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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

29 June 1955

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REFERENCES

PAGES 3

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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2. Construction work on the south-western extension of the runway was continued. Five of the previously reported dams were completed. On 4 May, the construction site was inspected by 14 officers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Eight of these officers had arrived in a Li-2. <sup>2</sup>
3. On 27 April, 8 railroad cars were unloaded by means of 2 cranes. On 5 May, 6 railroad cars were observed for the last time near the AAA emplacement. <sup>3</sup>

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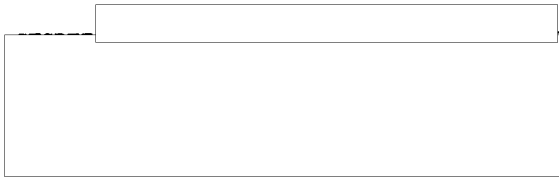
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6. About 80 % of the Soviet soldiers seen at the field wore yellow-bordered blue epaulets, 18 % black-bordered blue epaulets and 2 % red-bordered black epaulets. 1

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7. About 1 April, motor vehicles at the airfield appeared to have received new licence plates. Two-axle trucks



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8. Incoming and outgoing railroad shipments at the field included:

a. Incoming shipments:

( the name "Otto" used in this tabulation refers to a specific type of railroad car with a load capacity of 20 to 24 tons)

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- 26 April 2 "Otto"
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- 2 May 1 "Otto" loaded with fire wood
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b. Outgoing shipments:

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10. For some time the fuel dump had been guarded by a sentry who after dark was accompanied by a watch dog. A device was being constructed to which a watch dog might be fastened in such a way that it could cover the whole area of the fuel dump.

11. The fire fighting detail at the airfield consisted of 5 or 6 men. A fire truck was available.

12. A rotating searchlight has been in operation every night since 23 April 1955 from the direction of Pomsen.

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3. [Redacted] Comment. The rail shipments of metal sheets from Brandis to Merseburg and Neuruppin indicate that these sheets are being stored at Brandis only temporarily. [Redacted] 25X1  
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