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COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Wittstock Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Wittstock airfield between 24 February and 19 March 1955:

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24 February. There was individual flying by MiG-15s during the daytime. The attacking of air sleeves was practiced in the afternoon. Between nightfall and about 2200, individual flights of about 20 minutes duration were made at intervals of about 10 minutes.

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25 February to 1 March. There was individual flying and firing at air sleeves on all days except for 27 February.

2 March. At about 1400, 12 MiG-15s in squadron wedge formation crossed over the field. Subsequently the formation dispersed and the aircraft landed individually. It was believed that the aircraft came from another airfield.

3 March. There was air activity after nightfall. Elements of two aircraft circled the field widely. The distance between the two aircraft of a formation was about 10 wing spans. The aircraft flew in the beam of searchlights which followed them to the limit of their range, subsequently were switched off and switched back on again when the aircraft came again within reach. There was only a short interval between the moment the searchlights were switched on and the moment the aircraft were caught in their beams; this interval was presumably less than a minute.

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Twenty-seven MiG-15s, 1 Po-2 [REDACTED] and 1 Yak-14 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were parked at the field. Two MiG-15s [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were identified during air activity.

4 March. During the afternoon, there was individual flying by MiG-15s.

7 to 9 March. There was no air activity.

10 to 12 March. MiG-15s made individual flights and formation flights in elements of two.

13 to 16 March. There was no air activity.

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17 March. Between 1300 and 1430, 12 single-engine monoplanes, presumably IIL-10s landed. [REDACTED] was individual local flying by Il-10s in addition to [REDACTED] activity by MiG-15s.³

18 and 19 March. There was individual flying by MiG-15s.

2. An umbrella-shaped antenna and the mast with the unidentified bow-shaped antenna were still seen on the hill, 500 meters southwest of the quartering area. A Fishnet-type radar set and a rod antenna were seen on the flight control station. A Kniferest-type radar set was seen next to the bunker southwest of the athletic field. The Fishnet-type radar set previously also located there was not seen. A Token-type radar set was still seen on Rockstaedter Berg (hill) south of the field. There was no change in the status of the radio installations at the flying lane.
3. The AA gun emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field 150 to 200 meters from Roebeler Strasse was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.
4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 6 and 14 March:
There was only light air activity. On several days MiG-15s made only few local flights. On 13 March, the attacking of air sleeve was practiced. [REDACTED] During air activity, 1 van-like truck with radar set, 2 van-like trucks, 1 ambulance, and 1 jeep were usually parked between the western end of the runway and the taxiway.² On 14 March, 11 MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars.
5. The following observations were made in connection with the motor vehicle mounting a rotatable device which had repeatedly been seen near the runway:
The vehicle mounted a rectangular, (not round as was reported previously) concave antenna reflector. A sketch was made. During air activity on 13 March, the reflector continuously made 360° rotations. Each revolution did not take more than 2 seconds. The mobile set was parked south of the western end of the runway between runway and taxiway. One van-like truck each without visible antenna were parked to the right and left of the mobile set. It was not determined whether the reflector had a grid net. No dipoles were seen.⁴

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6. [REDACTED]
7. It was learned, [REDACTED] that the scrap of former German aircraft stored at the field was to be turned over to German authorities. The proceeds were to be handed over to the Soviets. This turning over of scrap was allegedly connected with a general agreement arrived at by the GDR government and the Soviet occupation forces and concerned the entire GDR.⁵
8. At 1330 on 4 March, there was intensive air activity at Wattstock airfield. Three MiG-15s were seen aloft, 10 were parked in front of the hangars and 2 were parked at the dispersal area of the alert flight.

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1. Comment. The landing of 12 MiG-15s from another airfield at Wittstock is reported for the first time. 25X1
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3. Comment. Since early 1955, Il-10s have repeatedly been observed at Wittstock. The Il-10s presumably practice bombing at the Gadow-Rossow bombing range or participate in exercises of army units. 25X1
4. Comment. For sketch of the radar set, see Annex. The set is probably used in connection with GCA. 25X1
5. Comment. This information is received for the first time. 25X1

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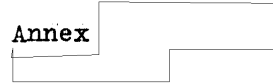
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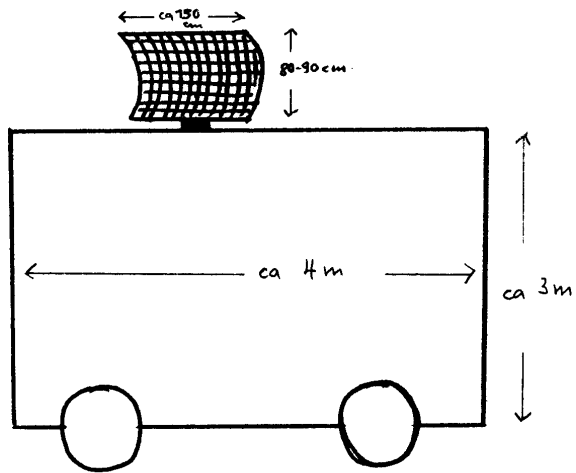
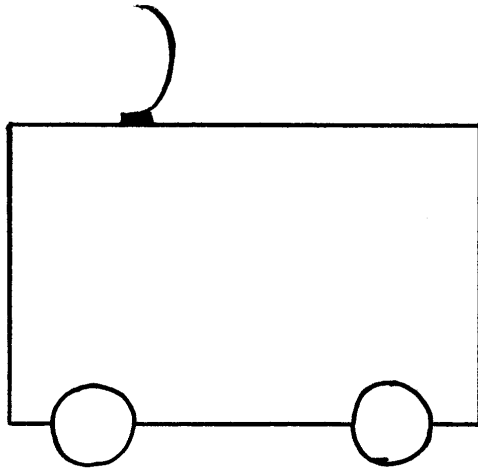
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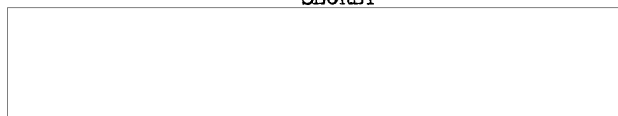


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Mobile Radar Set Observed at Wittstock Airfield



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