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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Rangsdorf Airfield

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. It was rumored that Rangsdorf airfield was to be vacated by the Soviets and taken over by the VP.
2. At about 9:45 a.m. on 22 April, 2 Li-2s were parked on the edge of the field where Soviet Air Force soldiers were observed. The field was surrounded by a board fence, about 2.2 meters high.
3. On 25 April, two Li-2s each were observed at the field and in an open hangar. Their engines were covered with tarpaulins.
4. On 25 April, three twin-engine planes were parked in front of a hangar and another plane of the same type was observed inside the hangar. One of the three planes had a Soviet star on its rudder assembly, a large white B underneath, and a vertical red stripe on the trailing edge of the rudder assembly.
5. On 4 May, no aircraft were observed at the field. The landing field was being rolled by heavy rollers which were towed by tractors. Jeeps occupied by Soviet officers, were observed at the field.

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Comment. No information has been received that Rangsdorf airfield is to be released for the VPL. It was reported in September 1952 that the field was to be used by the Association for Sports and Technic. So far, no change has been observed but it is believed that a repair shop for piston engines is still located there.

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