

that the 'missiles' emitted flames and travelled at a height of 30,000ft; other 'ghost rockets' were recorded as moving at an altitude as low as 50ft. And interestingly one such observation indicated that the 'missile' travelled at a speed of nearly 7000 miles per hour. Having been alerted to the phenomenon, other nations immediately took an interest, and a few observations of unidentified aerial objects took place in The Netherlands, North Africa, Italy and the United States.

At the end of World War II, hundreds of ex-Nazi scientists were brought to countries such as America and the Soviet Union - a few also ended up in Britain [28]. The majority of these highly trained personnel continued projects that had been designed to destroy their newly found employers. At the White Sands Missile launching facility in New Mexico, the German engineers 'laced' with experience of the V-rocket projects, continued their research. Thousands of component parts, futuristic design plans and entire rockets were shipped to the rocket-range. Tests began almost immediately after the close of hostilities, and weapons which only months earlier had been intended to destroy American troops, were heading sky-wards towards space. The early research programmes of American/German scientists were branded top secret, and very little was learned by the public in the way of progress. Perhaps the witnesses to an early American UFO report had actually sighted a V2 - American style?

From an early 'Secret' - categorised document, I acquired a brief 'insight' of a report which in my opinion falls within the framework of the 'Ghost Rocket' phenomenon [29]. The official report reads:-

"On the 29th June, 1947, a party of three persons, two of them scientists, were motoring along Highway 17 towards the White Sands, New Mexico, V-2 firing grounds, and reported seeing a large disc or sphere moving horizontally at a high speed and at an estimated altitude of 10,000ft. It was of uniform shape and had no protruding surfaces such as wings. The object was in sight for about 60 seconds before it disappeared to the northeast. The three observers agreed on the details of the sighting except that one of the persons thought he had seen vapour trails."

That report taken at face value would receive little interest today in terms of identification. The very fact that rockets were being tested (almost daily in one aspect or another) plus the very locality of the overflight, must produce some doubt that the 'UFO' was in fact nothing more than the actual launch of a V-2 or perhaps even the lesser advanced rocket known as the V-1 [30].

Interestingly, on the previous day, [28th June, 1947] an American Air Force Lieutenant flying some 30 miles from Lake Meade, Nevada, USA, reported that he had seen five or six white-coloured circular objects in close formation. The objects were estimated at travelling in the region of 285 mph [31].

Probably more interesting is the observation made by American pilots and the distinct relationship with other sightings over the Netherlands on the morning of July 25th, 1948 - a date which could be looked upon as nearing the end of the 'Ghost Rocket' reports.

Two Eastern Airline pilots reported sighting a, "huge flying craft similar to a V-2 rocket pass their aircraft." The American intelligence report I acquired concentrates further on this report;

The object apparently made the same noise as that heard by Allied forces during the war of a V-2 rocket - final descent. The craft was seen four times through broken cloud and was travelling at high speed. Interesting to note that American intelligence note the similarity in detail to the sighting made by other U.S. officials over Holland just five days previous [20th July 1948]. It was here over Arnhem that an almost identical craft was seen.

The slender shape which many researchers today relate to the 'Ghost Rocket' chapter in UFO history was making an impression not just over the American and European circuit. If as I believe these sightings are indicative of advanced weaponry-testing then we must presume a similar state of affairs stimulated Swedish Government statements over the overflights effecting Scandinavia. Indeed, evidence exists which does indicate a similar test programme was occurring over the hinter-lands of the Soviet Union and a number of still-occupied countries.

It was an American reporter observations some 25 miles northeast of Moscow, on the 3rd August, 1948, that next attracted further U.S. Air Force and Naval intelligence concern.

Travelling with a Russian colleague, the two men noted an identical object as reported above. However, the reporters colleague identified the craft as a rigid airship, but doubts remain over his conclusions. The American indicates that excessive speed and height negate his friends conclusions.

One of the final 'Ghost Rocket' sightings or 'cylindrical objects reported in this period, was again seen above Moscow. In December, 1948 a number of long fish-shaped metal objects were seen reflecting the sunlight [32].

Combine these relatively basic sightings into the hundreds of such observations made near the Soviet border with Scandinavian countries, then we have an early insight into the beginning of the 'UFO' phenomenon. Not all such 'period' observations were of missile or rocket shapes. Indeed, U.S. intelligence indicates several different shapes, even as early as 1949, yet emphasis can be found in virtually all early U.S. projects on this subject covering German technology in one form or another [33].

Information, data analysis, logistics and an array of other factors must first be looked into, prior any calculated hypothesis on the origin of both 'unidentified categories'. And I was perplexed when I discovered further evidence of British interest in the pilotless guided missile and bomber situation as early as 1947. Clearly an indication that countries such as the U.K. believed that foreign nations had already begun their researches into futuristic aviation and space programmes.

MISTRUST AND IGNORANCE

Ufology must recognise that nearly every report that is submitted regarding unidentified flying objects has a valid and relevant explanation [34]. If 'Foo Fighters' were indeed extraterrestrial manifestations, then I would be extremely surprised. And furthermore, I cannot accept any fundamental issue which affords me any particular reason to doubt that 'Ghost Rocket' phenomenon is any different. Perhaps a significant clue exists regarding this 'quarter' in the 'forty years' of UFO research. Quite simply nearly every Ufologist alive today has little or zero knowledge of the breakthroughs being made by our own scientists or the spectacular developments currently being developed that will no doubt in time, take our race to other sectors of the Milky Way. It is very unfortunate that war often brings new devices and a clear intent for machinery and weaponry development in respect of a 'race against time'; such was the need for development by the Nazi's in the latter part of the second world war. And their requirements [German] for an aircraft to counter the then increasing effectiveness of Allied radar could be seen as the early experimental breakthroughs regarding the awesome potential of today's stealth programmes.

When Russia overran the research facilities of Germany (and in particular those at Blizna, Peenemunde and Wiener Neustadt) a variety of total 'alien weaponry' was

found. I have uncovered hundreds of government papers detailing the potential of such technology, and it is very revealing. That 'Foo Fighter' reports of yesteryear would hardly rise an eyebrow today must be recognised, Ufologists do not treat lights in the sky as seriously as those pilots who feared their own termination. And in the same breath many researchers clearly ignore the ever increasing movement of our own western nations towards advanced airborne ability, instead many research groups continue to spend increasingly valuable time researching 'ET' reports which I am convinced, they themselves regard as fragile, perhaps their 'want to believe' is stronger than their 'need to know'.

Western intelligence monitored the 'Foo Fighter' phenomenon very closely [35], not for the possibility that Earth was being visited by other alien races, but because they truly believed in the potential of German aviation breakthroughs - which may have effected the outcome of the war. Like all intelligence gathering bodies, the Royal Air Force was no different. After every single excursion over enemy or occupied territories, the crew informed a single or dual intelligence branch officer of their flight. Stories of unidentified encounters with German night fighters often produced a preempted notion of concern [36]. I am informed that on one such observation (British bombing raid on Munich), the crew returned with the most fantastic story to tell. The intelligence briefing Officer (Royal Air Force) took full details of this and every single such occurrence according to the highly trained Pathfinder pilot [37]. I have no reason to believe that American and British Intelligence Services (Army/Air Force) did not agree with the crews.

