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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO. []
TOPIC	Zerbst Airfield	
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Zerbst airfield between 22 October and 14 November 1953:
- 22 October. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., swept-back jet aircraft practiced flying in flight formations.
- 23 October. Between 8 a.m. and noon, a MiG-15 towing a sleeve target was repeatedly observed aloft. Additional swept-back jet fighters practiced various forms of attack at the sleeve target, without firing rounds.
- 26 October. Individual local flights were made by swept-back jet fighters throughout the day.
- 27 October. Swept-back jet aircraft without auxiliary fuel tanks individually took off and made flights in elements of twos.
- 28 October. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., flying in elements of twos was practiced.
- 29 October. The aircraft practiced flying in squadron wedge formation.
- 8 November. Some flights in elements of twos were made.
- 12 November. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity in flight formation at intervals.
- 14 and 17 November. Local flights were made by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s. On 17 November, 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted in front of the hangars. 1
2. A radar set consisting of a screen apparently mounted on a platform truck was observed in the extension of the runway in the eastern section of the field inside of the fence. Next to this set there was another set.

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25X1B 3. Trucks [redacted] were observed entering
25X1X and leaving the field. 3

[redacted] 4. Between 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 24 October, there was no air activity
25X1B by swept-back jet fighters at the field. A single-engine aircraft and a
25X1B biplane took off at 12:30 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. respectively and a biplane
landed at 2 p.m. Five MIG-15s with their noses pointing to the revetments
were parked in front of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments in the
southwestern corner of the field. A Soviet double sentry with a police
dog was observed on the blocked Zerbst-Dobritz road. Two air force soldiers in
a large jeep patrolled the road at noon, 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Jeep No
[redacted] and truck [redacted] were observed on the approach road to the
field.

25X1B 5. Between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 6 November, no air activity was observed at
25X1B the field. There was a closed ceiling and a visibility range of about 500
meters. Many air force officers, including two field grade officers, were
observed in the town. 1 Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the
25X1B field included jeep [redacted] sedans [redacted] and trucks
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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Zerbst airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters
and a fighter regiment.

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. The type of the radar set cannot be determined.

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