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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Construction of Retzow Airfield

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1. On 6 April 1952, [redacted] reported on the status of Retzow airfield at a conference of construction foremen held in Waren. [redacted] stated that 120 men were engaged in cutting trees at the field and that construction plans for Retzow were similar to those for the Buchholz airfield. *

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2. On 22 March, [redacted] learned from a carpenter with whom he was traveling by rail from Neustadt on the Dosse River to Wittstock that he was proceeding to a new place of work at Retzow airfield. The carpenter said that he had to build temporary quarters at the field. The construction firm from Waren to which he belonged had also been contracted for construction work at the Schwerin and Neustadt-Clewe airfields. Another carpenter who was riding the same train said that he was employed for construction work at airfields. **

* [redacted] Comment. The statement that the Retzow project was to be similar to the Buchholz project is the first positive information on the extent of construction work planned at Retzow airfield. According to available information, the Buchholz airfield will cover a site of 2,800 x 400 meters and will not be provided with surfaced runways or taxiways.

** [redacted] Comment. These data confirm that airfields are scheduled to be built near Retzow and Schwerin. The latter airfield is believed to be built near Buchholz. The information that an airfield is scheduled to be built near Neustadt-Clewe is received for the first time.

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