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(Reference to this report must specify Serial No., Place and Date.)

Serial 22-5-47 at Stockholm, Sweden Date 15 April, 1947  
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From U. S. Naval Attache B.I.D. 0407.  
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Main separate report for each main title. See O. N. I. Index Guide.

Reference See below  
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

Source Personal observation Evaluation A-2  
(No official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with -- A) to F-O etc.  
Identify where practicable, etc.) Ref: AS/EN 3-10; SER. 4312416-11-13-42

Subject SWEDEN Guided Missiles Alleged rockets over Sweden  
(Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Main separate report for each title)

BRIEF: (Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

Aluma Stockholm's final opinion regarding the alleged rockets over Sweden in 1946 is that the widespread press reports last summer were not based on available factual evidence, that it is very doubtful if any of the reported missiles landed in Sweden, and that while a few stray guided missiles may have passed over Sweden, the Swedes have as yet brought forth no tangible evidence, and still insist officially that there is none.

Refs: (a) ONI Secret Ltr (SC)AS-2/EF66 Op-32F411, Ser 001642P32, dated 4 Feb 1947.  
(b) NA Stkm Secret Report No. R164-47, dated 14 Mar 1947.

Encl: (A) Copy of reference (b).

1. Reference (a) requested that this office forward its final opinion regarding the alleged rockets over Sweden.

2. To date no evidence is available to this office that any rockets or projectiles launched by a foreign power have passed over or landed on Scandinavian territory, although both the Swedish and the British intelligence services had stated that they would notify this office if any concrete evidence was obtained. (German V-2's landed in Sweden in 1945).

3. It is the opinion of this office that no foreign-launched guided missiles have landed in Sweden since the end of the war, and that the Swedes have no tangible evidence or even photographs to prove that such missiles have passed over Swedish territory. This skepticism is shared by N/A Stockholm's office (reference (b), enclosed). (German V-2's landed in Sweden in 1945)

4. While it is possible that a few captured German V-2's or other Russian-launched guided missiles may have gone astray and landed in Baltic waters, it

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is not believed that any have landed in Sweden. However, it is quite possible that a few guided missiles may have passed over Swedish territory.

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5. The subject has in the past few months been allowed to die a quiet death, and Swedish officials prefer to dismiss it as an unexplained press sensation.

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 26 Nov 1947

FROM: AFOIR-CO

TO: CG, AMC, Wright Fld., Dayton, Ohio Attn: TSNLI-2

Ltr

SUBJECT: Mysterious Missiles Reported in Sweden

1. Reference is made to your letter of 17 October 1947, subject as above.

2. Information available at this Headquarters regarding the subject is as follows:

a. Captain R. V. A. Thorien, Royal Swedish Navy, in a conference at this Headquarters on 7 October 1947 stated that the Swedish "ghost rockets" were fired from Peenemunde. In further discussion he stated that: These rockets had been sighted making a 180° turn; that 33 of the sightings were believed to be ~~possibly~~ factual; the missiles are flying again, and new launchings have been reported headed south from the northern Petsamo Area.

b. Mr. Bernt Balchen, Norwegian Airline director and former Colonel, USAF, was interviewed by personnel of this headquarters, on 14 October 1947. Mr. Balchen gave information concerning two radar locations in the Petsamo area and a rocket firing incident observed in the same area.

c. General Kessler, recently returned from Stockholm, where he was US Military Attache, did not agree with Captain Thorien's information. In fact, he categorically stated that only two sightings could possibly have been factual and he does not think sufficient evidence exists to authenticate these two.

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In reply address both communication and envelope to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention following office symbol:

MCIA/ACI/amb  
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

23 January 1948

MCIA

SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO: Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AFOIR, Lt Col George Garrett

1. In connection with the investigation of flying discs, Project "SIGN", it is believed that the various unidentified flying objects seen over Sweden (so-called "Swedish Incidents") might be helpful. It is our understanding that a comprehensive file of these incidents accumulated during the past two years is located at your Headquarters.

2. It is requested, therefore, that the entire file "Swedish Incidents" be forwarded to this office for review as soon as possible. If extra copies are not available, reproduction copies will be made at this Command so that the originals can be promptly returned.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. R. Clingeran Col USAF  
for H. M. McCoy  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

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17 Feb 1948

FROM: AFOIR-AA

Memo

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e. Dr. Wilkenson described efforts of the Swedish government and his company to perfect V-1 type guided missiles and stated that they were experiencing considerable difficulty in matters of fuel consumption and that they had called in a German scientist who was an expert on the V-1. This German scientist in all of his calculations showed that their V-1 model should be actually getting five times as much range as they were getting in their experiments.

3. Dr. Wilkenson apparently had very definite ideas with regard to the much-discussed "meteors" that have been seen over their country, but Colonel von Schinkel got into a very excited discussion in Swedish with Dr. Wilkenson, which apparently changed his ideas about making any statement on the subject.

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**Subject: Observation by GEN Jung**  
**Date: Wed, 24 Jun 1998 18:27:36 -0700**  
**From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>**  
**Reply-To: Discussion about UFOs and research for PROJECT 1947 <PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AO**  
**To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM**

The following was from the USAF Directorate of Intelligence Daily Briefing reports for 1948.

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Project 1947  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

24 August 1948

AFOIR-RC

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE, AIR INTEL, REQUIREMENTS DIVISION

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT to Daily Activity 24 Aug 1948

1. It has been noted in cable brief that Sweden Armed Force C in C, General Jung, saw an aerial explosion considered to be some form of guided missile originating from Estonian islands, possible Dago or Osel. A point of interest lies in the fact that recent word has been received from out attache in Stockholm of a reconnaissance sortie accomplished over Osel and the stated intention of further aerial reconnaissance there. The Swedish reports have mentioned civilian evacuation on the western coast of the above islands.

2. The Swedish aerial reconnaissance stems from an arrangement which was made with the Directorate of Intelligence for the loan of long focal length cameras to the Swedes.

3. General Jung has a keen interest in the products of reconnaissance in a personal as well as an official way. He has as a personal friend the head of the section of the General Staff of Defense which is charged with covert reconnaissance; General Jung's sister-in-law holds a key position in that section.

4. It is believed that photographs of the area will be received in the near future. (Lt Col Fuller 2376)

/s/ J. E. Mallory  
/t/ J. E. MALLORY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Reconnaissance Branch

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**Subject: Re: Observation by GEN Jung**  
**Date: Thu, 25 Jun 1998 10:58:59 -0700**  
**From: Jan Aldrich <jan@CYBERZONE.NET>**  
**Reply-To: Discussion about UFOs and research for PROJECT 1947 <PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AO**  
**To: PROJECT-1947@LISTSERV.AOL.COM**

Clas Svahn wrote:

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> Regarding General Jungs observation from 1948 UFO-Sweden has been  
> working on this since a couple of months. This far we have copied notes  
> from Helge Jungs diary that describes the incident in detail. We have  
> also secured copies of reports of the diving efforts made in the lake  
> where the General saw the missile crasch. Due to lack of time I have  
> not been able to continue this investigation for a while but I will  
> start digging into the archives later this summer.  
>  
> Clas Svahn  
> UFO-Sweden

It is interesting that in the Maxwell \*paper\* archives this document was not available, however, on the microfilm it was. (When I copied this, I did not notice that it was TOP SECRET. All TOP SECRET supplements in the original files had been removed.) I would like to find the original cable to the USAF.

