high the end of which was thicker than the rod itself. An umbrella aerial about 10 meters high was located just east of the antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing at Badener Strasse. No guy wires or lead-ins were observed on this aerial.

3. Between 3 and 3:10 p.m. on 19 April, two sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were posted at the former candidate school in Bad Fischau. Repair work was in progress on the temporary buildings along the main road. About 20 motor vehicles were parked in the garages.

4. At 3:30 p.m., on 21 April [ ] a train loaded with armored vehicles and motor vehicles proceeded toward Vienna.

5. Between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on 22 April [ ] more MiG-15s were stationed at the field than on 19 April. There was no activity at the field. [ ] flying was practiced by MiG-15s in the morning while the weather was favorable.

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- 25X1 6. Local residents stated that little air activity was conducted by MiG-15s throughout the day on 23 April. After 9 a.m., there was moderate air activity by MiG-15s. The sky was 6/10 overcast, visibility was good and there was a southwesterly wind of about 5 km per hour. A van-like truck [redacted] with a rod antenna was parked at the western side of the Artillerie Kaserne. Two strong cables extended from this vehicle to a window in the third floor on the western side of the barracks installation. Truck [redacted] were parked in the barracks yard. The guards and personnel observed at the field wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. It appears that Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments. The twin-jet planes are Il-28s which probably belong to a bomber unit temporarily stationed at Wiener Neustadt airfield for combined practices with the fighter units.

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