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REPORT

TOPIC Parchim Airfield

EVALUATION

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Parchim Airfield on 31 January and 1 March 1955: 25X1

31 January. At 0730, about 8 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway and several IL-28s at the northern edge of the landing field. No soldiers were seen near the aircraft nor were preparations for air activity under way. At 0950, when visibility improved, an additional 17 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed on the northern edge of the field. One MiG-15 appeared to be damaged since it was lying on its side. The noses of all aircraft pointed to the northeast. No soldiers were seen on the landing field except for 5 who moved between the 8 aircraft parked on the northeastern end of the runway. No air activity was observed. 25X1

1 March. At about 0800, 15 swept-back jet fighters were arranged in a row on the western side of the runway. The noses of the aircraft pointed to the south. Three additional MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were towed by large jeeps from the eastern end of the runway via the taxiway to the western end. About 30 soldiers worked on the parked aircraft. Three IL-28s were seen north of the runway. At about 0900, the number of parked swept-back jet fighters was increased to 25, including 4 with a red cover on the air intake aperture. These 4 aircraft were not involved in air activity which began later on. Six tank trucks, 2 fire trucks, 3 radio trucks with rod antennas, 1 ambulance, 2 sedans and 1 small van-like truck were parked aft of, and about 50 meters from, the MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s. The aircraft were refueled from tank trucks, the refueling of each aircraft lasting about 5 minutes. About 120 soldiers were seen around the aircraft. 25X1

At 0930, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off, maintaining an interval of about 50 meters. At intervals of 5 minutes, elements of 2 aircraft took off in rapid succession. The aircraft made local flights at an altitude of about 500 meters and landed after 10 to 12 minutes. After the landing, a few aircraft taxied from the eastern end of the

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runway via the taxiway to the western end of the runway, while the other aircraft were towed to the same area. All of the MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s stationed at the field, except for the 4 with covered air intake apertures, were involved in the exercise. Never more than 8 aircraft were aloft simultaneously.

At 1000, one U-MiG-15 towing a sleeve target took off. Two swept-back jet fighters followed in rapid succession. The aircraft headed north and climbed to an altitude of about 2,000 meters. The pursuing aircraft alternately attacked the sleeve target from the side at an angle of 45 degrees and gave short bursts of fire. The exercise lasted about 1 hour. Although the attacking aircraft were exchanged, the towing U-MiG-15 remained aloft during the entire exercise. At the same time, other aircraft practiced local flying.

At about 1100, about 30 soldiers made 2 IL-28s ready for take off. No starting carriages were seen. After about 10 minutes, the IL-28s taxied to the runway maintaining a distance of about 50 meters and took off toward the east. The aircraft headed north and returned at 1230. After the landing, the IL-28s were towed back to their previous dispersal area but were not covered with tarpaulins. About 15 soldiers worked on the aircraft. Air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s continued until 1400.

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2. A Kniferest-type set and a Fishnet-type radar set were observed on the northeastern edge of the landing field. Two radio trucks were parked nearby. A radio truck with an umbrella-type antenna was parked in the eastern section of the field, about 100 meters west of the entrance. 2
3. No AA gun emplacement had previously been observed at the field. At 1030 on 1 March, 6 trucks each with a 37-mm AA gun were seen outside of the field, near the eastern exit. About 100 soldiers with field pack were seen near the guns, which were repeatedly moved into the emplacement and then taken back to the trucks. At 1230, the guns and soldiers were no longer seen. 3
4. The quartering buildings on Danzer Weg were apparently fully occupied. A bus carried Soviet children to the field. The sentry in front of the quarters wore air force insignia. 4

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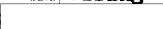
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- 1. Comment. It is believed that Parchim airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter regiment. A total of 25 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 3 IL-28s were counted on the landing field. The IL-28s are probably used for AA target representation over Wustrow AA firing range. MiG-15  was previously observed in Zerbst 

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- 2. Comment. The Kniferest-type and Fishnet-type radar sets have previously been confirmed.

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- 4. Comment. The statements on the settlement on Dammer Weg agree with available information.

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