Best regards,

Jan

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## SWEDEN

**Experimental Jet Fighter  
Makes First Flight**

Sweden's experimental jet fighter, the J.29, completed its first flight 1 September at Laskafing. The aircraft reportedly remained aloft two and a half hours.

The J.29 has a swept-back wing, is powered by a De Havilland "Ghost" turbojet engine rated at 5,000 pounds thrust for takeoff. The craft is designed for a maximum speed of 568 knots at sea level, and a service ceiling of 45,000 feet. [Secret]

**First Mosquitoes Arrive,  
60 Due by July 1949**

De Havilland Mosquitoes, the first of 60 to be supplied by July 1949, have arrived in Sweden. Rate of delivery is to be stepped up to 6 a month. The aircraft are delivered with complete night fighter equipment, including radar, and will be placed in three night fighter squadrons. The three squadrons will improve the defensive capabilities of the Swedish Air Force. [Secret]

**Fires in the Sky**

An increase in the number of incidents over Sweden during the summer may be connected with Soviet guided missile tests in the Lake Seliger area (57° N.-33° E.) or along the Baltic coast of Estonia.

About 32 launching sites reportedly exist in areas fronting on the Baltic Sea. Swedish sources claim to have confirmed the existence of three such sites. Reoccurrence of so-called "rocket incidents" over Sweden is important in view of the reported move of Peenemunde launching facilities to locations in the USSR.

Earlier, the greatest number of incidents in Scandinavia occurred in 1946, when the Peenemunde facilities reportedly were being used in trial launchings of German World War II missiles then being manufactured in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Sightings of rockets over Scandinavia ceased with the reported removal of Peenemunde facilities but began again almost coincidentally with the reported establishment of test facilities in the USSR.

Any missiles being test-fired by the Soviets in areas such as the Baltic probably are slightly improved versions of German World War II types, and those which may be under development at installations in the interior regions of the USSR possibly are more advanced types. [Secret]

**Alarmed**

Under a Stockholm dateline, the New York Times recently reported that, "Alarmed by the present international tension, the Swedes have taken a number of military security measures. Some of these measures are understood to go beyond any preparations the Swedes made during World War II. While their nature is secret, it is known that sea and land minefields have been laid at vulnerable spots."

Reserve officers are rushed through training periods and home guard drill is pushed effectively. Air Force training has been intensified. Measures have been prepared to deal with the fifth column. The New York Times also stated that "Plane production has been stepped up considerably. The country can put 600,000 men in the field on short notice, it is estimated, in addition to the Navy and Air Force."

The Swedes possess a first-class intelligence service. If the New York Times report is true, the Swedish Government must have received very strong warnings. [Secret]

## TURKEY

**Air Force Starts Transport Service**

Recent inauguration of a scheduled air transport service by the Turkish Air Force marks a decisive step in overhauling the logistical system of the Air Force. The new service will improve maintenance efficiency in a marked degree, and will provide excellent training for pilots.

COUNTRY SWEDEN		REPORT NO. TR 115-48	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Project "SIGN"		AF-33165-1	
AREA REPORTED ON Sweden		FIELD (Agency) OAA-Sweden	
DATE OF REPORT 30 December 1948	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 December 1948	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Donald L. Hardy, Colonel, USAF		SOURCE Swedish Defense Staff	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Source Control No. AWC-435			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List references at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. The Swedish Defense Staff has no proof that any unidentified flying objects, missiles or vehicles have passed over or near Sweden to date.
2. All reports of sightings in Sweden during the past year, irrespective of to whom they were submitted, have been funneled to a special section of the Defense Staff where the sightings were plotted. In each case an exhaustive interrogation of the sighter followed, somewhat along the lines of the BEI for Project "SIGN". All evidence obtained of sightings was explicable in terms of astronomical phenomena.
3. In addition, 3 ground radar stations and 2 radar equipped destroyers cooperated in maintaining watch. The radar equipments were Swedish modified British sets of fairly short range and were not operated on a 24 hour basis; however, no unexplained sightings were made with this equipment.
4. Conclusion: Although the possibility exists that objects have traversed Sweden and its adjacent waters, no proof has been obtained to confirm such flight in any instance.

COMMENT: The cooperation of the Defense Staff in securing this information was undoubtedly given in an effort to emphasize their need for additional U.S. radar equipment. The Swedish Air Board had previously negotiated with the Bendis Corporation for 20 TPS Ia sets but had been refused an export license by our State Department. The members of the Defense Staff, to whom I talked, were eager to point out the good use to which such equipment could be put for both ourselves and the Swedes as instanced by our mutual interest in unidentifiable flying objects. However, I am convinced that our refusal to grant an export license for such equipment will do more good in implementing our national policy, as expressed in the National Security Council documents NSC 28/1, than would the information we might receive from the use of such equipment here.

/s/ Donald L. Hardy  
DONALD L. HARDY  
Colonel, USAF  
Air Attache

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COUNTRY SWEDEN		REPORT NO. IR 47-49	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Guided Missile Activity Over Sweden			
AREA REPORTED ON Sweden		FROM (Agency) OAI-Sweden	
DATE OF REPORT 2 March 1949	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 March 1949	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) H. B. Walsh, Major, USAF		SOURCE Personal Contact	
REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable) R 605-48, Control No. DA-244			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. With reference to request dated 18 January 1949, Control No. DA-244, and revised by our cable, the following information is submitted:

- a. Withdrawn (AFOIN Cable 51648 dated 21 February 1949)
- b. Do the Swedes feel that the reported and unconfirmed incidents of guided missile sightings in recent years have any similarity to any such reports that were received in the days when Germany was conducting experiments with missiles in the Baltic area.

Answer: The Swedes feel that the guided missile sightings over Sweden have been natural phenomena only and they have no proof to discount such a statement.

c. What was Swedish official opinion to unconfirmed guided missile incidents prior to the time that debris of a V-2 missile was actually recovered in Sweden during German experimentation activities in the early part of World War II.

Answer: Swedish official opinion prior to the landing of a V-2 in Sweden, was that a certain number of the "missile sightings" were natural phenomena and a certain number were German fighters at high altitude enroute across Sweden to Norway. This view in fact remained the official opinion even after the V-2 missile landed in Sweden.

Assistant Air Attache Comment: The Sweden actually do not think very much about these reported incidents but attempt to play it up as much as possible to the U. S. Attaches in an effort to show their great need for radar. Continued interest, therefore, on our part towards the last reported incidents, only causes extreme embarrassment when the Swedes emphasize their radar request.

S/ H. B. Walsh  
Major, USAF  
Assistant Air Attache

APPROVED:

S/ DONALD L. HARDY  
Colonel, USAF  
Air Attache

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE  
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence

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APO 633, C/O PM  
NEW YORK, N. Y.  
25 March 1949

BF 400.112

SUBJECT: Unidentified Missiles Landing in Germany.

TO: Director of Intelligence, DCS/O  
Headquarters USAF  
ATTN: Air Intelligence Requirements Division  
Washington 25, D. C.

AF 57286

1. Reference is made to classified Specific Request for Information, Control No. AMC 987, Headquarters USAF, 8 March 1949, subject as above.
2. The attached two reports of investigation on the alleged mysterious missiles landing in the U.S. Zone of Germany are forwarded for your information and retention.
3. Any additional information on unidentified projectiles landing in the US Zone received by this headquarters will immediately be forwarded.