Furthermore, that Western countries after the war were satisfied that the majority of advanced weaponry (German) was in the hands of 'safe nations' [38]. Only until the 'Ghost Rockets' emerged did America, Britain and to some extent France give any indication of concern, that the Russians had in fact obtained weaponry far superior to that of the Western Allies.

I acquired further Top Secret documents [U.S. & British]) giving further details regarding German Second World War weaponry; from 300 pages of data, I found an interesting note:- The missiles of Germany were thought to be very unreliable. Even their inventors voiced concern to superiors that time was needed to perfect such technology. Problems had occurred throughout hurried German experimentation such as the 'barrel rolling' of many rockets including both the V-1 and V-2. "Measures to counter this effect have been designated essential," was what one such German technical record said.

These notes and data were captured by the Soviets as several key facilities (all known but as far as I am aware not connected with German rocket production) were overrun towards the end of March/April and May. Yet perhaps the 1946 eye witnesses in Finland and Sweden, who reported missiles 'barrel-rolling', were indeed seeing for the first time, Soviet engineers testing new technology originally applied to several A-weapons during the spring of '45' [39] ? The 'roaring' and sparks often seen - reported and associated with such overflights, is surely representative of high powered cruise and ballistic missiles and a very rich fuel compound. The 'Ghost Rockets' which exploded; given that nearly 1/3rd of all German rockets exploded prior their designated target, does imply that Soviet tests did run into similar problems. The occasional fragments found; I contend, that these could have been the remnants of exploding missiles. But probably more important; Is it I wonder, just coincidence that 'Foo Fighters' and 'Ghost Rocket' reports appeared during and just after the most advanced war in the world's history?

What data the U.S. and British governments have released on 'German advanced second world war weaponry' is non-too helpful. In my researches at various data-holding agencies, the same old story is re-told. And in April this year I requested files on various information held by the British government on specific weaponry and scientists. The files were of course denied. After more intense efforts to secure hefty documentation, I was told that after 'review' such information may be made available in the year 2020! Some War Historians and UFO researchers will never of course be able to study that data - data which may hold significant clues to today's subject.

However, although much of the Nazi secrets fell into the hands of the Soviets and Americans, limited materials and newly 'released' technical data is beginning to emerge, which could ultimately explain further chapters in this awesome period. 'Foo Fighters' were very real of course, yet when taking a variety of relevant factors in to account, the reports tend to slowly decline in status. Having already discussed a number of key issues in this category, other more unusual situations did occur during the war; on the 24th March, 1943, the city of Nürnberg was attacked by hundreds of RAF bombers [40]. It was also on this night that a new and relatively simple system was used for both defensive and offensive means. The result could well have meant that Allied pilots reported unusual aeroforms.

The system was known as 'Mattscheibe' [41] and basically a large number of ground situated searchlights fired their beams onto low cloud [42], at this point some 2000 flares were sent sky-wards from an array of different locations. Combine the German

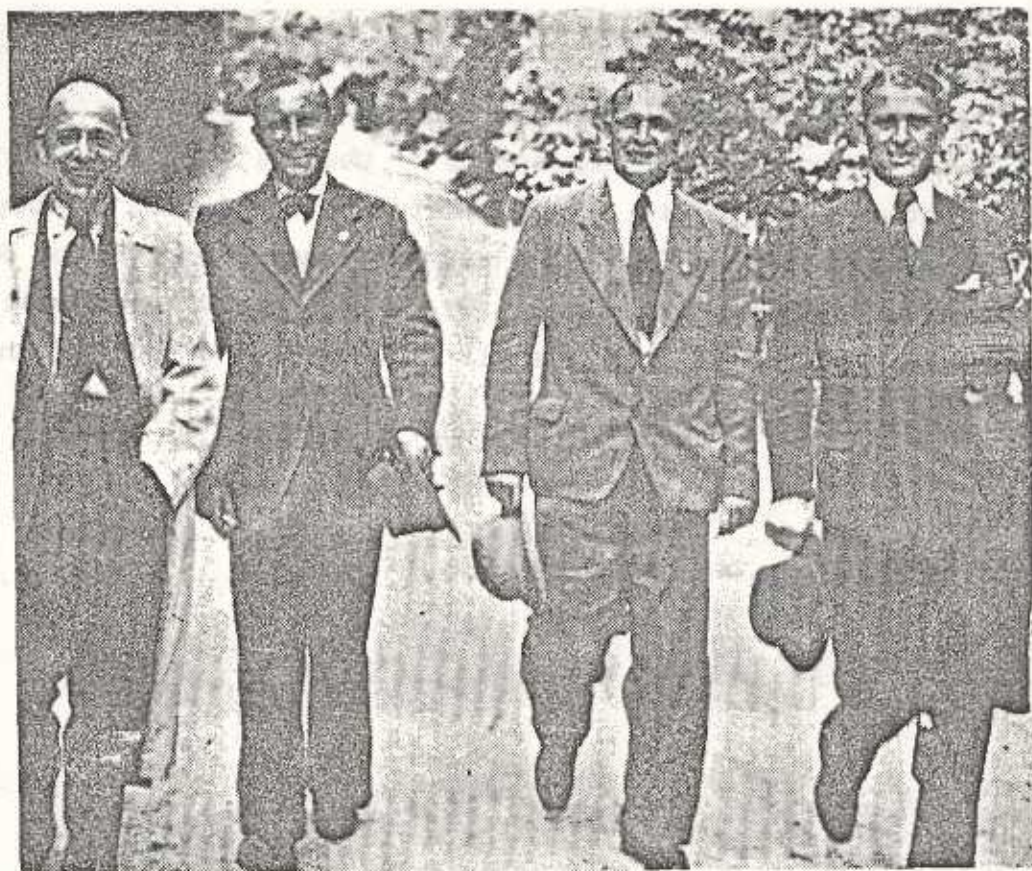
illuminations with the then present red and blue coloured 'hanging' flares of RAF pathfinder units, the skies must have looked very peculiar. This also says nothing of ground anti-aircraft fire and 'hunting packs' of Nazi night fighter units. That the S.S. [43] did in fact have physical technology to confuse is beyond doubt. And perhaps this combination of an intense set of circumstances, led to many 'Foo Fighter' reports. Many, many projects will never be understood, but in time we should discover them all. Everything in historical history indicates the Soviets did continue the Nazi missile and rocketry projects - like their American counterparts. And it was not just the secret departments of the German fighting machine that tried both physical and psychological weaponry/science to counter human intent; Allied forces dreamed-up numerous different projects - many of them equally bizarre as those of Germany - some of them probably relevant to this paper.

America, before the introduction of fully functioning radar, had tried to counter the German attacking Luftwaffe forces with a simple yet remarkably successful project - 'YOHUDI'. Known as a counter ploy, 'YOHUDI' was used both in the air and on the ground. High intensity light bulbs were fitted to the wings of daylight flying aircraft on both reconnaissance and attack missions. The effect was devastating when seen at a distance - so devastating in fact, that German defences could almost see nothing. A slight shape or 'blur' was the visual description often reported, and when used on ground vehicles or stationary positions, the effect functioned even better. And given that the weather conditions were suited to the ploy, the target image became 'invisible' [44]. Not until German radar reached a suitable level of capability, did this project elapse, or so 'they' say.

