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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Rechlin-Laerz airfield between 4 and 25X1
March 1955:

4 March. At about 1030, 3 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off and practiced flying in echelon formation to the right at an altitude of about 300 meters.

5 March. At about 1800, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 made a local flight. A size at 25X1 number of swept-back jet fighters were counted on the landing field.

10 March. During the morning, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s in the Mierow area. The aircraft flew at high altitudes developing vapor trails. The sound of jet engines was continuously heard from the field. A Li-2 was observed aloft both at about 1400 and 1700.

11 March. At 1930, 5 to 6 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s with set position lights practiced flying. One aircraft towed a sleeve target but no firing or approaching practices were held.

13 March. There was no air activity except for the take-off by a Li-2 at about 1245.

24 March. Between 0800 and 1300, individual take-offs and landings were continuously made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. A maximum of 3 swept-back jet fighters were simultaneously aloft.

28 March. No air activity was observed.

29 March. During the afternoon, individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced local flying. Up to 2 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.¹

2. Air activity and aircraft observed between 10 March and 13 April:

10 March. Individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which took off at intervals of about 30 minutes and remained aloft for about 25 minutes.

11 to 16 March. Individual flights by swept-back jet fighters were observed from a distance.

21 March. Two formations each of 4 twin-engine aircraft crossed over the field. Individual take-offs were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

22 March. At 1030, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off and landed after a short local flight. Eight swept-back jet fighters were ready to take off from the western end of the runway. About 20 soldiers wearing coveralls were seen between the aircraft. Eight canvas-covered MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the flight control station. About 20 swept-back jet fighters were counted on the southern edge of the landing along the taxiway.

24 March to 2 April. Every day from about 0900 to 1700, individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. On 25 and 27 March, night flights were made by individual swept-back jet fighters with set position lights. Not more than 2 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.

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7 April. Between 1030 and 1100, no air activity was observed. A total of 56 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 4 Yak-11s were observed on the landing field being arranged as follows: about 40 swept-back jet fighters in the southeastern corner of the landing field, 5 jet fighters and 4 Yak-11s north of the flight control station, 6 jet fighters northwest of the flight control station, and an individual jet fighter east of the flight control station. Fifteen soldiers who apparently received instruction were seen around the latter aircraft. Four MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s without tarpaulins were parked south of the eastern end of the main runway. A total of 20 to 25 soldiers who apparently conducted maintenance work on the latter aircraft were seen near the alert aircraft.

9 April. Between 0930 and 1700, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which flew in elements of two. Two elements were simultaneously aloft.

13 April. Between 0900 and 1500, individual flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s at intervals of about 30 minutes.¹

3. On 7 April, the Token-type radar set was still observed on Sprotcher Berg (Mountain), about 1 km southeast of Ellerholz railroad station. The set was in operation from 0930 to 1030. A radio truck was parked next to the radar set.²

4. On 26 April, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. About 50 swept-back jet fighters were seen on the landing field. 25X1

1. Comment. It is believed that the Techlin-Laerz airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. A total of 50 to 56 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and 4 Yak-11s were observed on the landing field. Air activity was conducted along the usual pattern. MiG-15 was observed in Horesburg in 1952/1953, 25X1
in Pustnitz and Wittstock in 1952/1954.

2. Comment. The Token-type set was previously observed on Sprotcher Berg.

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