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FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE:

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1. 7020th CIU Investigation, 18 February 1949
  2. 7020th CIU Investigation, 4 March 1949

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Major USAF  
Actg Chief, Air Tech Intelligence Branch

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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq., USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCIAXF

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**News Articles Regarding "Ghost Rockets"**

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Date July 46

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## 'GHOST ROCKETS' OVER SWEDEN

TELEGRAM

### V-WEAPON RUMOURS

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Thursday.

For some weeks a fair number of "ghost rockets" going from south-east to north-west have been reported from various parts of the eastern coast of Sweden. Eyewitnesses say that they look like glowing balls and are followed by a tail of smoke more or less visible.

So many reports cannot be put down to pure imagination, and the General Staff has started a thorough investigation in the matter.

As there is no definite evidence that the phenomena are of meteoric origin, there is a growing suspicion that they are a new kind of radio-controlled V-weapon on which experiments are being carried out.

12.7.46

## SWEDISH INQUIRY

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Sunday.

Swedish military authorities are investigating reports of rocket bombs falling in the country. A communiqué is likely to be issued in due course. 29.7.46

## MYSTERY "STAR" OVER NORWAY

From Our Own Correspondent  
16.7.46 OSLO, Monday.

A mysterious object resembling a huge star was observed from Oslo last night. It came from the south and disappeared northwards at a height of 3,000ft.

Witnesses say that its colour was light yellow when it appeared over the horizon, and swiftly changed to a shade of blue. It followed a steady course at a tremendous speed.

Newspapers are requesting people who observed the phenomenon to report to the headquarters of the Air Force and to look out for wreckage.

Objects resembling V-weapons were seen flying over Sweden on July 11 and over Finland on June 10.

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DAILY TELEGRAM

## MISSILES OVER DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Monday.

Two projectiles were reported to have been seen in flight over the week-end by many people near Korsor, western terminus of the railway line from Copenhagen across the island of Zealand.

They were described as shining objects crossing the sky at great speed and visible in bright sunshine for about 10 seconds. Similar reports have come from Norway, Sweden and Finland recently.—Reuter 30.7.46



# ocket, Plane it Head-On; Swedes Die

# Washington Post

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1946

## Army Units Alerted; Missiles Make Arc Toward Russia, Newspapers Say

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 13 (U.P.).—The fliers were killed when a British military reconnaissance plane collided head-on with a rocket bomb yesterday, Stockholm newspapers reported today. The newspaper Aftonbladet said the reconnaissance plane crashed at Vaggeryd in southern Sweden. Shortly after the plane's pilot ejected the bomb, it said, radio contact was broken and the listening post "heard a crash" the newspaper, quoting investigators, reported. The report, published by other noon newspapers, was not confirmed.

**Port Changes of Course**  
Meanwhile, government authorities prepared a nation-wide search for rockets. Air bases, radar stations and all military units were alerted for immediate action.

A well informed source said the bombs seen recently apparently were radio-controlled. Witnesses reported seeing the bombs change course. The source said the Swedish defense staff has established that the rockets made a wide semi-circle over southern Sweden, probing over northern Finland toward the Kola peninsula of the U.S.S.R.

The second rocket bomb in two days streaked over Stockholm and a meteor early yesterday, unconfirmed press reports said today.

**Witness Quoted**  
Descriptions of several eyewitnesses coincided with details of the rocket bomb. The newspaper Morningbladet quoted an Englishman as saying "It looked just like the flying bombs I saw in London."

Although the press and public complained bitterly about the rocket bombs, military and government officials remained silent. At the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said editorially that the rocket bombs were a misnomer "earthly phenomenon" and that the ghostly disturbances must be regarded as a preliminary exercise of the most unwelcome kind. "The rockets nearly hit."

Stockholm, Aug. 13 (U.P.).—The newspaper Aftonbladet said today a "ghost rocket" yesterday almost caused casualties. A couple boating on a lake in central Sweden were nearly hit by a flying bomb which burst into parts and disappeared beneath the water, the paper said.

*London Times*  
June 11, 1946

### SKY LIT UP IN SOUTH FINLAND

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT  
HELSINKI, JUNE 10

A powerful light in the sky was observed on Sunday night from several places in south Finland. At Helsinki it lit up the sky for 10 minutes, leaving a trail of smoke. Two minutes after its disappearance a rumbling sound was heard far away. Estimates as to its direction were contradictory. Military eyewitnesses were convinced that the object, whatever it was, was rocket-driven.

*Washington Post*  
Aug. 13, 1946

### They Laud at 3 Points

## Sweden Rushes Army Experts To Points Where Rockets Fell

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 12 (U.P.).—The Swedish army today rushed experts to three points in central Sweden where unidentified rockets, rumored to be the results of Russian experiments, crashed last night.

The barrage, witnessed by hundreds of Swedes, was the heaviest since the mysterious missiles first were seen flashing through Swedish skies on May 24. Since then similar missiles have been reported sighted in Finland, Denmark and Norway.

Unconfirmed rumors said the Russians were experimenting with rockets and flying bombs, probably launching them from some point in Estonia on the Baltic, but the Swedish army clamped a tight blackout on the results of its investigation.

One of the rockets passed directly over Stockholm and crashed north of the city. Three others were reported to have exploded in

First reports from army investigators indicated they had found nothing, leading to the theory that the bomb exploded in the air with such fury that little or nothing was left.

A Swedish air force lieutenant estimated the body length at about 20 meters (65 feet). He said the bomb was shaped like a cigar, with a green foremost projecting part and white sides. He said it moved at exceptionally low altitude with terrific speed.

One eyewitness said fragments rained down after a great blast in the air above him. Previous explosions have left hard, black metal objects similar to coal clinkers. In the last public comment permitted on the missiles, Capt. G. E. Stangenberg, acting chief of the Swedish air defense department, said in reply to a question as to whether the bombs were of Russian origin: "I can't confirm that."

London Daily Telegraph  
July 16 1946

### "MYSTERY" STAR OVER NORWAY

From Our Own Correspondent  
OSLO, Monday, July 15, 1946  
A mysterious object resembling a star was observed over Oslo last night. It came from the south and disappeared northwards at a speed of 3,000 ft. per second. Witnesses say that its colour was yellow when it appeared over the horizon, and swiftly changed to a blue. It followed a steady course at a tremendous speed. Newspapers are requesting people who observed the phenomenon to report to the headquarters of the Norwegian Air Force and to look out for wreck-

Objects resembling V-weapons were seen flying over Sweden on July 10 and over Finland on June 10.

29-7-46

London Daily Telegraph  
Aug. 14, 1946

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### NE SAW ROCKET EXPLODE

#### WATCHMAN'S REPORT

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.  
A first "ghost rocket" explosion over Danish territory was seen yesterday morning over the Struer, Jutland. A night watchman said he saw a "ghost" come from the north-east and explode with a crash, illuminating the sky by a bright flash.—A.P.

29-7-46

London Daily Telegraph  
Aug. 7 1946

### SWEDEN'S 300 ROCKET REPORTS

#### NORTHERN APPROACH

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Tuesday.  
Reports that radio-controlled rockets which cross Swedish territory generally come from the south and leave in an easterly direction were confirmed to-day in a statement by the Swedish Defence Staff. The announcement declares that a majority of nearly 300 reports of rockets are probably exaggerated, although reliable evidence remains available to the conclusion to be drawn that some rockets are being sent. No rocket parts have been found. Eye-witness accounts indicate rockets similar to German and other rockets known to have been developed at the end of the war.

