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1. The following aircraft were counted at the SPAAKEN (N 53/Z 65) airfield:

a. In front of the southern hangars:

Thirty-two single-seat fighters, radial engine, retractable landing gear, 20-inch wide white ring around fuselage, some with red propeller hubs.

b. Eastern section:

Eleven DC-3s with red- propeller hubs.

c. Southwest section: A twin-engine commercial plane with nose wheel, presumably radial engine, double landing gear, low-wing monoplane, blue flash extending over the entire fuselage, flexible section of rudder assembly painted yellow.

2. Flying was done with five aircraft practicing take-offs and landings. A crash-landing was made.

3. The passenger car was observed.

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4. Thirty-six single-engine aircraft of the previously reported type took off individually from the field between 5 and 7 p.m. They formed formations of nine planes each and headed south. Their return was not observed.

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5. There was no flying at 9 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Four single-engine aircraft each were parked in front of the flight control station and a hangar, three twin-engine aircraft in the eastern section of the field.

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6. Ten twin-engine DO-3s were parked at the field. The 60 - 80 single-engine low-wing monoplanes previously observed were not seen. A silvery twin-engine low-wing monoplane was parked near the flight control station.

Features:

retractable landing gear, half of engine projecting over wings, four-bladed propeller, nine cockpit windows, light brown rudder assembly, red nose, blue flash marking covering fuselage.

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Comment:

a. The occupation of the airfield has not been clarified. It has been assumed that the fighter regiment previously stationed there, was transferred to POKHANG together with the DOGBALITZ fighter units. The transferred STAKEN unit was replaced by ground attack units from SOHONG. Sixty to eighty ground attack aircraft were allegedly parked at the field on 17 September 1949. The SOHONG unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft was also allegedly transferred to STAKEN.

b. According to this report, the fighter regiment was apparently still stationed at the field 23 September 1949, but no ground attack aircraft were observed. The ground attack aircraft seen at the field 17 September 1949, were possibly only temporarily stationed there for training. It seems to be proved that the twin-engine aircraft from SOHONG are now stationed in STAKEN. These aircraft are assumed to be assigned to a component training regiment of the III Air Corps.

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