America's 1988 Stealth programme is extremely successful, and the bomber variant [45] is regarded as the ultimate fighting machine. Locked away in a remote hanger on American soil is a part assembled German aircraft. Former U.S. Air Intelligence officers regard the plywood craft as the forerunner and prototype of the B-2 machine [46]. So successful and so near were the Luftwaffe to operating this craft [47], that many feel - given the vast array of futuristic weapons which were scattered about war-torn Europe, had several more months grace, the outcome of the Second World War would have been very different.

Nearly twenty years ago mankind visited another world (regardless of whether or not the Moon is Earth's satellite), in 1943, several German scientists had begun a research project (interestingly not Werner Von Braun, Oberth or Dornberger) to send craft to other planets [48]. When war occurs between nations, developments move quickly, perhaps we consider the importance our own lives a little more than we

truly believe. Ufology should back-track immediately and try and re-piece the jig-saw which could well be given the title of 'early UFO phenomenon' perhaps then we may have the ability to recognise and respond to - what is truly unidentified and was is not. In another forty years, that opportunity could well be beyond our present means and may be unattainable as our own technology surges ahead. Before we begin to conjecture on aspects which I admit are perplexing, let us please educate ourselves on historical situations which are all relevant to the study of the UFO.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA 1942: THE SCIENTISTS WHO HEADED THE ROCKET PROGRAMME OF GERMANY.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT - COLONEL ZANNSSEN (CAMP COMMANDANT OF PEENEMUNDE) DORNBERGER, DR. THIEL (KILLED DURING THE RAF BOMBING RAID 1943 ON PEENEMUNDE, AND WERNER VON BRAUN.

Zug. Nr. 221/44 KdG 3077
19.10.1943

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(Chef der Heeresführung und
Befehlshaber des Reichsheeres)

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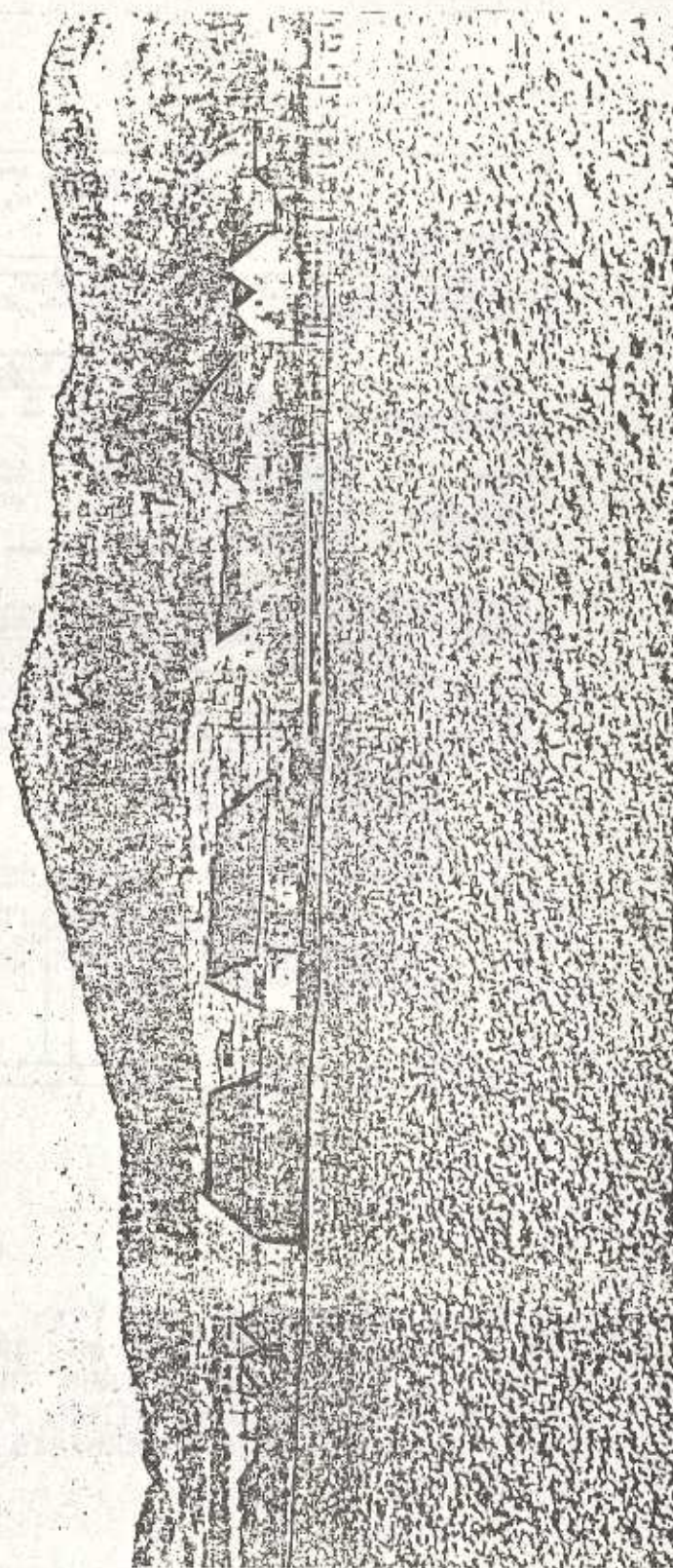
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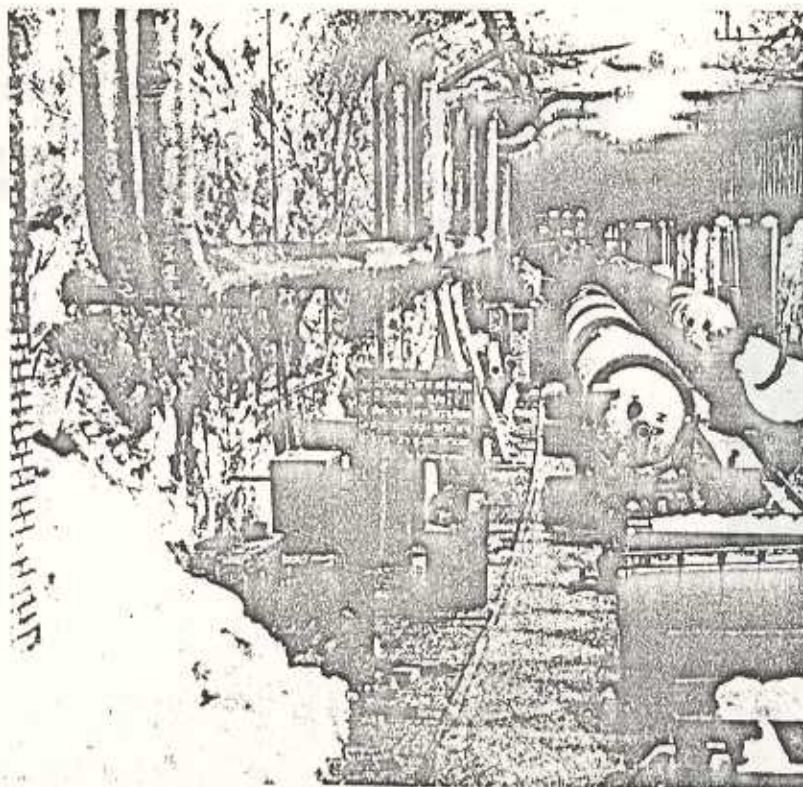
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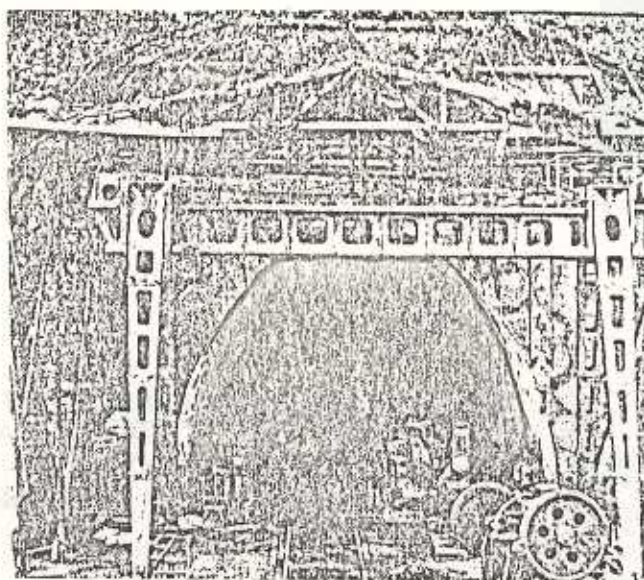
THE NAZI DIRECTIVE OF 19th OCTOBER, 1943, WHICH REPRESENTS AN ORDER FOR 12,000 A4 (V2) ROCKETS FROM THE STATE-OWNED MITTELWERK CORPORATION. EACH UNIT (ROCKET) COST 40,000 REICHMARKS.