29-7-46

London Daily  
Telegraph  
July 25 1946

### "FLYING LIGHTS" OVER 25-7-46 SWEDEN

Stockholm, Wednesday.—More "flying lights" are reported from various parts of Sweden. One report in Stockholm to-day described "flying light" which said to have travelled silently and very fast over district of Central Sweden on Tuesday night. Another report says object similar in shape to rocket was seen travelling slowly in Northern Sweden.—B.U.P.

London Daily Telegraph  
July 29 1946

### SWEDISH INQUIRY

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Sunday.  
Swedish military authorities are investigating reports of rocket bombs falling in the country. A communiqué is likely to be issued in due course. 29-7-46

London Daily Telegraph  
Aug 21 1946

DAILY TELEGRAPH

### ROCKETS OVER DIJON

From Our Own Correspondent  
PARIS, Tuesday.  
Inhabitants of the Dijon area, Burgundy, according to the French Press, report that "huge elongated projectiles passed overhead at prodigious speeds, emitting a whistling noise." It is believed they were rockets. No official confirmation is forthcoming. 21-8-46

London Daily Telegraph  
July 30 1946

### MISSILES OVER DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Monday.  
Two projectiles were reported to have been seen in flight over the week-end by many people near Korsor, western terminus of the railway line from Copenhagen across the island of Zealand. They were described as shining objects crossing the sky at great speed and visible in bright sunshine for about 10 seconds. Similar reports have come from Norway, Sweden and Finland recently.—Reuter. 30-7-46

Manchester  
Guardian 127  
Aug. 23, 1946

### A SWEDISH DENIAL No British Radar Experts Called In

STOCKHOLM, August 22.

The Swedish Air Force Command to-day denied reports that British radar experts have come to Sweden in connection with the "rocket projectiles" seen over Sweden recently.

"There has been no question of foreign help," an Air Force communiqué said. "The report may have arisen through confusion over negotiations now proceeding in Britain and the United States for the purchase of echo-radio radar equipment for the normal use of our Air Force."

These negotiations had been proceeding for a long time and had nothing to do with projectiles flying over Sweden. They were started because Sweden's present equipment was unsatisfactory when used against fast jet-planes like the Vampires recently purchased from England.—Reuter.

Manchester  
Guardian  
Aug. 17, 1946

### WINDOWS BROKEN BY ROCKET BOMB Damage in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, August 16.

Window-panes were broken in Malmö, Sweden, when a rocket projectile exploded over the town to-day. The authorities are searching for fragments of the projectile, which were reported to have been seen falling to the ground.

Many people in Copenhagen to-day reported seeing what they believe to be a rocket during the night.—Reuter.

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## "GHOST ROCKETS" SEEN IN SWEDEN

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

STOCKHOLM, JULY 11

During the last three weeks a number of "ghost rockets" have been seen in various parts of Sweden, generally along the east coast, usually travelling from the south-east to the north-west. Most eye-witnesses describe them as glowing rockets or balls with smoke visible at the tail.

The Swedish defence staff is investigating the various accounts, and a suspicion is growing that some kind of radio-controlled experimental rockets have in fact been passing across Sweden. So far, however, definite evidence is lacking, and it may yet be found that the "rockets" are some meteor-like phenomena.

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## SWEDE REPORT HINTS SOVIET ROCKET TESTS

Stockholm, July 11.—(AP)—Shining missiles seen in the last twenty-four hours traveling at great altitude with high speed caused speculation today by the newspaper Aftonbladet that Russians are conducting rocket experiments on Baltic bases.

The recent missiles were described by witnesses as "a greenish blue shining ball giving off a tail of light of the same color."

Similar sights two months ago were reported from about ten places in Sweden and several places in Finland.

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July 28, 1946  
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**Swedes Curb Flying Bomb News**  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 27  
(AP)—A limited censorship has been imposed on information concerning unidentified missiles—believed to be flying bombs or rockets—that have been sighted over Swedish territory in recent weeks. The authorities have banned the publication of names of localities where the missiles have been sighted and newspapers have been required to use the dateline, "Somewhere in Sweden" when writing about the subject.

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Aug. 5, 1946

## Russians Test Super Rocket in Arctic Wild

BY HENRY WALES

(Map on page 2)

(Chicago Tribune From Service)

PARIS, Aug. 4—Reports from Stockholm of flying bombs and giant rockets passing over Sweden toward Arctic targets have smothered out the fact that the Russians are carrying on experiments with super long-range weapons invented by the Germans at the testing station at Peenemuende, near Stettin, Germany.

Both American and British intelligence services have confirmed rumors that the Red army has reopened Hitler's top secret laboratory on the Baltic, where the secret weapons were developed, and is using captured German ballistic experts and artillery officers to improve the bombs and rockets, giving them greater range and larger size to carry bigger charges of explosives.

### Reds Bar Reporter

When I visited Thuringia in the Russian zone in February I requested soviet permission to visit Peenemuende and the Island of Ruegen to investigate these rumors. The Red army generals refused to permit me to go to Peenemuende on the excuse that they were turning over that area to Poland, and that the allied bombers totally wrecked the proving station installation. They also seriously restricted my movements on Ruegen.

The newspaper Le Figaro today publishes information from Swedish sources that hundreds of projectiles flew over the Scandinavian countries in the last few months, apparently aimed far into the polar regions. Fragments of shorts which dropped on Swedish territory betrayed the fact that they are giant buzz bombs and rockets.

### Fall in Finland

The belief is that the Red army aims the missiles at the long, narrow islands of Novaya Zemlya in the Arctic ocean, and beyond, where Russian spotters watch for them to drop and check on the range and accuracy. The course plotted along that route would pass over the Gulf of Bothnia, but slight wind deflection would send them over Sweden.

Confidential information is that many projectiles fall short in Finland, but rigid soviet censorship strangles all information concerning them.

American circles believe the Russians consider super buzz bombs and colossal rockets, whose secrets they obtained from the Germans, as ade-

### Sweden's Bomb

Sweden not long ago decided, in spite of the Peace Conference, that a regular exercise of her air-raid sirens was a wise precaution, and she possibly finds her reading of the future confirmed by the missiles which every now and again fly overhead. No one has said who starts them on their journey, but it does not need much imagination to see Russian engineers, no doubt, assisted by obedient German scientists, operating from a research station on the Baltic coast. Russia, of course, could have found a more secret practice range, but she probably enjoys revealing a little of her plaything, just as America carefully lets us know at least enough about her bomb to hold it in respect. The most interesting point about Sweden's visitor is its range; it is reported to be at least 600 miles (which is roughly the distance from Peenemuende to London); and maybe more. But it is strange that the world, in this period of peace-making and settlement, should be so assiduous and demonstrative in military research. Ourselves in Australia with rockets, the Americans, also with rockets and with how much more, the Russians with a weapon snatched out of Germany's falling hands—it is all too much like a group of wrestlers showing off their muscles between bouts.

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Aug. 10, 1946

# REVEAL RUSSIA LEADS U. S. IN WAR ROCKETS

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## But They're Certain They Live in a Target Area

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### Believed Fired from Germany

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The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Fears that a missile might damage a densely populated area have not been realized.

Nobody seems to think the rockets indicate any military preparations against Sweden, but the people are puzzled at Sweden's being in a target area when an unlimited amount of uninhabited areas must be available for experimentation.

### Vanish Within Seconds

The Stockholm-Tribune included a recent editorial "Ghost Rockets and Future War" and said the appearance of the missiles indicated a necessity for preparation.

