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NEW AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION NEAR ČÁSLAV

SOURCE MUNICH : Confidential source

DATE OF OBSERVATION : Until the end of April 1953.

EVAL. COMMENT : The construction of a new airfield near ČÁSLAV was not previously reported. The size of the field as reported here seems strongly exaggerated. Jet fighter planes do not need a runway longer than 2 - 2 1/2 kms for the take-off and landing run; the jet bombers /believed to be not yet in operational service in the ČSR Air Force/ need 3 - 3 1/2 kms long runways. Therefore, the construction of an airfield covering an area of 20 by 20 kms would be unjustified, if not fantastic. It would mean the liquidation of many localities in the ČÁSLAV region, which is densely populated. Therefore, the entire report is UNCONFIRMED here.

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In der Nähe von ČÁSLAV - etwa 11 km - wird der grösste Flugplatz in der Republik in einem Ausmass von 20 x 20 km gebaut.

Allgemein spricht man in der Tschechoslowakischen Republik davon, dass zur Zeit alle Startbahnen der vorhandenen Flugplätze vergrössert werden sollen, damit die Turbinenflugzeuge sicher starten und landen können.

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