THE HARZ MOUNTAINS GERMANY: BENEATH THE HILLS SHOWN IN THIS RARE PHOTOGRAPH, (MAJOR HILL CENTRE OF PICTURE) GERMANY CONSTRUCTED NEARLY 6000 MISSILES. THE FOREGROUND IS NOW WEST GERMANY, AND THE MOUNTAINS AND FORMER MITTLEWERK UNDERGROUND ROCKET ASSEMBLY PLANT IS IN EAST GERMANY. THE COMPONENT FACTORY WAS SECTIONALISED, WITH JET FIGHTER AND V ROCKET PRODUCTION OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY IN VARIOUS UNDERGROUND AREAS.





NORDHAUSEN - HARZ MOUNTAINS, GERMANY:
PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE 'CENTRAL WERKES'
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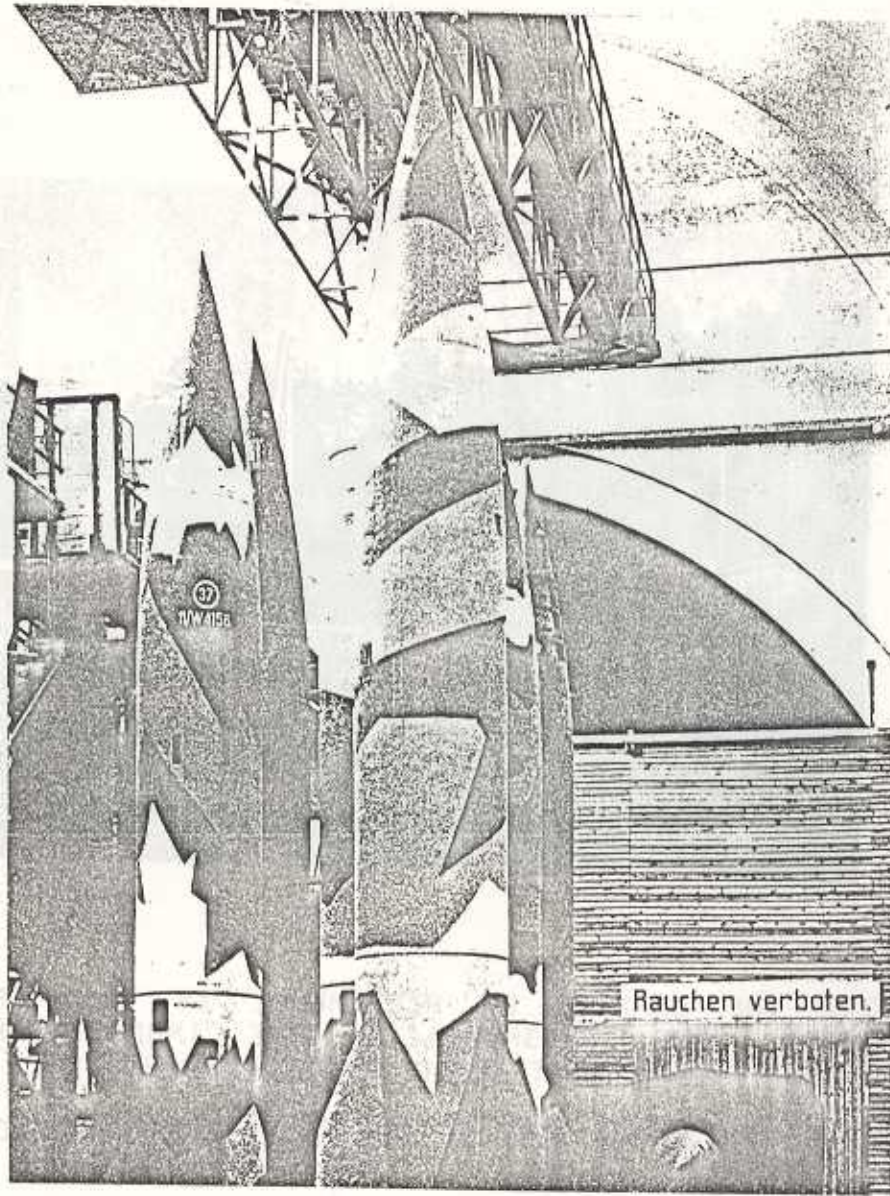
KARL OTTO SAUR: PROMINENT MEMBER OF ALBERT SPEER'S TECHNICAL STAFF, WHO'S RELUCTANCE TO SUPPORT THE EARLY GERMAN ROCKET PROGRAMME, INFLUENCED THE HIGH COMMAND IN BERLIN, TO SUCH AN EXTENT, THAT THE ENTIRE PROJECT WAS DISASTROUSLY EFFECTED.