In general, the ghost rockets are described as a small, spool-shaped object with a fiery tail, appearing suddenly and vanishing within seconds.

TELEGRAPH  
**SWEDEN'S 300  
ROCKET REPORTS**  
**SOUTHERN APPROACH**

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Tuesday.  
Reports that radio-controlled rockets which cross Swedish territory generally come from the south and leave in an easterly direction were confirmed to-day in a statement by the Swedish Defence Staff.  
The announcement declares that the majority of nearly 300 reports of rockets are probably exaggerated, but enough reliable evidence remains to enable the conclusion to be drawn that some rockets are being sent.  
No rocket parts have been found, but eye-witness accounts indicate types similar to German and other radio rockets known to have been completed at the end of the war.  
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**ROCKET PARTS  
FOUND IN SWEDEN**

From Our Own Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Wednesday.  
Mr. Hansson, the Swedish Prime Minister, said to-day that Sweden had not yet made a demarche to any foreign Government about the "ghost rockets" which have been reported over the country because the nature and origin of the missiles was still uncertain.  
Swedish military authorities were investigating to-day what are believed to be the metal parts of rockets which were seen to explode recently. One of the metal pieces is said to be about six inches long and to bear fragments of letters and figures from manufacture markings. 15-8-46  
DIRECT TELEGRAPH

**ROCKETS OVER  
SWEDEN AGAIN**

DAILY TELEGRAPH  
**SEARCH FOR SOURCE**  
STOCKHOLM, Monday.  
Troops to-day started thorough investigations in Central Sweden following reports of the fall of more rockets. It is learned. Many are reported to have been seen flying over Sweden from the south last night.  
Observers said that to-day's investigations may supply the authorities with sufficient information to tell them the exact source of the missiles.  
They added that there was reason to believe that a statement may be issued shortly. It would be followed by a strong protest to "a certain foreign Power."  
Several rockets have been seen from Mariehamn, on the Aaland Islands, between Sweden and Finland, it is revealed. They were similar to those seen over Sweden.—B.U.P.  
13-8-46

**ROCKETS OVER DIJON**

From Our Own Correspondent  
PARIS, Tuesday.  
Inhabitants of the Dijon area, Burgundy, according to the French Press, report that "huge elongated projectiles passed overhead at prodigious speeds, emitting a whistling noise." It is believed they were rockets. No official confirmation is forthcoming. 21-8-46

**BRITAIN TO SEND  
RADAR TO SWEDEN**

By A Diplomatic Correspondent  
The Swedish Government has asked Britain to supply radar equipment for plotting the flight of rocket projectiles which have been reported to be crossing Swedish territory. Britain has agreed, and is also sending technicians to train Swedish personnel in the use of radar.  
The Swedish Defence Staff confirmed two weeks ago that the rockets were radio-controlled and that they generally came from the south and left in an easterly direction.  
**Rocket 'Hush-hush'**  
To prevent technical information from being obtained from the firing of rockets over Denmark, the Danish Government has asked newspapers not to name areas where the missiles have been seen, said A.P. yesterday. Only the words "Northern," "Central," "Eastern" should be used.

**"FLYING LIGHTS" OVER  
25-7-46 SWEDEN**

Stockholm, Wednesday.—More "flying lights" are reported from various parts of Sweden. One report in Stockholm to-day described "flying light" which said to have travelled silently and very fast over district of Central Sweden on Tuesday night. Another report says object similar in shape to rocket was seen travelling slowly in Northern Sweden.—B.U.P.  
14-8-46



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Disclosing there was a conflict of opinion between the air force and the ground forces on the development of the guided missile program, Gen. Aurand said the entire program would be overhauled.

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Guardian 134  
Aug. 8, 1946

## BOMBS PASSING OVER SWEDEN

### Tracked by Radar

From our Correspondent

STOCKHOLM, AUGUST 7.

One of the mysterious bombs which in recent weeks have been passing across Sweden was seen last night by an officer of the Air Defence Department of the Defence Staff. He reports that the bomb looked like a fireball with a clear yellow flame passing at an estimated height of between 1,500 and 3,000 feet and at a considerable but quite measurable speed.

This first observation made by a trained expert dispels any remaining doubts that the phenomenon really is some sort of bomb or rocket and not just a meteor. No traces of one having fallen in Sweden have yet been found, but in the far North one is reported by several trustworthy witnesses to have fallen into a lake, and the search for it continues in the lake's muddy bottom.

Hundreds of reports are coming in to the Defence Staff from various parts of the country, some of them obviously relating to the same missile. It has thus been possible to trace their routes fairly accurately. Most of them come in over Sweden from the south, follow the Baltic coast for hundreds of miles, and then disappear. Their range is far greater than that of the V bombs, with which the Germans experimented across Sweden before using them against Britain.

#### A RANGE OF 600 MILES

Another new feature is that they do not always follow a straight course. Some of them change direction either in a slow curve or sometimes very abruptly. This is believed to indicate that they are radio-controlled. After following the Swedish coast-line many of them seem to bear off towards the north-east—that is, in the direction of northernmost Russia. Sometimes it has been possible to follow their course by radar.

The Swedish press have now stopped publishing the exact details about where and when the bombs were seen, so as not to give information to whoever is making these rather sinister experiments. No damage has been caused by them in Sweden, but it is believed they are far from innocuous. They are thought to be fitted with a small charge that is intended to destroy them when they hit the ground.

It is still unknown if they are rockets or jet propelled. The range, however, is fantastic. The longest course mapped by Swedish military observers is some 600 miles which is thrice the range of the German V-bombs.

New York Times  
Aug 21 1946

### Doolittle, Sarnoff Stir Swedish Talk

Special to The New York Times.  
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20—Two United States experts on aerial warfare, Gen. James Doolittle and Wild Sarnoff, arrived in Stockholm today, apparently independent of each other. The official explanation is that General Doolittle, who is now vice president of the Shell Oil Company, is inspecting shell branch offices in Europe and Dingjoll and gasoline, while General Sarnoff, who is president of the Radio Corporation of America and a former member of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's London staff, is studying the market for radio equipment.  
The two men arrive here as reports on "phantom bombs" are more numerous than ever. The chief of the Swedish Defense Staff, Col. C. R. S. Kempf, said tonight he was extremely interested in asking the two generals' advice and, if possible, would place all available reports before them.  
General Doolittle, who arrived from Oslo, where he saw King Haakon of Norway, said on his arrival that he was merely on a business trip but was willing to place his knowledge and experience at the disposal of Swedish authorities in case they wanted his advice. He pointed out that it had been possible in England during the war to detect the range of German planes, the place where they took off and their height. He was highly surprised that the Swedes had not yet found a trace of a rocket and also that no theory had been advanced.  
General Sarnoff said definitely that it was possible today by means of radar to detect the range, height and even the place from which rockets are fired. He said he was willing to give advice if the Swedes wanted it.

New York Times  
Aug. 22, 1946

### Doolittle Consulted By Swedes on Bombs

Special to The New York Times.  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 21—Swedish authorities consulted Gen. James H. Doolittle today on the mystery missiles that have been coming over Sweden. General Doolittle met the commander of the Swedish Air Force and several of his staff to discuss the phantom bombs and he read the reports that the Swedish General Staff had received.

Simultaneously a spokesman for the Swedish Defense Staff stated that the Swedes had obtained "certain results with radar, which registered the presence of bombs over the country."

