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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1A

1 June to 31 July 1953

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DATE PREPARED 18 August 1953

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. On all days in June and July 1953 on which source was able to observe Puetnitz airfield, there was intensive air activity during the day and night. The aircraft involved took off individually and in elements of twos, and were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. In addition, about 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s and 3 biplanes were observed at the field. A radar set with a rotatable parabolic reflector, probably a SCR-584 (Whiff) type set, was located on Koeppenberg. 1
2. On 23 July, source entered the field and, for the first time, was accompanied by Soviet soldiers. Twenty-four canvas-covered MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked on the northeastern edge of the landing field. Approximately 24 additional aircraft of the same type were observed on the landing field. 2
3. Between 19 and 31 July, there was intensive air activity during the day and at night. Firing at towed sleeve targets was repeatedly observed during the day and also at night, with searchlights being in operation. Short bursts of fire were determined. An increased number of air force officers was observed in town. 25X1C

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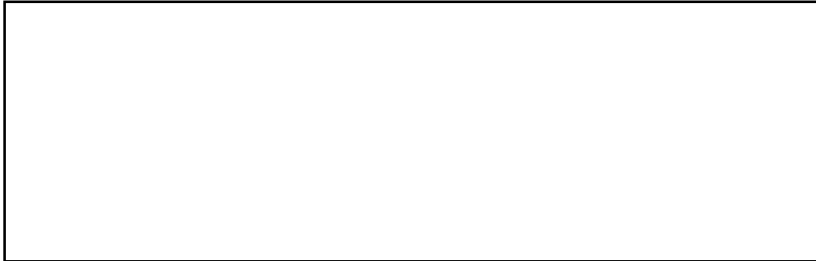
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1.  Comment. Koeppenber (mountain) is located on the southern edge of Puetnitz airfield. The radar set is reported for the first time and probably is connected with the AAA unit which is stationed at the field.

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2.  Comment. The observation of 48 MiG-15s by a source who entered the field apparently confirms the presence of two fighter regiments. One of the two regiments was temporarily transferred to Neubrandenburg. See

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