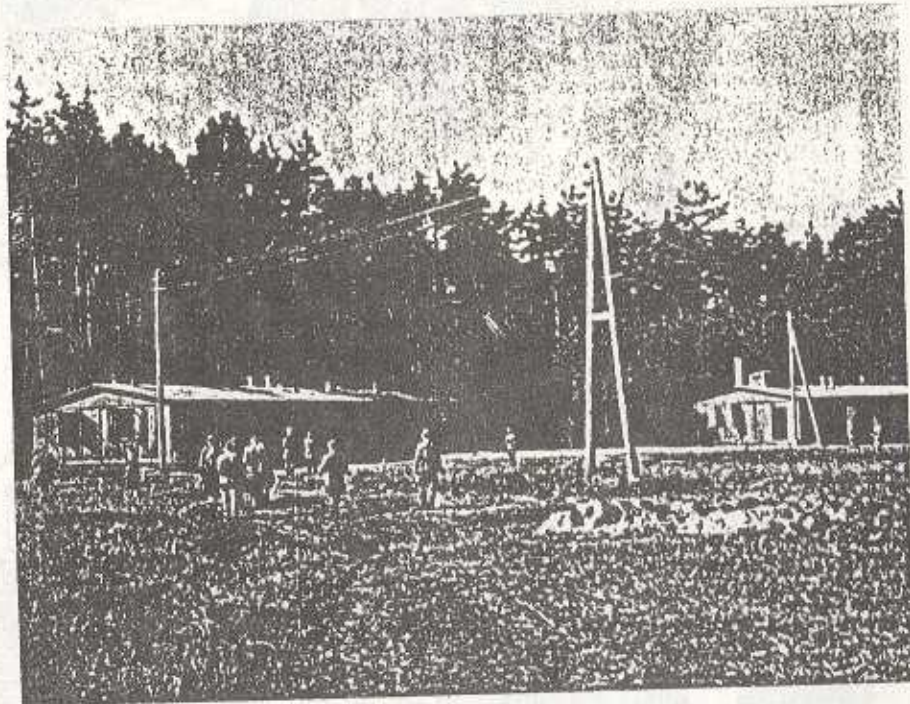
GERHARD DEGENKOLB: REMARKABLE INDUSTRIALIST WHO MANAGED TO GET ALL V-WEAPON PROJECTS INTO MASS PRODUCTION.



SS GENERAL HANS KAMMLER: THIS 'DEDICATED' NAZI WAS GIVEN THE ULTIMATE TASK OF DEPLOYING THE ROCKETS (V1 & V2) AND THEN THE INTRICATE PLANNING FOR THEIR USE AGAINST ALLIED FORCES IN THE WEST.



A4 ROCKETS ASSEMBLED AT PEENEMUNDE



AFTER THE BOMBING OF PEENEMUNDE IN 1943, ROCKET RESEARCH WAS TRANSFERED TO THE 'MODEST' BLIZNA FACILITY IN THE HINTERLAND OF OCCUPIED POLAND.

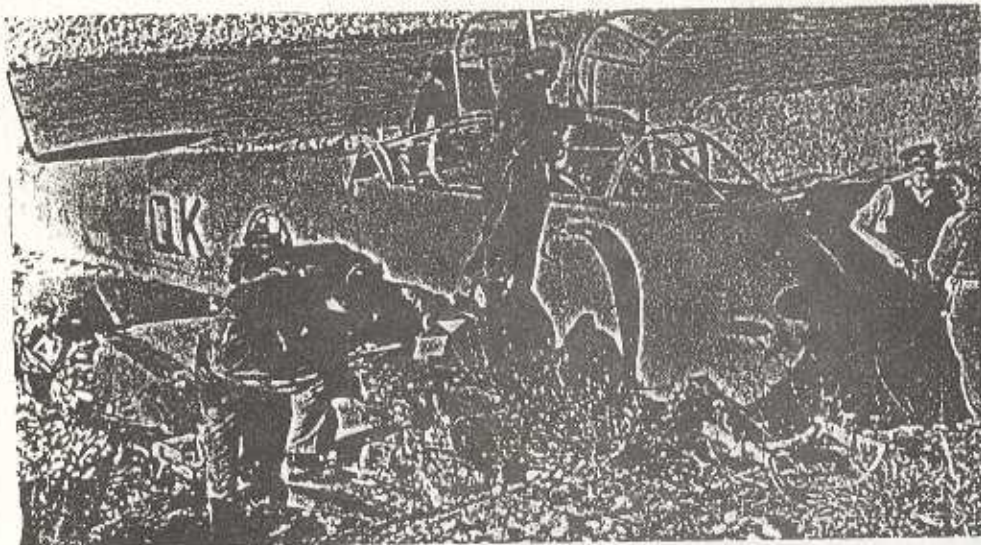
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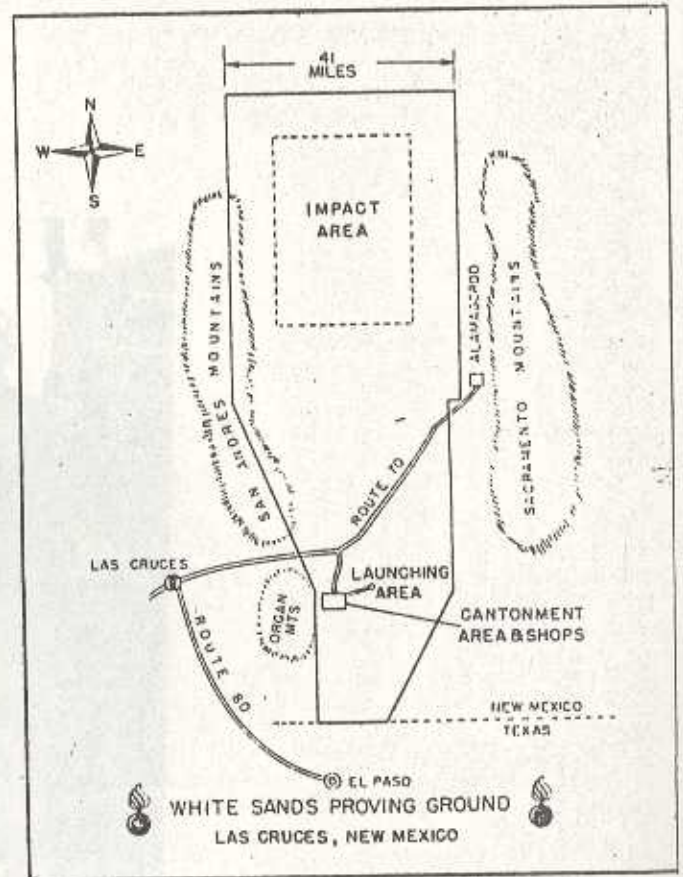
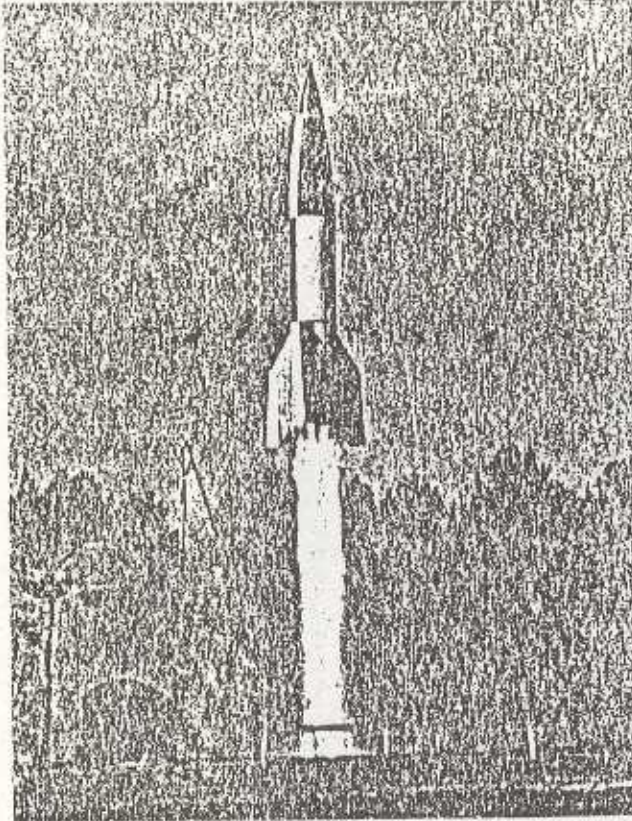
FOO FIGHTERS WERE SEEN OVER MANY KEY GERMAN CITIES AND MILITARY AREAS. THE CITY OF SCHWEINFURT WITH ITS MASSIVE ARRAY OF FACTORIES PRODUCING MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL COMPONENTS WAS TO SUFFER EXTENSIVE BOMBING DAMAGE.