Registrations were made during days when reports on the bombs were most numerous. It is believed that in the near future they will reveal the type and identity of the bomb.

General Doolittle said he was unable to make any statement, as it was up to the Swedes to publish anything about military happenings in their country.

A Swedish spokesman said that action had been discussed and certain new measures suggested.

Special to The New York Times.  
LONDON, Aug. 21—The Swedish Government, in an effort to trace the source of rockets that have been falling on Swedish territory over the last three months, has approached Great Britain with a view to buying radar equipment.  
At the moment British experts are demonstrating radar to Swedish engineers and there is not much doubt that a deal will be made and that both equipment and operators will be shipped to Sweden in the near future.

Chicago (P) Tribune  
Sept 6, 1946

### Rockets Over Nation

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]  
LONDON, Sept. 5—Four mysterious rockets were sighted over Greece on the night of Sept. 1, the date of the plebiscite on the return of exiled King George II. It was disclosed today by Greek Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris. One rocket, the premier said, passed over Salonika at 5,000 feet and fell into the sea. Asked the direction whence the rocket came, he replied "It certainly did not come from the Mediterranean." Other rockets passed over Mounts Belles and Palken, in Macedonia near the Greek, Yugoslav, and Bulgarian border, and over the town of Katharini, near Larissa.

Washington Post 135  
Aug. 10, 1946

### Phantom Rockets Zip Over Sweden

Stockholm, Aug. 11—A phantom rocket, which a foreign power, presumably Russia, has been shooting

over Sweden almost daily since June, exceeds 875 miles hourly, a has been seen at points of no less than 1,500 kilometers from Peenemunde, the probable launching site, it was learned today.

Thus they are of considerably longer range than the German bombs which did not exceed 1,000 kilometers. Close examination of the burst fragments by the Swedish defense staff revealed little. But government spokesman said that he is still in doubt whether they emanated from rockets. There is no longer any doubt, however, that Sweden has become the test ground for the new weapon that the matter has entered upon a new and serious stage.

More than 500 reports on rockets have been received by the defense staff since the first sighting last May, and the staff has been able to trace a general course of the projectiles. They come over the southeast coast in an S-shaped course veering eastward.

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Washington Post  
Aug. 12, 1946

### Swedes Count 'Ghost' Rockets By Hundreds

Stockholm, Aug. 11 (AP)—Ghost rockets—mysterious spool-shaped speeding objects with fiery tails—have become a common sight in Sweden, and military officials no longer doubt that the country is in a target area for experimentation with remotely controlled missiles.

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The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparation against Sweden.

In general, the ghost rocket is described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great height and vanishes within a few seconds. Eyewitnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 800 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

There is no comparison, however, with the rocket bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square. The bottom of the object appeared to have been painted red, eyewitnesses said. Some observed these missiles flying extremely low.

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# Still Another Rocket Races Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13 (UP)—A "ghost rocket" was sighted moving across southern Sweden Monday night as an aroused Swedish public called for prompt action to determine the nature of the mysterious missiles and the country responsible for them.

The latest missile was observed moving over southern Sweden from the northeast, the newspaper Dagens reported. The bomb was described as shaped like a giant torpedo and emitting a blinding light from the foremost part. It moved soundlessly and with great speed at low altitude, the report said.

Following a "bombardment" of the missiles Sunday the Swedish Army dispatched experts to three points in central Sweden where the unidentified rockets crashed last night.

Public indignation and the bitter comment of the press indicated that the government may be forced to take determined steps to clear up the situation.

Informed sources said government officials were watching developments closely and awaiting supplementary evidence upon which to base possible diplomatic protests.

Unconfirmed rumors on the source of the missiles said the Russians were experimenting with rockets and flying bombs.

A spokesman for the Swedish defense staff said it appears that "almost all the people throughout Sweden have been seized by a real ghost-bomb psychosis." He added that many reports were undoubtedly "pure flights of imagination."

"Many who told about bomb crashes are even unable to point out the exact place and therefore we found it useless to start investigations to find the remains," he said.

He did not, however, deny the phenomena were rockets and not meteors as some observers first claimed.

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# Rocket Crash In Sweden

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## Three Reported Dead in Collision Of Plane, Missile

By the United Press

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 13—Three flyers were killed when a Swedish military reconnaissance plane collided head-on with a rocket bomb yesterday. Stockholm newspapers reported today.

The newspaper Aftonbladet said the reconnaissance plane crashed near Vaggeryd in Southern Sweden.

Shortly after the plane's pilot spotted the bomb, it said, radio contact was broken and the listening post "heard a crash," the newspaper, quoting investigators, reported.

The report, published by other afternoon newspapers, was not confirmed.

### MILITARY ALERT

Meanwhile, government authorities prepared a nation-wide hunt for rockets. Air bases, radar stations and all military units were alerted for immediate action.

(In Washington, Undersecretary of State Acheson said he personally is much interested in reports of rockets flying over Sweden but that the Swedes have not sought any American advice on the subject. Unofficial but widely published speculation has been that the rockets were experimental missiles fired from Russian-controlled territory.)

A well informed source said the bombs apparently were radio-controlled. This source said the Swedish defense staff has established that the rockets made a wide semi-circle over Southern Sweden, proceeding over Northern Finland toward the Kola peninsula of Russia.

The second rocket bomb in two nights streaked over Stockholm like a meteor early yesterday, unconfirmed press reports said today.

### COMPARED TO BRITAIN

Descriptions of several eye-witnesses coincided with details of the first bomb. The newspaper Morgontidningen quoted an English visitor as saying "it looked just like the flying bombs I saw in London."

Other reports said bombs, "small and going very fast," passed over Southern and Central Sweden.

Although the press and public complained bitterly about the "ghost bombs," military and government officials remained silent.

But the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said editorially that the "ghost rockets" were a misnomer for "earthly phenomenon" and that "these ghostly disturbances must be regarded as a preliminary exercise of the most unwelcome kind."

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## Swedish Observer Sees 'Ghost Rocket' Explode

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—(AP)—An eyewitness account published in the Stockholm Aftonbladet Monday told how a 100-foot "ghost rocket" exploded in a blinding flash over

Sweden lending support to previous reports that the mystery missiles are equipped with destruction devices which make it impossible to find traces of them.

The rockets have been observed over this country at frequent intervals of late, and military officials believe Sweden is in a target area for experiments with remotely controlled missiles, launched, perhaps, from the German Baltic coast.

The published account was given by a trained observer of meteorological and astronomical phenomena who was gazing at clouds thru field glasses when a torpedo-like object, with a tapered tail that spewed glowing blue and green smoke and a series of fire balls, streaked across his line of vision.

"I was completely dazzled and had visions of doomsday," he said.

## SWEDES USE RADAR IN FIGHT ON MISSILES

Doonittle Believed Called In as  
Aide—Stockholm Studies  
Steps to End Violations

Special to The New York Times.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 12.—Sweden now is using radar in its fight against the mysterious missiles that have been flying over the country, it was made known today. The atmosphere here after last night's swarm of projectiles over Central Sweden was almost at the boiling point and there were persistent rumors that Sweden was going to, or already had, borrowed several complete radar outfits from Great Britain to obtain the slickest results.

It also is believed that the United States' foremost long-distance bombing expert, Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who now is retired, is coming to Sweden to inspect the radar equipment, although the official explanation is that he is coming as a business man for the Bell Company.

The Swedish General Staff today described the situation as "extremely serious," and it is obvious Sweden no longer is going to tolerate such violation of her integrity. Everything possible is being done to put an end to it.

