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COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Rechlin-Laerz Airfield

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Rechlin-Laerz airfield between 18 January and 4 February 1955:

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18 January. Between 0930 and 1430, there was no air activity. MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s parked in the field included 12 which were canvas-covered, headed ~~the~~ west and parked in a row on the landing field, about 150 meters east of the main guard, 8 heading toward the west, south of the intersection of the runways, and about 10 south of the eastern end of the main runway.

25 January. At 1300, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen crossing over the field at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. No other air activity was seen. Observations were made from a far distance.

27 January. No air activity was observed. About 20 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the landing field. A lean-to roof was seen near the auxiliary runway south of the main runway. Eight MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked near the lean-to roof.

1 February. Beginning at 1930, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which had set position lights. The aircraft circled the field widely.

2 February. No air activity was observed.

4 February. Beginning at 2000, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made local flights at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes.

2. A Token-type radar set was seen on a hill north of the Vietzen-Retzow road. ²
3. Six emplacements, probably AA gun emplacements, which were guarded by a sentry were seen about 400 meters north of the gap in the fence at the Laerz-Rechlin road. ³
4. A sentry armed with a carbine was seen at the ^{in a} main guard, about 100 meters north of the road bridge across the Mirow Canal. A double-sentry with an Alsatian dog was seen at the gap in the fence on the Laerz-Rechlin road. The gap was secured by a wire fence. Two VPs armed with carbines were seen at the railroad bridge across the Mirow Canal. Two other VPs were seen at a temporary building at the bridge-head. ⁴

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6. At 0900 on 20 January, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s at Rechlin-Laerz airfield. Thirteen MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway. At 1600, about 30 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. At 1500 on 21 January, about 35 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. No aircraft crates were seen. ¹

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7. A Token-type radar set was seen on Sprottscher Berg (hill). ²

1. [Redacted] Comment. Rechlin-Laerz airfield is believed to be occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. The lean-to roof near the auxiliary runway is reported for the first time. 25X1

2. [Redacted] Comment. The Token-type radar set seen north of the Vietzen-Retzew road was probably located on Sprottscher Berg. 25X1

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3. [Redacted] Comment. According to previous information the airfield has two AA gun emplacements, one in the northwestern corner. the other in the southwestern corner of the field. [Redacted] 25X1

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4. [Redacted] Comment. The guarding of the railroad bridge across the Mirow Canal byby VP is reported for the first time. 25X1

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