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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Merseburg Airfield		25X1
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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This is UNEVALUATED Information			

1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Merseburg airfield between 14 and 16 Apr 1955:
  - 14 April. Between 0800 and 1600, individual local flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. 25X1
  - 15 April. Between 0755 and 1730, there was individual local flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. Between 1530 and 1710, 10 swept-back jet fighters took off at intervals of 10 to 15 minutes and headed northeast. Jet fighters coming from the east. A two-seater landed at 1810 and jet fighters landed at 1826. Two Il-28s also landed at the field. 25X1
  - 16 April. From 1005 to 1745, individual local flying was practiced. Two Il-28s and 18 jet fighters were parked on the landing field and the alert formation of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s on the eastern edge of the landing field.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 15 April, an AA battery of 6 x 75-mm AA guns was again emplaced at the eastern edge of the landing field.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
1. Comment. It is believed that Merseburg airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and 1 fighter regiment. The present report does not indicate if the aircraft with MiG numbers of the 700 and 900 series which landed in Merseburg on 10 April 1955 are jet fighters of a new type. MiG is reported for the first time, was observed in Brand/Laerz in 1952/1953, and the other aircraft have previously been reported from Merseburg. The Il-28s which were repeatedly observed at fighter airfields are apparently used as target representation for attack practices by fighter aircraft. 25X1
2. Comment. The emplacing of an AA battery of medium caliber is reported for the first time. It must be clarified if the artillery pieces are 76.2-mm or 85-mm guns. 25X1

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