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TOPIC Wiener Neustadt Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 1000 and 1600 on 8 May 1955, 1 Yak-11 and 37 MiG-15s including some covered with tarpaulins were observed at Wiener Neustadt airfield. There was a 10/10 overcast at altitudes between 1,000 and 1,500 meters, a north-northeasterly wind of about 30 km/h, a temperature of 15 degrees, and clear visibility. After 1200, the weather slowly cleared and the wind intensity decreased. At about 1400, the sky was 0/10 overcast. No air activity was conducted.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. Truck [redacted] left the flight control station and proceeded toward the north. Twelve MiG-15s were parked on the dispersal area at the eastern edge of the field. One of these aircraft was under repair and the section aft of the trailing edges of wings was disassembled. A cylindrical steel body which was entirely covered by tarpaulins protected about 1 meter from the middle of the fuselage aperture. Truck [redacted] occupied by 5 Soviet soldiers wearing blue service color, moved north of the aircraft dispersal area toward the antenna systems northeast of the airfield. The ruin of a storage building on the northern edge of the pyrotechnic plant was guarded by a Soviet soldier wearing blue service color and armed with a submachine gun. A motor vehicle with a Kniferest-type radar set was observed in a pit on the southern edge of the field. The motor vehicle was covered with a camouflage net. The upper half of the antenna projected beyond the edge of the pit. No personnel was observed near the installation. 25X1
3. Between 1000 and 1910 on 20 May, a total of 26 MiG-15s were observed at Wiener Neustadt airfield, including 10 canvas-covered aircraft at the eastern edge, 12 canvas-covered and 4 uncovered aircraft on the southeastern edge of the field. Up to 1700, there was a 10/10 overcast with intermittent rain, a northwesterly wind of about 15 km/h, a temperature increase from 10 to 15 degrees, and good visibility for a distance of about 1 km. After 1700, the degree of cloudiness slowly cleared to about 3/10. At 1305, 2 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks under the wings crossed over the field from northeast to southwest at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and with an interval of about 500 meters between the aircraft. At 1615, a four-engine aircraft crossed over the field from north to south at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. About half the length of the engine nacelles projected beyond the leading edges of the wings. The wings slightly tapered toward the wing tips. At 1745, 2 high-wing monoplanes approached from the southeast and came down for landing east of the wood at the western edge of the field. The two aircraft were again aloft at 1805, circled from the southwestern section of the field at an altitude of about 1,500 meters via Bad Fischau - Wiener Neustadt to the northern edge of the field. The aircraft flew aft of each other. Two parachutists jumped from each aircraft approximately over the northern edge of the field. Immediately

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afterward, the aircraft turned to the south and then landed from south to north east of the woods. At intervals of 15 minutes, more jumps were made in the same manner. Five such approach flights and jumps were observed. The last jump was made at 1905. The parachutists dropped between 50 and 200 meters before their parachutes opened. The parachutes had a four-cornered shape and were white in color.<sup>2</sup>

4. Two trucks [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] on a weapon undercarriage moved about in the ruinous area west of the airfield. Truck [redacted] was parked at the southern edge of this area.

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The motor vehicle with a Kniferest-type antenna which had been observed on 8 May was no longer seen at the southern edge of the field. A van-like radio truck was observed north of this site inside of the fence around the field. The sound of Morse code was heard from the radio truck.

Just south of the bend in the fence along the southern side of the field was a firing range, about 50 meters long, where firing with carbines at practice targets was conducted. Truck [redacted] was parked near the firing range.

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Five canvas-covered 57-mm AA guns were arranged in a row aft of each other with the gun barrels pointing to the north along the inner side of the northeastern fence around the field. Twelve small tents were observed south of the AA gun emplacement. No activity was seen there.

1. [redacted] Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield is still occupied by two Soviet fighter regiments. The reported total of 37 MiG-15s is below the aircraft strength mentioned in other recent reports. Some of the MiG-15s were presumably flying during the time of observation.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Presumably routine parachuting from Yak-14s.

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