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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1

TOPIC Finow Airfield 25X1

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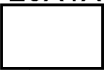
1. Between 18 and 22 October 1951, Finow airfield was occupied by 3 biplanes, 4 MiG-15s and 2 single-engine planes which were parked in the northeastern corner. The military installation which consisted of a hospital, storehouse, and troop billets in the Messingwerk (brass plant) in Finow was no longer guarded after 18 October. A Soviet Air Force guard detail of about 50 men was quartered in the cantonment on Biesenthaler Strasse. About one fourth of the restricted area bordered by Post Strasse, Pappel Strasse, and the former Dietrich Eckard Strasse was occupied by air force troops. The radio installation in the Finowfurt estate was evacuated.

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2. On 24 October, there was no flying at the field except for the landing of eight swept-back jet fighters. (2) An LI-2 type twin-engine low-wing monoplane was observed on 27 October. The runway had lamps 40 to 50 meters apart. Five lamps, each about 75 cm high, 1 lamp about 2.5 meters high and another lamp about 3 meters high lighted the main flying lane. A low wooden building with a superstructure, 3 x 6 x 4.5 meters, which was located about 50 meters north of the four masts of the radio installation in Jagen (forest-subarea) 216, was completed. (3) Another wooden hut, about 2.5 x 2.5 x 3 meters, was erected about 50 meters northeast of four masts in Jagen 216. An antenna mast, about 10 meters high and with two cross bars on top, was next to this hut. (4) Four wires fitted at the four ends of the cross bars extended vertically to the ground. The huts in Jagen 215 and the radio installation in Jagen 175 were unchanged. (5)

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3. On 24 October, source again saw ~~8~~ *1* ~~air force~~ *LP* Finow who, had apparently, ~~had~~ *had* ~~been~~ *been* ~~at~~ *at* ~~the~~ *the* ~~field.~~ *field.*

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4. Between noon and 1 p.m. on 2 November, there was no flying at the field. Aircraft parked there included 4 MiG-15s, 4 single-engine light blue planes, and 2 single-engine biplanes, [redacted] Eight additional MiG-15s covered with tarpaulins were estimated at the field. [redacted]

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Comments.

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(1) The two fighter regiments and the fighter division headquarters stationed in Finow were transferred to the U.S.S.R. via Brest Litovsk between 8 and 20 October 1951. See [redacted]

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[redacted] The aircraft observed at the field up to 22 October possibly included those which were not serviceable or which were temporarily on the field from other airfields. [redacted]

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- (2) It is not believed that a new unit arrived at Finow airfield up to 2 November 1951. On 24 October, individual air force personnel possibly arrived in Finow. All eight MiG-15s landed at the field on the same day. It has not been determined whether the advance detail of a new fighter is concerned. It is believed possible that the airfield will soon be reoccupied because all the radio installations remained at their previous locations.
- (3) The radio installation is an Adcock DF station. Its location was previously reported. The reported Jagen (forest-subareas) is entered on Chart GSGS 4414, Sheet 3147.
- (4) The installation is reported for the first time.
- (5) The radio installation is outer landing beacon whose location was reported previously.

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