U.S. AND RAF BOMBING CREWS REPORTED FOO FIGHTERS WHILST OVER SCHWEINFURT THROUGHOUT THE WAR.

[PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS SCHWEINFURT UNDER ATTACK FROM U.S. EIGHTH ARMY/AIR FORCE ON THE 14th OCTOBER, 1943.



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AT THE END OF THE WAR, AMERICA ACQUIRED HUNDREDS OF KEY GERMAN ROCKET SCIENTISTS IN THE OPERATION KNOWN AS 'PAPERCLIP'. WEEKS LATER, ENTIRE V2 ROCKETS AND LAUNCHING EQUIPMENT WERE SECRETLY TAKEN OUT OF GERMANY AND SHIPPED TO THE WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS IN NEW MEXICO.

ON THE 2nd OCTOBER, 1945, GERMAN SCIENTISTS LAUNCHED THE AMERICAN V2 ROCKET.

MONTHS LATER, AMERICAN CITIZENS BEGAN REPORTING UNUSUAL ELONGATED OBJECTS AROUND THE BASE; WITHOUT DOUBT THEY WERE SEEING 'BACKFIRE' IN OPERATION. 'BACKFIRE' WAS THE DESIGNATED CODE NAME GIVEN TO THE GERMAN/AMERICAN OPERATION TO CONTINUE THE FORMER NAZI ROCKET PROGRAMME.

ABOVE DIAGRAM RIGHT: THE 1945 LAYOUT OF THE NEW MEXICO FACILITY WHICH AWAITED THE LIKES OF WERNER VON BRAUN.

ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH LEFT: THIS RARE PICTURE (USAF) SHOWS THE V2 WHICH BLASTED OFF ON THE 2nd OCTOBER 1945. AMERICA'S SPACE PROGRAMME AND THE UFO PHENOMENON WAS TO BEGIN.



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1] It is my opinion that many civilian UFO researchers now accept that this 'modern era' or reference to post war UFO sightings actually exists. However, it must be remembered that prior the 'Ghost Rocket' and 'Foo Fighter' reports, strange objects have been sighted and recorded in virtually every century.

2] Based upon literature dealing with this particular subject and period, the two named phenomenon have been classed in a variety of probable categories - namely:-

Foo Fighter

- a) Atmospheric phenomenon
- b) St. Elmo's Fire
- c) Earthlights
- d) Ball Lightning
- c) Unconventional German weaponry - radar-counter measures
psychological weaponry
- d) Mis-identification of known defence systems
- e) Mis-identification of aircraft light configurations
- f) An unknown presence - possibly alien

Ghost Rocket

- a) Astronomical phenomenon
- b) Soviet testing of captured V-1 V-2 and German rockets
- c) An unknown presence - possibly alien

3] I find it quite astonishing that UFO researchers have spent so little time studying and analysing the vast array of technologically advanced aviation programmes which existed in both occupied Europe and the United States of America, both of which constituted an enormous leap in terms of futuristic weaponry.

Early as 1928, German designers had managed to produce flying wing aircraft (glide), which could confuse and produce doubt in many observers minds - in terms of visual recognition. Similar research programmes were also induced in America by the year 1942.

These projects were classified very similar to today's 'Black Programmes', and in reality their existence was not made known until the final months of the war.

That Germany had by 1943, provided its military machine with rockets which could in effect reach the lower regions of space, should in itself be important.

The rocket programmes were significant, but evidence exists which has only until recently, been released. This data signifies and heralds a new talking point. Germany, by the year 1941, was already researching the 'stealth' programme, and today, those early designs made by Lippisch and the Horten's are recognised by American Air Force Historians, as the predecessor to the US B-2 stealth bomber and the F117e fighter variant.

Combine these relatively simple projects with an array of private venture's, it is my belief, that the underlying trend which researchers of the UFO have displayed, in respect of ignoring

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5] ULTRA; The British Intelligence Crypt-analysis organisation responsible for the interception of Germany's ENIGMA signals. ULTRA was a highly efficient data-receiving agency and on numerous occasions acquired top secret signals relating to many of the Third Reich's most remarkable aviation programmes.

6] Peenemunde cost the German tax-payer some £25,000,000 in respect of development. The research station was responsible for numerous breakthroughs in rocket technology and was regarded by the British as the most important target in Germany.

Over 2000 V-2s rockets were launched against Southern England from a variety of near coast-line batteries. The success or strike rate was evident when official figures released by the British government at the end of the war showed some 20% had self-destructed or had missed their designated target totally.

A variety of reasons were offered for the failures, but primarily, the indications are, that German technology was rushed into production prior the solving of many guidance system problems.

It is no secret that Peenemunde was well defended against heavy bombing raids once the reconnaissance aircraft of the RAF had discovered [its] existence in 1942. Indeed, Peenemunde was one of the first overflight targets whereby British and American pilots first reported unusual glowing nocturnal lights which appeared non-hostile. There is every indication of a defence decoy weapon being placed near the establishment.

The ability of German armed forces to move heavy equipment throughout Europe was amply displayed by the various positions these rockets were moved in to. That a relative secret anti-radar jamming or psychological programme of defence tactics existed, must be regarded with some probability. Thus the 'target' area for 'Foo Fighter' reports when studied carefully, displays a marked increase in respect of the advancement of German technology and the ability to strike anywhere on the European continent.

FOO FIGHTER REPORTS WERE SUBMITTED PRIMARILY AFTER MAJOR BOMBING RAIDS ON KEY GERMAN INDUSTRIAL AND RESEARCH FACILITIES. IN EFFECT, THE ESSENCE OF THIS ARGUMENT REVEALS A CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN SIGHTINGS OF AND BOMBING RAIDS OVER MAJOR AREAS - ALL HEAVILY GUARDED TO SOME EXTENT IN 1943, BY THE SS.

7] The Central Werkes (works) was chosen as the ultimate location of the production of V-2 and other smaller rocket projects. Orders were issued by the German High Command that such important establishments should be totally secret from the Allies, and more importantly, not prone to damage by heavy bombing raids.

