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COUNTRY Austria REPORT

TOPIC Radar Station in the Stegersbach Area

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUM

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

- 1. Between 1100 and 1400 on 10 October 1954, the following observations were made in the Stegersbach area:

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No sentries were posted in front of the school building. A lieutenant wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 3 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the school yard. There was no vehicular or personnel traffic. A double line extended from the school to the radar station and there was a sentry box at the western exit of Stegersbach. Two sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns were posted at the sentry box. Local residents stated that the sentries have been seen there since the establishment of the radar station. The guards had no connection to the demarcation line running west of the guard-house. The demarcation line blocked the English zone from the Soviet zone in Austria.

There were a Token-type radar set and a Dumbo-type radar set in addition to a radio installation consisting of 2 masts of various heights. The Dumbo-type set rotated in clockwise direction and made one rotation within about 4 minutes. The sound of a generator was heard from the installation. The wires, which had been reported as branching off from the public power net on 16 September 1954, were telephone lines. Two cables each extended from the radar station to the public telephone line at the road, to the school building, and to cable which was apparently underground. No vehicular or personnel traffic was observed.

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Comment. The report supports the previous assumption that the radar station observed is an early warning station of the Soviets.

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