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On 7 August 1953, 60 to 70 twin-engine transports of the Li-2 type and 10 to 15 biplanes of the Po-2 type were parked at Choenefeld airfield. Commander at the field was [redacted] Colonel Saravski (fau), about 45 years old and wore golden epaulets. On 8 August, a new transport unit, similar to the old one, arrived at Dallgow-Doebritz railroad station. Colonel Voichakov (fau) was the chief of the unit. He also wore golden epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were assigned to the new unit.

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The following incoming and outgoing shipments were observed at the field:
5 August. Three boxcars loaded with aircraft parts left the field for Moscow. A flatcar loaded with a motor vehicle left for Dresden-Klotzsche.

7 August. At 5 a.m., a train with [redacted] and consisting of 5 converted boxcars, 30 flatcars and 12 additional cars, loaded with about 150 air force officers and EM, 10 to 15 jeeps, 2 or 3 heavy prime movers, miscellaneous equipment, billeting equipment and supply goods left the field and moved to Falkenberg via Gruenau.

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8 August. At 6 a.m., a train, [redacted] of 5 converted boxcars, 29 boxcars and 14 flatcars, loaded with 2 or 3 prime movers, motor vehicles, billeting equipment, other equipment and air force personnel moved in the same direction. At 8:45 p.m., a train, [redacted] of 4 converted boxcars, 36 boxcars and 10 flatcars was observed on the same line. The train was loaded with the same type equipment and with air force personnel as the one observed at 6 a.m.

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9 August. At 2:15 p.m., the last shipment on the afore mentioned line was observed. The train had [redacted] and consisted of 3 converted boxcars, 31 boxcars and 10 flatcars which carried the same type load as previously. Motor vehicles observed included trucks with [redacted] such as

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[redacted] tank trucks, jeeps and sedans. Three or 4 aircraft engines and about 10 glass globes, each about 80 cm in diameter, were observed. The glass globes whose purpose was unknown had a round aperture, about 25 cm in diameter, with a metal border. The unit further loaded horses and pigs on one car each. At 11:47 a.m. a train, [redacted] consisting of 24 boxcars and 20 flatcars arrived at the field coming from Dallgow-Doebritz. About 50 air force soldiers, supply goods, billeting equipment, crates, aircraft engines and spare parts, some jeeps, 10 to 20 tank trucks, about 5 trucks, and about 3 prime movers were on the train.
10 August. At 9:40 a.m., a similar shipment consisting of 46 railroad cars, [redacted] arrived from the same direction.

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3. After the transfer of the old unit, source determined that the following officers simultaneously had left the field: Lieutenant Colonel Domenkov (fnu), Lieutenant Colonel Volodin (fnu), Zeichok (fnu), Shapin (fnu), Sdorovov (fnu) and Sharvanov (fnu) whose ranks were not known. Officers remaining at the field included Captain Tsacopin (fnu) who allegedly belonged to the civil administration and had returned from furlough in the USSR, and Captain Dementiev (fnu) who was transferred to East Germany from the USSR in mid-July 1953.²

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4. At 10:30 a.m. on 12 August, 5 boxcars with personnel and 12 trucks, 1 truck with a hoisting gear, 1 trailer and billeting equipment were observed on the northern spur track of the airfield. Two trucks had the [redacted] at 12:30 p.m., 4 wings, fire fighting equipment, billeting equipment, prefabricated barracks sections, 5 boxcars with personnel and 3 flatcars were unloaded on the same track. At 7 p.m. on 13 August, 50 to 60 twin-engine transports including 8 with the white consecutive numbers from 1 to 8 were distributed over the field. Between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m., individual take-offs were made by twin-engine aircraft. It was rumored that a total of 4 trains had arrived.⁴

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2. Comment. The statements on the transfers have been confirmed by other usually reliable sources. The transport unit from Steaken was transferred to Schoenefeld and the transport regiment from Schoenefeld was transferred to Alt Loennowitz. Colonel Shuravski and Colonel Veichkov are reported for the first time.

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2. Comment. The names of the officers and their assignment were previously reported. [redacted] has not been determined whether Captain Tsacopin and Captain Dementiev belong to the transport regiment and remained in Schoenefeld as a rear detail or whether they belong to a unit permanently stationed at the field. The motor vehicle

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[redacted] observed belong to the new air force [redacted] 25X1C

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