That Nordhausen - prior the hostilities, had once been a **chemical storage facility**, was seen to represent a natural base. Nordhausen (now in Eastern Germany some eight miles from the border) was eventually overrun by the Americans, after one of the most bloodiest battles of the Second World War.

8] After extensive collaboration with several military historians in Germany, I received an interesting report designated **'Secret'** and dated **October 1944**. The report was an Anglo/American Intelligence document interpretation of details acquired by methods unknown, although within the papers there is every indication that ground resistance parties were responsible.

Further to this document/paper, data within the information suggests that the RAF had acted upon this signal and had overflown various areas which were designated **'Top Secret'**. The major concern reported in that paper reads:

**"THE PHOTO EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT AN UNDERGROUND
DISPERSAL OF THE GERMAN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY IS TAKING PLACE
ON A CONSIDERABLE SCALE."**

That paper lists significant locations which in effect mean that German advanced jet and rocket research component and launch sites were situated throughout the war zone. Researchers who have often believed in the lack of mobile ability of such weaponry, perhaps would do well to study this aspect, as all the facilities contained a wealth of experience including the likes of Junkers and Heinkel.

An American Air Force Intelligence Officer commenting on reconnaissance photographs, states that only wing and fuselage components can be identified, and that other interesting details which the data displays, cannot.

9] The circular marks* seen and noted in the initial reconnaissance photographs shown to Dr R.V. Jones, - Air Ministry Scientific Intelligence Dept. were conjectured that [they] represented launch pads or test firing facilities for rockets.

* SEE DIAGRAM - reference - 'PEENEMUNDE'

10] The de-briefing reports of many Allied bombing crews that struck at many of Northern Germany's Baltic Coast facilities (including Peenemunde), speak of large scale defences and extreme night fighter defence forces, often in collaboration on the ground working with various new weaponry.

11] Semi-official United States Air Force de-briefing reports which subsequently appeared in the American and British press.

12] During my researches into the German aviation - circular platform programmes, it became essential to discover the background of many engineers and relatively unknown research facilities which dotted the European theatre of war. Only limited information exists in Germany yet through various channels, I did make significant in-roads.

Hundreds of key projects and the early research into these are held in the vast chambers of the Public Records Office in London. According to the search departments at that office, all seven of my requests pertaining to personnel and facilities remain unavailable until 'review' in the year 2020. Similar arrangements are thought to exist in America and Russia.

Clearly, what the Allied pilots of the Second World War observed, are still designated - 'Top Secret'.

The secret papers of ULTRA and ENIGMA intercepts; many containing valuable data will never be released.

13] I have interviewed several members of the RAF Pathfinder Units who have given the most precise details of 'UFOs' seen over many German cities. They helpfully revealed the nature of/and interest shown by the RAF intelligence officers de-briefs, and the remarks made by numerous bombing crews.

14] A covert Austrian aviation and radio facility situated thirteen miles south of Vienna.

[Author - 'THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION' 1987]

[Author - 'OPERATION BERLIN' 1988]

15] Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) report

16] New York Times 1945

17] During the latter months of the war, meetings between Germany's hierarchy were taking place daily at Hitler's bunker in Berlin. 'Death rays' and a whole variety of perplexing weaponry was mentioned as 'near completion'. Much of this revealed in captured SS documentation after the war by advancing and victorious Allied forces.

18] Tom Bower - 'The Paperclip Conspiracy' 1987 Paladin

19] After studying various accounts of the first sightings of 'Ghost Rocket' reports, I still remain un-convinced that any accurate data exists regarding the initial reports/date. However, for a much further insight into the early reports of this phenomenon, then 'ABOVE TOP SECRET' - Timothy Good - Sidgwick & Jackson 1987 is recommended reading.

20] The rocket industry of Germany was in the early stages of the divided into various sections (including Army and Luftwaffe units). However, based upon the real lack of interest shown by the OKW (German Armed Forces High Command), and the enthusiasm of independent rocket 'schools', it does seem likely that the centres were indeed scattered around Germany.

When hostilities started, various organisations were drafted into University's such as Vienna and all previous projects were taken over or monitored by such authorities - the results of the projects and future work, would be again tentatively 'housed' under no real direction - until early 1942.

21] It is well known today, that America in particular used the vast knowledge of many former German design plans for modification purposes (to help progress similar projects such as the flying wing and underwater boats [U-boats]) and the continuation of such defunct programmes - i.e., the Lippisch DM-1. Most certainly the swept-back wing feature was unique in many ways, and captured German wind-tunnel test facilities were vital to both friendly western nations, and the Soviet Union.

Little has to be said about the scientific brilliance of the rocket personnel, suffice to say, America's NASA benefited enormously from German experience gained from the V - weapon programmes.

For further indications of the scale of this 'technology transfer' I recommend Tom Bower's carefully researched comments on the 'PAPERCLIP CONSPIRACY'.

22] Tom Bower - 'The Paperclip Conspiracy' 1987 - Paladin - Grafton Books, 8, Grafton Street, London, W1X 3LA, England.

23] 'Freed' nations such as Slovakia, Poland and virtually the entire 1988 Warsaw Pact league have remained under political and military control of Moscow. Formerly 'independent', many of these countries did house and construct vital '1939-1945' technology for Nazi Germany. An example of this is the vast BMW plant situated in Prague Czechoslovakia. Russia has been dominant in their strict guidance over military and political affairs of formerly free European nations.

However, political implications are overshadowed by the scale of industry, component facilities and military research centres held by the advancing Soviet forces. The spoils of Nazi Germany could have been an early reason for Russian refusal to withdraw to pre-1939 international boundaries.

24] The final Foo Fighter sightings came in the last months of the Second World war. In view of this most interesting fact, in terms of evaluation, one must therefore believe that only when Germany's fighting capabilities had ceased, did the reports end. It is most significant and revealing in my opinion.

25] By August, 1946, Swedish Government officials described the constant sightings of Ghost Rockets as, "extremely dangerous." Sweden asked both Great Britain and America for assistance. By this time the official Swedish Government investigation into the phenomenon had been in progression for many months. It was therefore a surprise to learn that Norway had already imposed a reporting ban and Sweden had introduced similar restrictions.

In October, 1946, the Swedish government released details of its official inquiry:

A) 80% of all sightings attributed to celestial phenomenon.

B) Radar had detected 200 objects "which cannot be the phenomenon of nature or products of the imagination, nor can be referred to as Swedish aeroplanes."

26] Based upon the content of the many good reports of Swedish Ghost rocket sightings, one can assume that we are dealing with a very real and physical structure.

The Swedish and Norwegian governments both revealed information (statements) which indicated the public were not 'seeing things'. Indeed, radar tracks made of the Ghost Rockets reveal much important data, including speed references and height factors. However, one should not limit oneself to the fact that the evidence is somewhat distorted. Quite often the rockets were tracked for many miles, and more importantly - photographed. Only when the serious nature of the situation became apparent, did the Scandinavian governments embark upon a **near total cover-up**. It is also my opinion that the **COLD WAR** had a great deal to do with this political decision.

