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The following observations were made at Parndorf Airfield (P 48/X 77) in the Soviet Zone of Austria on 14 August 1952.

1. Approximately 30-32 aircraft were seen at Parndorf, of which at least 18 were jet fighters; the others chiefly fighter planes, plus two Soviet biplane reconnaissance aircraft. There were no bombers or multi-engine planes. Repairs were in progress on several aircraft which had been towed to the side of the runway by jeeps. All planes stood out in the open, since there is no large hangar at Parndorf.
2. The field is equipped with more than twenty maintenance vehicles, including four gasoline trucks.
3. No anti-aircraft defenses were observed.
4. The troop strength at Parndorf is estimated at 250-300 men, of which a relatively large number (sic) are young officers.

[Redacted Box] there is constant activity at Parndorf; jet fighters make daily practice flights, taking off in groups of fours at five-minute intervals, and circling over the field in a loop formation before flying off westward. It is not clear whether this information is based on previous observations or on hearsay.

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