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REPORT

TOPIC Briesen Airfield

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. During the period from 24 November to 1 December 1954, there was air activity at Briesen airfield only on 26 November and 30 November. Flying was started at about 1700 on 26 November. There was a closed ceiling at an altitude of about 700 meters and visibility of 4 km. A total of 56 take-offs and landings were made up to 2100 when air activity was discontinued. Three aircraft were usually aloft at the same time and practiced flying for 30 minutes. All of the aircraft had the usual position lights. During the landing maneuver, two white lights were lighted-up on the aircraft when they were about 3 km from the airfield. The lights which were fitted in the vicinity of the engines were turned off when the aircraft touched ground. During the air activity, white lamps on both sides of the runway were switched on and a red searchlight near the flight control station radiated its light vertically upward. ~~Between 1000 and 1400 on 30 November, Il-28s made 14 30-minute flights. There was a 10/10 overcast~~ at an altitude of 500 meters and visibility of 1 km. Four aircraft were temporarily aloft at the same time. The lighting facilities along the runway were not in operation although visibility was poor. During the entire period of observation, only 23 Il-28s were parked on the usual dispersal areas along the southern taxiway. Additional aircraft were possibly parked in the southwestern corner of the field. 1

2. The following trucks with Soviet drivers were seen proceeding to the airfield:

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1.  Comment. Briesen airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with Il-28s. 25X1

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