The General Staff received more than 1,000 reports on the rocket bombs last night and this morning. It is a tremendous task to check all the reports, but it will be done and experts already are scattered all over the country to investigate each little bit found.

### Sighted by Astronomer

The reports give detailed and interesting descriptions of the bombs. A Swedish astronomer and meteorologist said, "I was studying some clouds through a telescope when suddenly I observed a luminous point on the horizon.

"I first believed it to be an airplane," he said, "but soon I noticed it was travelling much too fast for that, and within ten seconds I got a full view of the projectile. I managed to get a clear view of the bomb's body and estimate that it was at least 90 feet long. The body was torpedo-shaped and shining like metal. No sound could be heard, although the bomb was only two kilometers away. At the explosion, a terrific light flashed up that for a moment completely blinded me. No fire, smoke or sparks were noticeable."

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Authorities, promising a comprehensive report on the results of the investigation within a few days, have mentioned Swedish newspapers not to publish the names of places where the ghost rockets appear, so that the senders would not be provided with important data. It is believed the rockets come from some place along the Baltic coast of Germany.

The Swedish public has taken the rockets with surprising calm. Nobody seems to think these rockets indicate any military preparation against Sweden.

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described as a small object with a flaming tail which speeds at great height and vanishes within a few seconds. Eye witnesses say the rockets make no appreciable sound.

Only in a few cases is it known that the missiles actually landed in Sweden. Military authorities said the missiles evidently passed over Sweden in a huge curve. Some reports indicated the objects carried a device for self-destruction, and military experts said some apparently had exploded in the air. The longest flight of any of the missiles, so far as military experts could determine, was about 800 miles, as compared with the range of 35 to 45 miles for the first German V-2 rocket bombs.

There is no comparison, however, with the rocket bombs. The mystery missiles are small, and at low altitudes seem almost square. The bottom of the object appeared to have been painted red, eye witnesses said. Some observed these missiles flying extremely low.

## Swedish Army Investigating Rocket Mystery

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 12 (U.P.). The Swedish army today rushed experts to three points in central Sweden where unidentified rockets, rumored to be the results of Russian experiments, crashed last night.

The barrage, witnessed by hundreds of Swedes, was the heaviest since the mysterious missiles first were seen flashing through Swedish skies on May 24. Since then similar missiles have been reported sighted in Finland, Denmark and Norway.

Unconfirmed rumors said the Russians were experimenting with rockets and flying bombs, probably launching them from some point in Estonia on the Baltic, but the Swedish army clamped a tight blackout on the results of its investigation.

One Lands North of Stockholm

One of the rockets passed directly over Stockholm and crashed north of the city. Three others were reported to have exploded in central Sweden.

First reports from army investigators indicated they had found nothing, leading to the theory that the bomb exploded in the air with such fury that little or nothing was left.

A Swedish air force lieutenant estimated the body length at about 20 meters (65 feet). He said the bomb was shaped like a cigar, with a green foremost projecting part and white sides. He said it moved at exceptionally low altitude with terrific speed.

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### ROCKET

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Explosions have left hard, black metal objects similar to coal clinkers.

Some experts believe these bodies are not the bomb itself but fragments of the explosive used to propel the missiles, which supposedly are radio-directed back to their launching site after flying over Sweden.

#### Altitudes Vary

Witnesses said they flew at altitudes ranging from 800 to 1200 feet, but that some were much higher. Speeds were estimated as high as 800 miles an hour.

In the last public comment permitted on the missiles, Capt. G. E. Stangenberg, acting chief of the Swedish air defense department, said in reply to a question as to whether the bombs were of Russian origin: "I can't confirm that but I cannot deny it either."

A military source told local newsmen that the incidents were regarded as most serious and that Sweden was making "an all-out effort to disclose the place from whence the bombs were shot."

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By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 11 (AP)—A swarm of rocket bombs passed over the city of Stockholm at 10 o'clock tonight on a southeasterly course, as usual, was reported from Washington. The missiles were thought to have been launched from a former rocket experiment area near the Baltic coast of Germany.]

The Swedish General Staff stressed that the bombs were fireballs, with long luminous trails, but some observers have reported that they had crashed at high pressure. The general staff is investigating all reports, but no wreckage has been found.

The strangest report came from central Sweden, where a newly built barn collapsed this afternoon without visible cause. Shortly before the collapse flying bombs had been seen. Then there was a sharp crack and the barn fell. There was no fire.

Witnesses said the barn could not have collapsed because of bad construction. The general staff is sending experts to interview them.

Sweden is seriously worried by the many bomb reports. A few days ago the General Staff received 300 reports in twenty-four hours. The General Staff ordered that the places of crashes be not revealed, as was done during the war with German V-weapons.

It is rumored here that officers of the Russian Air Force have been blamed because they were far behind the Western Powers in atomic bomb work. Their successors are believed to be trying new experiments with unloaded shells.

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missiles stressed the need for preparedness.

The rocket is described as a small object with a flash which speeds at great height and vanishes within a few seconds. Witnesses say the rockets make an appreciable sound.

Newspapers recently published a picture of the rocket, obtained accidentally by a cameraman who was photographing a landscape. It showed a streak of light from a small dark body, much like a comet.

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These reports have been substantiated by a Swedish pilot, who saw one of the missiles during a recent flight.

Rockets Reported Near

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11 (AP)

—A number of objects, apparently rockets, were reported to have been seen by various witnesses tonight, it was reported here.

One of them was said to have fallen near a town, exploding with a loud report. Swedish authorities refused to disclose the name of the town.

The objects emitted a bright glow that illuminated the



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## GREEK OPINIONS

### The Communists See Albania—Others

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## IRISH MYSTERY

### An Unexplained Explosion From our Correspondent

DUBLIN, FRIDAY. — No explanation was forthcoming to-day of a mysterious explosion at Waterford at midnight on Wednesday. At first it was thought to be due to the detonation of a sea-mine, but the police have ascertained that no mine exploded along the coast. When the explosion occurred, men, women and children living in the waterside district ran from their homes and remained in the streets for some time. One observer stated that at the time of the explosion a vivid flash illuminated the sky, and one theory held is that an aeroplane may have blown up while in flight. No material trace of the cause of the explosion has, however, been discovered.

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## 'Ghost Rocket' Stirs Sweden

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The paper said that two persons boating on the lake, located in central Sweden, were nearly hit by the bomb, which burst into many parts.

The rockets have been observed over this country at frequent intervals or late, and military officials believe Sweden is in a target area for experiments with remotely controlled missiles, launched perhaps from the German Baltic Coast.

Another published account was given by a trained observer of meteorological and astronomical phenomena who was gazing at clouds through field glasses when a nightmarish, torpedo-like object, with a tapered tail that spewed glowing blue and green smoke and

a series of fire balls, streaked across his line of vision. "I was completely dazzled," he said.

### Norse-Seek Rockets

OSLO (Reuters) — The Norwegian military high command has asked for "information about rocket projectiles landing on Norwegian soil."

The appeal, made through the Norwegian press, asked anyone "seeing such rockets fall to report at once to the nearest police station or military headquarters."

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## Rockets Over Sweden Get British Search

By John Allan May

Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

LONDON, Aug. 22 — Sweden has asked for and is being given British assistance in tracking down the source of the V-weapon rockets which have been falling on Swedish territory at intervals for several months.

British experts and technicians are going to Sweden to train Swedish personnel in the use of rocket-detecting radar.

