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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Brand Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 29 July to 16 August 1953

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On the morning of 29 July 1953, truck with a hoisting gear were being unloaded from flatcars at Brand railroad station.

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On 30 July, no construction work was observed in the southwestern section of Brand airfield and in the billeting area referred to as Staedtchen. Some windows and doors were removed and the apertures were boarded up. The aircraft revetments apparently were vacant and intact. Rifle firing was heard from the terrain northeast of the Staedtchen. Individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and a senior lieutenant with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia were observed near the temporary buildings.

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3. After about 1 August, several rail shipments arrived in Brand. Billeting equipment, food and large crates were trucked to the field. The previously reported arrival of an air unit occurred as follows: At about 10 a.m. on 4 August 1953, 15 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks landed at the field at intervals of 500 meters alternately on the right and left half of the runway. The planes came from the east flying in 3 wedge formations of 5 planes each. From the noise of aircraft engines that additional MiG-15s landed at the field during the night of 4 August. On 6 August, 32 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks were parked in one row on the dispersal areas at the southern taxiway. Of these planes, 25 were covered with dark tarpaulins and 7 without tarpaulins were parked slightly separate from the others.

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4. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on 6 August, two MiG-15s without auxiliary fuel tanks individually circled the field several times, after taking off in an element. The planes landed individually. Between noon and 6 p.m. all MiG-15s except for the 7 planes with auxiliary fuel tanks made two flights. They were out of sight during the air activity.

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5. The airfield was again occupied by jet fighters in early August 1953. Since about 3 August, MiG-15s in formations of up to 12 have been observed flying at daytime and making individual flights at night over the Brand-Lieberose area. Intensive air activity still continued on 16 August.

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Comment. The MiG-15s unit observed at Brand airfield since 4 August 1953 could not be identified at first. it is now

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assumed that the unit is the fighter regiment previously stationed at
Alt Loemewitz airfield.

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