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The following is a summary of information on Soviet-occupied airfields and air activities received prior to 4 October 1955:

1. General:

- a. Several units of the 24th Air Army, including large elements of the Brandenburg Ground-attack Division, the Werneuchen Bomber Division and the Zerbat and Jueterbog Fighter Divisions, were involved in fall maneuvers. Three generals from the Army headquarters were in the area of the maneuvers.
- b. There were major parachute exercises over the Jueterbog-Damm airfield.
- c. The Welsow Bomber Division, which had arrived in July from the east, apparently left the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- d. The customary personnel exchanges were begun.

2. Aircraft Counts:

Koethen:	59 MiG-15's/17's and one Token radar set on 23 September.
Jueterbog:	20 MiG-15's/17's on 28 September.
Neuruppin:	30 MiG-15's/17's (approximately) and two Il-28's on 24 September.
Brandenburg-Briest:	24 MiG-15's on 28 September.
Finow:	50 MiG-15's/17's (approximately) on 25 September.
Oranienburg:	32 Il-28's and two Li-2's on 26 September.
Gross Doelln:	26 Il-28's and one Po-2 on 23 September.
Doberitz:	25 Il-10's on 26 September.
Brandenburg-Industriehafen:	62 Il-10's on 23 September.
Stendal:	24 Il-10's on 23 September.

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Schoenwalde: 4 Po-2's on 17 September.
 Jueterbog Damm: 9 Li-2's on 23 September and three
 Po-2's on 30 September.
 Jocksdorf: 14 Yak-18's on 23 September.
 Tutow: No aircraft on 23 September.

3. Air Activity:

- a. At 2:30 p.m. on 23 September, 32 Il-10's, with blue leading edges on their rudder assemblies, landed at the Brandenburg-Industrieafen airfield. Thirty Il-10's of a cadre unit were already stationed there. Between 24 and 28 September, all of the aircraft made sorties lasting approximately 50 minutes and consisting of formations of up to 12 planes which headed toward the south.
- b. At 12:30 p.m. on 23 September, 23 Il-10's took off, within eight to ten minutes, from Stendal and headed toward Rathenow.¹
- c. Between 23 and 29 September, formations of up to 30 Il-28's repeatedly flew from east to west in the Werneuchen-Finow area.²
- d. On 30 September, MIG-15's and 17's at Jueterbog [redacted]
- e. Between 17 and 23 September, there were daily bombings at the Gadow-Rossow (Schweinrich) bombing range by Il-28's in formations up to nine. The bombs were dropped simultaneously without change of formation.
- f. On 23 September, 60 soldiers simultaneously jumped from nine Li-2's, 100 meters over the Jueterbog Damm airfield. This same exercise was repeated on 24 September.

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4. Transfers:

- a. It was learned in early September that a unit from the Gross Doelln airfield was to be transferred in the near future.
- b. During the nights of 22 and 23 September, two trains left Gross Doelln for Brest-Litovsk. [redacted] trains also left Gross Doelln on 23 and 24 September and Welsow on 26 and 30 September for Brest-Litovsk.³ On 2 August, 33 Il-28's were observed at Welsow. No increase in aircraft strength was observed in Gross Doelln. The bomber unit in Welsow, which was probably stationed temporarily in the Soviet Zone of Germany for training, has now returned. The reason for the dispatch of personnel from Gross Doelln to Brest-Litovsk is undetermined.

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5. Personnel Exchange:

After 8 September, newly arrived air-force officers and their dependents were observed in Neuruppin. [redacted]

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6. Personnel:

Major General Vasilyev is the Commander of the Oranienburg Bomber Division. Major General Mashuyek, who was previously observed in this area and who was presumed to be the Commander of this Division, was merely there conducting an inspection.



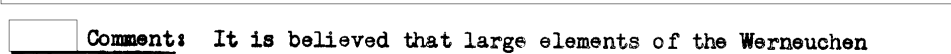



7. Constructions:

Concreting work on the runway at the new Wolfsbehringen airfield was near completion in late September.

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1.  **Comment:** The aircraft of the Stendal Ground-attack Regiment were presumably transferred to the Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield for joint exercises with army units; 
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2.  **Comment:** It is believed that large elements of the Werneuchen Bomber Division are involved in fall maneuvers. 25X1
3.  **Comment:** Between 5 July and 2 August, eleven trains from Brest-Litovsk arrived in East Germany and included eight which were dispatched to Welzow and three which were dispatched to Gross Doelln. 25X1
4.  **Comment:** This is probably an indication that the exchange of flying personnel has begun. 25X1

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