Reports here suggest there is general belief in Sweden that the firing points of rockets are on the Baltic coast of Germany but without proof the Swedes are unable to take any action.

Peenemunde, the German wartime rocket research station in the Baltic in the Russian-held zone.

It is expected that the latest British radar gear developed as a

result of experiences during rocket bombardment of Löt will be loaned to Swedish military authorities.

Reuters reports that a Fox Office spokesman said today was possible Britain was sending radar equipment to Sweden, commenting on reports appearing in the British press.

He added that surplus radar equipment had also been supplied to Poland and, he believed, Yugoslavia.

This shipment is not associated here with recent reports of "rockets" falling on Sweden and suggestions that Sweden will

use radar to locate their source. Using radar, it should be possible to backtrack the rocket firing positions to within a few miles. In the early stages of the rocket bombardment London it was found difficult

pick up rockets—traveling 3,000 m. p. h.—on aircraft warning radar sets, but research workers have made considerable advance.

At the time the bombardment ended it was within the bounds of possibility to pick up rockets and give local warnings of impending arrival in time for persons to seek shelter.

**Close Censorship**  
In Sweden the strict censorship is now imposed on publication of reports of rockets and the localities in which they have fallen. The purpose of this is so that whoever is firing them will not gain much information about results; the same reason for which the British restricted publication of incidents during the war.

Reports that have reached here are unsatisfactorily circumstantial to provide any basis for worthwhile conclusions, although it seems that experiments are being carried out with several different types of rocket weapons.

Some days strange pilotless flying machines have been seen flying slowly. Other descriptions approximate more nearly to 8,000 m. p. h. rockets familiar to the British.

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The paper also reported that a rocket had been observed near Gothenberg by a group of Boy Scouts, who saw the flying missile turn and then return to its original course.

(From Copenhagen came the first report of a "ghost rocket" explosion over Denmark. Briand Jensen, a night watchman in Struer, West Jutland, said he saw a speeding missile, approaching from the northeast, explode with a blinding flash.)

Swedish military authorities said Tuesday that they had received no tangible proof that the frequent celestial phenomena observed over the country resulted from foreign experiments with aerial missiles.

In retort Aftonbladet said "it ought to be possible to state whether they are meteors or not, and if they are rockets, one should be caught."

The paper added that if they were rockets and of Russian origin, as has been suggested, there were two possible explanations for their appearance over Sweden:

1—"Sweden is systematically being dotted in on a Russian military map."

2—"Sweden is being used as an object of demonstration, directed not at us, but to the big world."

Military authorities said little attention was paid to a rumor that a bomber which crashed Monday had been hit by a rocket bomb.

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# DENMARK REPORTS FLYING ROCKETS

Copenhagen, Aug. 18.—(INS)—Rocket projectiles, already reported over Sweden and Finland, were said Friday to be flying over Denmark. One rocket was reported seen north of Copenhagen.

All apparently have come from the former German experimental base at Peenemunde, on the Baltic coast, in the Soviet zone of the reich.

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# MYSTERY ROCKET SEEN IN JUTLAND

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Dispatches from Aalborg in northern Jutland Thursday quoted residents of a small village in that area as saying a mysterious rocket had crashed and exploded just outside the hamlet Wednesday night.

One woman, the dispatches said, reported she was standing in her garden when the sky was lit by the yellowish glow from a strange missile which passed overhead.

The object crashed with an explosion that was followed "by something that looked like a rain of stars," she added.

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AP<sup>3</sup> Opposition Backs Prop

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES  
ANKARA, Turkey, Aug. 14 (AP)—Turkey's answer to the Russian note on the Dardanelles will not be handed to Moscow in two or three days, as an expression of views actually is taking place on this matter between the British, United States and British governments, according to sources in the capital.

Meanwhile, Turkey is violently opposed to the Soviet proposal for a joint Turkish-Russian defense of the Dardanelles. Discarding the possibility of a quarrel over internal political matters, the Government and Opposition papers are presenting a united front against the Russian proposal.

Commenting on the note, Cumhuriyet said that Turkey's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity was at stake. "The small Baltic States were lost after the Russians entered in those countries. There is no possibility on earth that we will accept this formula of partition, invasion and imperialism. We are defending the Straits jointly. The Turks will defend the Straits."

The Democratic party has published a communique published tonight announced it would fully cooperate with the Government against the slightest attempt directed against Turkey's independence.

"We consider the Russian note as contrary to our principle of independence and sovereignty," the communique said.

Premier Peker is expected to be "astonishingly moderate" in his attitude toward Russia when the Government's foreign policy is defined in the National Assembly, authoritative sources said. This "moderate" attitude is the result of a desire to prevent any blame from falling on Turkey for provoking trouble. "It does not mean that the answer to the Russian note will not be 'firmly termed,'" the communique added.

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separate note the British also questioned the legality of full-page advertisements by the American Friends of a Free Palestine in American publications regarding contributions to further Palestine immigrations held illegal by the British Government. The press officer for the department explained that he did not know whether the British notes would be classified as "protests" by the Government or whether they were merely requests for information on the legality of the practices under this country's laws. In any case, the notes were for their own purpose, for the man said that the department was investigating the application of laws preparatory to drafting a reply.

in conviction that there could be no peace in Palestine until the issue had been disposed of. In this connection, he was reported to be concerned over conditions in the camps for an refugee and displaced persons where the Jews are

as learned that he was also regarding a proposal advanced by American and British experts in Palestine for the admission of European refugees into the United States under a special immigration quota. Most of the proposed immigrants would be Jews. Legislation would be required to juggle American immigration quotas so that, whenever a foreign country did not send its quota of immigrants to the United States, the unused portion would be assigned to the refugees.

Arab States Accept

KANDRIA, Egypt, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Arab League's secretariat announced today that seven Arab states whose Foreign Ministers have been conferring here had accepted the British Government's proposal for a conference in London on Palestine.

It was made clear that they would not take part in any conference with Zionists. It was also noted that the exiled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini, who is here, had taken no part in the Foreign Ministers' conference.

true sense but primarily an effort to provide supplementary means of subsistence for persons expelled from the east. The estimated 86,000 acres affected do not include church, state or municipally owned land. The disposition of these types of property is left to the three state governments, although officials expressed confidence that the church in particular would make voluntary contributions.

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SWEDES FIND ROCKET CLUE

Lettered Metal Fragment is Now Under Close Study

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 14 (U.P.)—Swedish Army investigators have recovered a fragment of metal containing imprinted letters that may solve the mystery of rockets that have been flashing over Sweden and other Scandinavian countries since last May, it was announced today.

The fragment was reported to be a 2.75-inch section of metal. It has been placed in the hands of the Defense Research Institute for investigation.

Three additional rockets were reported sighted in southern Sweden last night, flying silently in a southwesterly direction at a high altitude. These reports said the rockets, bright as stars, passed overhead at intervals of five minutes.

Premier Per Albin Hansson announced today that the Swedish Government has not yet made any representations to any foreign government in connection with the rockets, not having yet defined their nature and origin.

U.N. SEEKS ARGENTINE FATS

Presents Bid to Buenos Aires After U. S. Gets Refusal

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 14 (U.P.)—A United Nations mission negotiating a new contract for Argentine fats and oils made a price offer today and a reply from the Argentine Government was expected within forty-eight hours.

The mission, headed by Jasper Knight of Britain, includes British, Danish, French and Netherland delegates at the International