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TOPIC	Altenburg Airfield		25X1
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REMARKS			

1. At 1400 on 17 July, there was no air activity at Altenburg airfield. The weather was unfavorable. Several trucks, part of which were involved in drivers' training, were observed. After 2030 on 20 July, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying. At 0650 on 27 July, 7 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and subsequently practiced local formation flying. 1

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3. Between 0600 and 1100 on 17 July, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying. There was a closed ceiling with intermittent rain showers. The aircraft took off individually and in elements of two, disappeared in the clouds at an altitude of about 300 meters and returned after 15 to 20 minutes for landing. The noise of the jet engines was continuously heard. There was no flying on 18 and 19 July. During daytime on 20 July, no air activity was observed. The weather was 2/10 overcast. About 2100, the noise of flying jet aircraft was heard. About 1130 on 21 July, a MiG-15 made a local flight of 25 to 30 minutes duration. Between 0800 and 0900 on 22 July, there was no flying. 1

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1. Comment. Two fighter regiments are believed to be stationed at Altenburg airfield. The blind flying practices on 17 July are noteworthy.

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