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REMARKS [ ] This is UNEVALUATED Information

- 1. Between 18 and 25 February, no air unit was located at Rangsdorf airfield. The former Buecker aircraft plant housed a repair shop for aircraft engines where also aircraft were apparently assembled. At about 1100 on 18 February, a Li-2 [ ] landed at the field. On the same day, a twin-row radial engine was unloaded from a boxcar at the spur track in front of the repair hangar. Six additional boxcars with unidentified loads were shunted in front of the repair hangar. On 25 February, two aircraft, probably Yak-11s, were towed out of the hangar. Six soldiers were seen near the individual aircraft and 1 man was in the aircraft. No air activity was conducted. On 25 March, two aircraft of an unidentified type were parked at the field. They were partially disassembled. There was no air activity. 25X1
  - 2. On 14 May, Rangsdorf airfield was occupied by Soviets wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets. No aircraft were parked on the field. The doors of the hangars were closed. 25X1
  - 3. At about 1900 on 11 May, 6 single engine propeller aircraft were seen between the hangar and the repair shop on the field. The aircraft apparently were low-wing monoplanes with tail wheel, regular tail unit, comparatively long cabin and presumably in-line engine. The engines of 4 aircraft were covered with tarpaulins and the engines of the other 2 aircraft were dismantled. No air activity was observed. The chief of the Zossen office of the Athletic and Technical Association (GST) stated that Rangsdorf airfield would be used by the GST in the future. 25X1
- [ ] Comment. The reported observations agree with previous information according to which a repair shop for airframes and engines of conventional aircraft and a disassembly shop are located at Rangsdorf airfield. Li-2 aircraft of a transport and courier squadron of the GSFG are presumably stationed at the field. The information that the field will also be used by the GST at a later date appears possible. 25X1

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