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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 0930 and 1600 on 13 May 1955, 42 MiG-15s were observed on various dispersal areas at Deutsch Wagram airfield. There was a 0/10 overcast, an easterly wind of 8 to 10 km/h, a temperature rising from 12 to 22 degrees, and clear 25X1 visibility. MiG-15s conducted air activity of an unidentified type. During the entire period of observation, individual Soviet soldiers were seen loitering in the area of Markgraf-Kausiedl, Strasshof and Deutsch Wagram. 25X1
2. Between 0830 and 1630 on 18 May, 43 MiG-15s and 1 biplane, including some covered with tarpaulins, were observed at the field. There was a 10/10 overcast with intermittent rain showers, a cloud base of about 800 meters, a northwesterly wind of about 20 km/h, a temperature of about 15 degrees, and clear visibility. After noon, the tarpaulins were removed and at 1310 two MiG-15s taxied from the dispersal area in the northwestern section of the field to the southeastern end of the runway. The aircraft did not taxi on the runway but on the grass along the northeastern side of the runway. They turned to the right approximately in line with the southeastern end of the runway and then arranged in echelon formation to the left toward the take-off point, with the noses pointing to the northwest. The distance and interval between the 2 aircraft was about 1 MiG length and 1 wing span respectively. Thirty-five seconds afterward, the two aircraft simultaneously lifted from the runway and headed toward the northwest while disappearing from view. The distance and interval between the aircraft increased to about 3 MiG lengths and wing spans during the flight. The following air activity was subsequently observed:
- At 1315, 2 MiG-15s taxied to the take-off point and took off in the same manner.
- At 1350, 4 MiG-15s individually landed from southeast to northwest at intervals of 20 seconds. After the landing until 1357, the sound of power plants was heard from the northwestern section of the field.
- At 1430, 4 MiG-15s taxied aft of each other northeast of the runway to the eastern end of the lane, turned and moved up on the runway where they lined up side-by-side with the noses pointing to the northwest. After 35 seconds, the right aircraft took off and the other one followed at an interval of 35 seconds. The two aircraft also disappeared toward the northwest.
- At 1515, the same take-off procedure was conducted by 4 MiG-15s. At 1520, 4 MiG-15s individually landed from southwest to northwest at intervals of 30 seconds.
- At 1545, 4 MiG-15s landed in the same direction and with intervals of 50 to 55 seconds.
- At 1550, a MiG-15 approached from the southeast and flew over the field while towing an air sleeve on a rope about 500 meters long. The aircraft made two circuits over

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the field at an altitude of about 400 meters and dropped the sleeve target over the southeastern end of the runway. After another circuit over the field, the MiG-15 landed from southeast to northwest at 1558. During the air activity, 1 red fire truck and 1 Moskvich-type van-like truck were parked at the southeastern end of the runway. At about 1600, the aircraft which were parked on the parking sites north of the northwestern end of the runway were trucked on the taxiway to the dispersal south of the northwestern end of the runway.

3. The following motor vehicles were parked in the yard of the cantonment south of Strasshof railroad station:

Trucks

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Van-like truck [redacted] with windows painted in a black and white checker board pattern

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[redacted] tank trucks were parked in the yard of the garage at the eastern entrance of Deutsch Wagram [redacted]

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There was intensive traffic by Soviet soldiers.

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4. Between 0800 and 1500 on 25 May, 38 MiG-15s were observed at Deutsch Wagram airfield. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, a southeasterly wind of about 5 km/h, and clear visibility. Between 1000 and 1211, there was air activity by MiG-15s which took off and landed from northwest to southeast:

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The aircraft headed southeast while disappearing from view and appeared over the field before the landing.

Civilian workers were engaged in construction work just north of the barracks buildings at the field.

The AA gun emplacement was not occupied.

5. The following observations were made in the Deutsch Wagram military posts:
Nos 19 and 29 Bahnhof Strasse. The buildings were guarded by sentries.

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No 3 Bahnhof Strasse.

[redacted] occupied by fitters, entered the installation. School building. School children in uniforms were engaged in callisthenics in the yard. Two van-like trucks and truck [redacted] were parked under the lean-to roof. [redacted]

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No 10 Gaenserndorfer Strasse. Van-like truck [redacted] were parked in front of the building.

No 25 Haupt Strasse. At about 1215, about 30 officers ranking from sub-lieutenant to captain and wearing blue-bordered blue epaulets entered the building at short intervals. Two trucks [redacted] picked up food in containers.

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No change was observed in the occupation of the other buildings which previously housed Soviets.

Motor vehicle park. The installation was guarded by a sentry. The following motor vehicles were parked there:

11 trucks

5 van-like trucks [redacted]

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6 tank trucks [redacted]

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1 truck with hoisting gear.

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6. The following observations were made in the Strasshof military post Soviet officers moving between the officers billeting the "Large building" and the airfield included
3 lieutenant colonels
6 majors

11 officers ranking from sub-lieutenant to captain

All of the officers wore blue-bordered blue epaulets.

"Large building". This building was guarded by sentries. Truck [redacted] was parked in the yard.

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"Small building". Trucks [redacted] and trailer [redacted] were parked in front of the building.

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Comment. Personnel were seen moving between the individual barracks. No parked motor vehicles were observed.

Camp at edge of wood. The camp was guarded by sentries. A total of 42 motor vehicles of various types and 3 van-like trucks were parked there.

Spare parts dump. Five gray crates were observed there. Small boxes apparently of greasy timber walls were carried from the underground bunkers, loaded on truck [redacted] and hauled to the airfield.

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Vehicular traffic between Deutsch Wagram, Strasshof and the airfield included:

Trucks



with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets

Jeep



with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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Comment. Deutsch Wagram airfield is occupied by two Soviet fighter regiments equipped with MiG-15s [redacted]

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