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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest Airfield

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT see below

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 21 November 1950

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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1. From the Berlin-Magdeburg railroad line a rotating searchlight, located near Lake Plaue (N 53/2 23) or on an island in the lake, was seen at 9:50 p.m. on 9 October 1950. * The searchlight was rotating counterclockwise at a rate of 15 revolutions per minute. The beam of the searchlight was pointing upward at an angle of about 30°. The searchlight was in operation for about one minute, then turned off for two to three minutes. These operations were observed for about ten minutes.

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2. No jet fighters with straight wings were observed at the Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/2 13) airfield from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 23 October 1950. Also the jet fighters with swept-back wings and light blue markings, which were previously observed, were no longer seen. ** Four jet fighters with swept-back wings were refueled from a tank truck. It took ten minutes to refuel one plane. After refueling, three of the planes took off in rapid succession. At the starting of the jet engines only the noise of jet engines was heard.

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* Comment. The exact location of the searchlight, presumably an orientation device for night flying, is unknown.

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** Comment. Same source previously reported having seen type 16 jet aircraft. See [REDACTED] There are no other indications that the few planes of this type were transferred from Brandenburg-Briest. They were possibly parked in the camouflaged aircraft dispersal area during the time of observation. It is believed that the MIG-15s were provided with the light blue markings mentioned only during the maneuver period. See [REDACTED]

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A fighter regiment is believed to be stationed at the field.

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