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COUNTRY **East Germany** REPORT

TOPIC **Zerbst Airfield** 25X1

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED **21 February 1955**

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 1140 on 13 January 1955, several MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over Zerbst at an altitude of about 800 meters. Between 1200 and 1250, 10 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually and in elements of two from Zerbst airfield. Formation flights were observed at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. At about 1300, 3 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over the field at low level, heading northeast, then made a steep bank to the left and landed in rapid succession toward the northeast. Two MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s simultaneously took off at 1420 and 1425. The two elements immediately climbed to an altitude of about 3,500 meters and made air attack exercises in the vicinity of the field. Two aircraft had the Nos 102 and 103. At 1445, 3 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s individually took off at intervals of 4 minutes. The aircraft headed north. Air activity was not discontinued although visibility deteriorated temporarily because of a snowstorm. At about 1510, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s individually took off. The two elements which had taken off at 1420 and 1425 landed in rapid succession at 1517 after crossing the field at low level. After 1605, 5 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed individually, taxied to the flight control station and then to the northeastern section of the taxiway. No additional air activity was observed.¹

2. The Kniferest-type radar set which was still located in the piece of wood about 1 km southwest of the runway end was in operation during and after air activity. The set rotated regularly in a counter-clockwise direction. Each rotation took 9 seconds, which was repeatedly checked by a stopwatch. No other radar sets were seen at the field.²

3. [Redacted] 25X1

4. Vehicular traffic at the field included:
 motor vehicles [Redacted]
 trucks [Redacted]
 bus [Redacted] 3 25X1
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1. Comment. [Redacted] Zerbst airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters, 1 fighter regiment and 1 reconnaissance regiment. The air activity [Redacted] on 13 January 1955 indicates that the flying personnel had reached a good training status. The MiG-15 [Redacted] in Keethen for the last time in 1953 and 1952. 25X1
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