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REPORT

TOPIC Dessau Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. a. Fifty-five fighters with angular wings, painted gray-green, were parked at the northern taxiway of the Dessau (W 52/E 06) airfield. Eighteen jet planes were parked at the southern taxiway.

b. Description of jet planes: Air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, low-wing monoplane, wings swept back, leading and trailing edges straight and parallel, wing tips cut, rudder assembly sloping to the rear, cockpit set above root of leading edge of wing, nose wheel.

c. Four conventional fighters were parked on the southern edge of the field in front of a small wooden cantonment building with superstructure and antenna. They taxied to the aircraft revetments at 7 a.m. Four other planes taxied from there to the cantonment building. About 40 flying and ground personnel were relieved at the same time and left the cantonment building.

2. The jet planes flew over the field between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. They took off individually and flew in formations of four at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. they changed their positions after wing-rocking of the left plane. The flights averaged from 20 to 25 minutes.

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3. Three new cantonment quarters and two wooden garages were seen south of the field and the railroad line.

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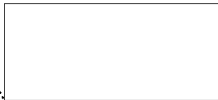
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It is assumed that the field is occupied by two fighter regiments, previously equipped with LA-9s. The presence of jet planes is reported for the first time. The Dessau fighter units apparently are being re-equipped with jet planes, as has been observed at almost all other Soviet Zone airfields occupied by fighter units. The arrival of a new unit was not noted. The 20 to 25-minute average flight time seems to be the usual duration of practice flying. [redacted] the maximum flight time is probably about one hour.

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