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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Strausberg Airfield

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EVALUATION B - 2

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 29 March 1950REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) _____

REMARKS _____

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. Thirty-six twin-engine aircraft were counted at the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) airfield [REDACTED]

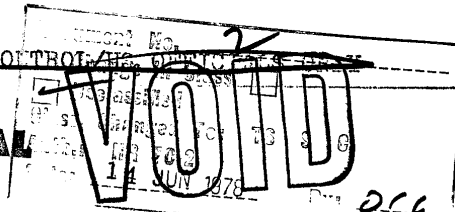
Description: Low-wing monoplane, double rudder assembly, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, metal covered nose, inline engine. There were two versions of the cockpit :

- a. Continuous cockpit roof with armament protruding rearward,
- b. divided cabin without armament.

Both versions had an antenna rod at front section of cockpit roof. Coat of paint on underside light blue, on upper side dark green.

2. Flying with 14 planes, all with continuous cockpit roof, began at 9 a.m. The direction for take-offs was marked by white flags. A radio truck, a fire truck, two tank trucks, an ambulance and two trucks were standing at the take-off point. The planes were refueled from tank trucks at the take-off point. The tank trucks hauled the fuel from the guarded and especially fenced-in fuel dump on the western edge of the field. Four planes continually made local flights. Eight more planes emitting strong smoke plumes zoomed over the field to an altitude of about 5,000 meters. Then the planes proceeded in a northern direction, remaining, however, within sight. At level flight two very loud detonations were heard whereupon the planes turned westward and returned in gliding flight for landing. The approach flights for bomb releasing were made individually. All aircraft observed flying had no tactical symbols and their propeller hubs were not painted. They had lattice-work, about 50x80x100 cm, on the under side of the wings, outside the engines, which were taken for dive brakes. During the flying activity until 3 : 30 p.m. 12 covered twin-engine planes of the described type were parked in

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the northwestern section of the field and 10 planes in front of the hangar on the northern edge.

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25X1C 4. [REDACTED] occupied by two air force officers wearing service caps with blue ribbons and golden cords, drove toward the field.

25X1A 5. There was flying activity and bombing at the field [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] mostly between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The previously observed unit equipped with 40 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines was still stationed there. The presence of previously seen officers and EM indicated that the unit had not changed.

25X1C 6. [REDACTED] proceeded toward the air force depot on [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1C 7. [REDACTED]

25X1X 8. It has been conspicuous for some time that a train of a varying number of freight cars each with a window on both sides was standing at the Strausberg railroad branch station. [REDACTED] it was a train for the shipment of prisoners and there were four cells in each car. Windowless quarters for prisoners prior to their shipment were allegedly at the airfield.

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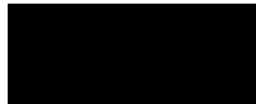
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d. The information that no flying has been done for some weeks was confirmed by other observations.

e. The Blumenthaler Forst bombing range was reported for the first time.

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Comment :

a. The report confirms that the field is occupied by about 40 twin-engine planes, ^{as from} known/other sources. The aircraft belong to a component regiment of the 241st Bmr Div. According to the description in para 1, the planes are possibly Pe-3s (metal nose).
b. The motor vehicle numbers mentioned in para 4 are assigned to component units of the III Bmr Corps.

c. The motor vehicle numbers mentioned in para 7 are assigned to the ground attack units stationed in Doeberitz. From this observation it may be concluded that the air force depot in Strausberg also supplies ground attack units.

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[REDACTED] has been repeatedly confirmed as [REDACTED] of the ground unit stationed at the Strausberg airfield. [REDACTED] is reported for the first time.

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