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REMARKS
 This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Merseburg airfield between 11 and 30 January 1955:

11 January. Between 0820 and 1505, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made about 20 local flights.

12 to 18 January. There was no air activity.

19 January. Between 0945 and 1540, 6 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks made 15 training flights. At 0955, aircraft [redacted] took off in formation and climbed to an altitude of 6,000 to 8,000 meters. At 1001 and 1004, 2 formations of 2 aircraft [redacted] took off and climbed to the

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same altitude. Between 1015 and 1038, the 6 aircraft practiced attacking with banks, steep climbs and loops. At 1039, the aircraft assembled in line formation and, at 1046, landed at intervals of about 400 meters. Between 1205 and 1300 and between 1445 and 1540, flying was practiced as in the morning by the same aircraft. During air activity, the alert flight was parked in the usual dispersal area.

20 to 24 January. There was no air activity. On 23 January, 19 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field, including 4 alert aircraft at the eastern end of the runway and 15 in the southeastern corner of the field.

25 January. Between 0945 and 1410, MiG-15s made individual local flights.

26 January. At 1320, 3 Li-2s approached from the east and landed. At 1410, the Li-2s took off again and disappeared toward the northeast. Four single-engine monoplanes which were seen landing at 1420 made local flights until about 1650.

27 January. Between 1135 and 1410, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying in formations of two and four.

28 January. Between 1555 and 2200, individual local flights were made, while the airfield lights were in operation.

29 January. At 1410, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and, in formation, disappeared toward the east.

30 January. There was no air activity. Fifteen MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 4 single-engine monoplanes were counted at the field.¹

2. An additional umbrella-shaped antenna was seen 100 to 150 meters northwest of the main guard. There was apparently no change in the status of the previously reported radio and radar installations.²

3. On 21 and 22 January, 3 railroad tank cars each were shunted to the field. On 27 and 29 January, 5 and 7 railroad tank cars respectively were shunted there.

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4. Motor vehicles observed at the field included trucks [redacted] sedan [redacted] and ambulances [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Merseburg airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and one fighter regiment. There was only light air activity during the reported period. A total of 15 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 4 single-engine monoplanes were counted at the field. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The umbrella-shaped antenna northwest of the ~~main headquarters~~ east of the vinegar factory, was reported previously. [redacted] 25X1

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