

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1X [REDACTED] 1. In late July 1951, the spur track at Welzow airfield was extended as far as point 119.2. (1) About 100 airfield workers had been detached to Drewitz airfield where they were quartered in barracks. The workers were allegedly to be employed for excavation work at the airfield. (2)

25X1X [REDACTED] 2. On 6 August 1951, the runway at Welzow airfield was nearing completion. The width of the runway was estimated at 80 meters. [REDACTED] 25X1X [REDACTED] the runway was to be completed by 15 August. Construction work on the airfield buildings and installations was, however, to continue throughout the winter.

25X1X [REDACTED] 3. On 9 August 1951, [REDACTED] a new concrete runway about 3,000 meters long was completed at Welzow airfield. About 1,500 civilian workers and two Soviet penal companies were employed there. The workers were given a dismissal notice because the airfield was scheduled to be serviceable by 1 September 1951. Two temporary buildings were set up at the eastern edge of the field. Four three-story buildings and two low wooden buildings were erected for quarters of the ground personnel. The flying personnel were to be quartered in private houses in Welzow. The field was unoccupied. (3) 25X1X

4. On 17 August 1951, the entire runway and three quarters of the taxiway of Welzow airfield were completed. A construction worker said that 70 tons of cement had been used every day and that the construction of hangars was not planned.

5. A sample of the concrete mixture, as used for the construction of the runway, was obtained. (1) The entrances to the northeastern and southeastern corners of the field were guarded by Russian sentries.

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Comments.

- (1) For location of this point [REDACTED] sheet No 4450, scale 1:25,000.
- (2) The planned improvement of Drewitz airfield is confirmed. Construction is to start after completion of Welzow airfield. Details are not available.
- (3) There are no indications of an imminent occupation of the field. Since hangars are not available, the field will possibly not be occupied by an air unit until next spring. However, the field is suitable for temporary use at the present time.

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- (4) The mixture consists of one part of cement and about 5 parts of gravel and crushed stones. The crushed stone is of good quality while the gravel is impure. The color of the cement indicates a rather poor quality, insufficiently consolidated. It is believed, therefore, that a runway surface built of this material will not withstand continuous load strains.

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