

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY East Germany REPORT TOPIC Doeberitz AirfieldEVALUATION  PLACE OBTAINED  50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED  PREPARED 28 October 1954REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on dittoREMARKS 

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1. During the noon hours on 19 September 1954, no aircraft were seen parked at Doeberitz airfield, ~~which still seemed to be unoccupied~~. At about 1000 on 3 October, 36 Il-10s took off in elements of two from west to east, headed west and disappeared. After the departure of the aircraft, about 30 Il-10s were still parked at the field. No aircraft were seen in the open hangars. At about 1100, 36 Il-10s crossed over the field heading east. About half an hour later, 36 Il-10s took off and, after their departure, no aircraft were observed at the field. The aircraft which had taken off about 1000, landed at about 1150 and the second formation landed at about 1300. <sup>1</sup>

2. A PKV-45 DF station was located outside of the western border of the field. About 100 meters east of the DF station was a radio truck with a telescopic mast about 5 meters high. <sup>2</sup> At about 1130, three tank trucks  left the field and proceeded toward Wustermark. Truck  loaded with coal, went toward the Richthofen Kaserne. <sup>3</sup>

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3. Around noon of 25 September, formations of Il-10s were seen flying over Doeberitz. At about 1400, a formation of about 12 Il-10s landed at the field. In the evening, a searchlight was seen in the direction of the field. On 27 September, single-engine aircraft were parked at the field.

4. The following air activity and aircraft were seen at the field between 27 September and 6 October:

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27 September. At about 1215, a single-engine high-wing monoplane landed at the field. When the aircraft crossed over the installation, a 2-man crew was definitely observed in the plane. At about 1230, an Il-10 approached from the direction of Falkensee and landed at the field. At 1425, a formation of 12 Il-10s approached from the direction of Falkensee, circled once, and then landed at the field. At about 1500, 8 Il-10s approached from the west and landed. At about 1600, about 20 Il-10s and 1 high-wing monoplane were parked in the northern section of the field.

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28 September to 2 October. There was air activity by Il-10s which flew in formations of various sizes which sometimes headed southwest. They returned to the field after different flight times, sometimes after 15 to 30 minutes.

3 October. At about 1100, 18 Il-10s took off heading west. Prior to the take-off, at about 1010, a larger formation of twin-engine aircraft had been seen aloft. After a short time, the aircraft were followed by another formation of 30 to 40 Il-10s.

6 October. During the evening, no aircraft were parked at the field.

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5. On 27 September, formations of 12 Il-10s repeatedly crossed over Rathenow. Yellow propeller hubs were identified on some aircraft. At about 1130 on 3 October, several formations, including twin-engine aircraft, crossed over Rathenow. A formation of 12 Il-10s flew first. They were followed by twin-engine aircraft at the sides of which flew Il-10s. About 15 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s circled over the entire formation. 1
6. The following observations were made at the field between 28 September and 6 October:

28 to 30 September. Formation flying was practiced by Il-10s. The aircraft took off in rapid succession and then assembled in formations of 8 to 12. These small formations assembled in larger formations. About 40 aircraft were once seen aloft at the same time. The landings were also made in rapid succession.

1 October. Formation flying was still practiced in addition to dives over the Doeberitz troop training grounds south of the field. Il-10s and jet fighters were repeatedly seen aloft at the same time. One helicopter was also seen flying.

6 October. Formations with a total of 72 aircraft departed. Simultaneously, about 80 officers who had been quartered in the gymnasium of the Richthofen Kaserne, which was called building No 15, left the installation. In addition, about 20 trucks, 1 radio truck and some field kitchens which had been parked and camouflaged in the western section of the field since late September left the kaserne. The PKV-45 DF station from the western edge of the field was also being removed.

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About noon, three trucks picked up the beds at the gymnasium. Truck had daily hauled containers with food from the Richthofen Kaserne to the airfield. 3

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7. The following observations were made between 30 September and 2 October:

30 September. Single-engine aircraft were seen in the southwestern section of the field. A large tent was located nearby. Additional aircraft were parked at the southern edge of the field.

2 October. The aircraft at the field were parked in large intervals and were camouflaged by bushes against view from the air.

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The PKV-45 DF station was still seen at the western edge of the field. Near the 4 masts were 2 radio trucks with rod antennas. 2  
An occupied AA gun emplacement was seen in the northwestern section of the field. 4

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Trucks and tank trucks were parked all over the field. They were also camouflaged against view from the air. Trucks were identified at the western edge of the field. 3

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2 October. About 60 air force soldiers dug machine-gun emplacements, foxholes and communication trenches along the edge of the field.

8. About 1010 on 3 October, 32 Il-10s were seen flying over Falkensee heading in the direction of Doeberitz airfield. They circled over the field, dispersed, and landed from east to west. 1

1. Comment. Between 25 September and 6 October 1954, Doeberitz airfield was occupied by Il-10s of the ground attack division in Brandenburg which participated in the fall maneuvers of the Soviet Army. The presence of aircraft of the ground attack regiment from Brandenburg-Briest is confirmed

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The combat flights involved ground attack and transport aircraft in addition to escorting MiG-15s. This formation was also observed over Rathenow on 3 October. The ground personnel of the ground attack units who had been quartered in the Richthofen Kaserne between 20 and 25 September left the installation upon completion of the exercises.

See Annex.

2. Comment. The establishment and removal of the PKV-45 DF station is connected with the employment of the ground attack units.

3. Comment. The motor vehicle do not indicate which units participated in the exercises.

4. Comment. The AA gun emplacement in the northwestern section of the field is occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.

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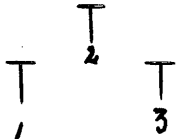
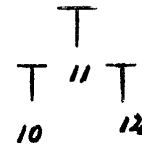
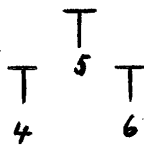
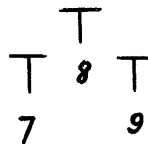
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Annex

Formation of 12 Il-10s Observed over Doeberitz  
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Legend:

- Interval between the individual flights                      about 60 meters
- Distance between the individual flights                      "    70    "
- Interval between the aircraft of the individual flights                      "
- Distance between the aircraft of the individual flights                      50

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