Many researchers who negate the missile hypothesis on the grounds that the projectiles [German] (even allowing for the fact the twelve months had surpassed), could not have reached the speeds and the performance of those seen and reported/recorded over all the Northern countries of Europe. I find this somewhat strange, for in the late weeks of the Second World War, a project to launch a three stage rocket to hit New York from Germany was in progress. The speed attained by this rocket would have been around **6000 mph** - journey time would have been measured in minutes rather than hours. Presumably, the hurried research programmes of the Soviet Union could therefore have made sufficient progress in terms of performance and reliability.

27] **Official Swedish Government figures. 1946/47**

28] Unlike America and the Soviet Union, Britain was extremely slow to react to the potential of utilising captured German scientists in their own industry and military research areas. Incredibly, much of the slow-reaction was caused by the intense government fear of British trade unions complaining that German's were (or would) be occupying jobs which were extremely rare and difficult to come by. Months after America had already 'shipped' hundreds of former Nazi scientists into their country to begin work immediately on former German military and industrial projects, did Britain react. Unfortunately the U.K. was far too slow and in this respect, and was to receive only a limited amount of key scientists. In relation to British interest in the rocket projects of Nazi Germany, again only deep scepticism existed and the reaction time to acquire the rocket teams was slow.

The Soviet space programme benefited so much from the German wartime developments, that in the Russian 'RED FLEET' magazine - **12th October 1951**, made an announcement that the Soviet Union is planning to build a "moon rocket".

Of **2500 aeronautic experts** working in Germany during the war, by **1947**, **25%** were already conducting researches in Russia, **12%** in America, **8%** went to France and Britain had **acquired 1%**.

29] **Directorate of United States intelligence - classified 'TOP SECRET'.**

30] The V-1 or 'Doodlebug' as it was 'effecttionately' known in Britain was first born from three of Hitler's delayed rocket/jet programmes - Me 262, Me 163, and the anti-aircraft missile projectile known as Wasserfall (Waterfall - English terminology). Due to financial restrictions the project which were already advanced at the outbreak of the war, had been hit, and the fact that Hitler fully expected the war to be a short lived affair further delayed progress.

However, during this period, German engineers had managed to adapt the jet engines from the aircraft prototypes into a single pilotless aircraft which was intended to carry a one ton warhead. Production was only authorized after a successful test flight in December, 1942.

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33] American intelligence agencies, primarily military - at the beginning of the 'modern era' of UFO phenomenon, noted the relevance of pre-war German aviation developments and tried desperately to conjecture that these could have been progressed by the Soviets. Many pre - 1950 intelligence papers concerning the UFO phenomenon, and in our case, the Ghost Rockets, do serve notice that the German link cannot be ruled out.

34] According to government (British) agencies (Ministry of Defence) UFOs do not represent extraterrestrial objects, and state quite clearly, that most of the reports can be explained. Civilian researchers who issue answers to the same question, claim that between 90% and 95% are unexplainable. I would contend that given full resources and adequate monies, this second figure could be drastically reduced.

35] As revealed by both American Second World War pilots and in particular by returning Royal Air Force bomb crews who offered details of the unusual aeroforms.

36] I was informed that throughout the raids on Germany's industrial and weapons factories, intelligence de-briefs for the returning crews was extremely detailed and lengthy. No stone was left unturned. The stories of air pilots encountering unidentified flying objects or Foo Fighters were often believed to have heralded the beginning of a totally new concept of German airborne defences.

37] RAF 1941-47 Pathfinder Captain - who spoke of the extreme urgency that de-briefs often took. (see above reference)

38] British military papers 1946*; details of several visits to Germany by British weaponry and industrial scientists did believe that the majority of Germany's top secret research facilities and construction departments had been secured by western nations.

* Currently under investigation by author

39] Although the Soviet continuation of former Nazi rocket projects had begun almost immediately after the war had ended, the first 'official' test of a German rocket was made in 1946.

40] Official British government papers - Public Records Office, London

41] German designated code - 'MATTSCHIEBE'. This intricate system was designed to confuse and present an unusual and 'alien' environment for incoming allied bombers.

42] The system required a limited amount of cloud cover for effective use.

43] SS = Schutzstaffel.

44] The YOHUDI project - an American Army/Air Force counter ploy (deception) was a daylight operation designed only to confuse in daylight. [At this point in time I am only aware that 'YOHUDI' was operated during daylight hours. However, the system - if it was used at night, must have looked spectacular - with its hundreds of brilliant lights, and even more so if the target was an aircraft.]

Weather conditions which suited the ploy best, were noted as being overcast or light white clouds. However, regardless of these non-controlable factors, the relevant target did look highly unusual and was effective to the point of being confusing.

45] Northrop Aviation - B2 'Stealth' bomber. circa 1982

46] The German Horten IX and other flying wing type aircraft.

47] Certainly all the Horten and various other German all wing aircraft were successful for their unique style and potential. By early 1945, the jet variant (prototype) of the Horten IX had been test flown and many other Luftwaffe projects including Junkers, Lippisch, Blohm - Voss, Messerschmitt flying wing projects were all in part production. Luftwaffe research scientists had by now become aware that the slender all wing aircraft was very effective in terms of returning a weak radar signal.

That the Northrop B2 is now regarded as the ultimate aircraft - goes some way to help us evaluate the state of German aviation technology in 1945.

48] American Army/Air Force intelligence papers. circa 1948

AUTHORS NOTE

That civilian UFO researchers today can comment upon various situations of war-torn Europe without a hefty concept of military and civilian reports regarding the many startling airborne sights which existed primarily from 1943 - 1948 in these areas is perplexing. Further to this statement one must really interject psychological aspects and physical situations - most certainly with 'Foo Fighter' reports and at least in part to the missiles which prevailed over Scandinavian countries.

According to many former RAF personnel whom I had the privilege to interview and correspond with over this subject, it appears that most regard the 'Foo Fighters' as conventional aircraft and weapons and mis-identification situations generated by various conditions such as fear, unusual cloud factors and both friendly and enemy night-time aircraft viewed under abnormal weather conditions.

This doesn't of course answer the intriguing question of whether or not certain private facilities under the guise of the Waffen SS scientific and technical laboratories had developed unique craft to perform the manoeuvres and interfere with the controls (radar) of bombing aircraft such as the Halifax's and Lancasters. However, one must believe that such a potential did exist, due to other weaponry already functioning and in the hands of the Nazi's.

However, I now offer a pilots version of entering Germany's airspace for a night bombing raid, the date is August, 1943, the target - BERLIN:

On the Berlin Approach

"The first thing we have to do is fly through a wall of searchlights; they are in hundreds - in cones and in clusters. It's a wall of light, with very few breaks, and behind that wall is an even fiercer light, glowing red and green and blue. It is pretty obvious as we come through the searchlights cones that it is going to be hell over the target.

There is one comfort, and it has been a comfort to me all the time we have been going over, and that is that it is quite soundless; the roar of the engines drowns everything else. It is like running straight into the most gigantic display of soundless fireworks in the world."

That extract was taken from the diary of Sergeant Ferris Newton, a flight engineer in a Halifax bomber of 76 SQUADRON.

I am satisfied that the majority of 'Foo Fighter' reports however, emanated under those or similar conditions as reported by Newton. Yet Counter Intelligence and decoy targets also played an immense part in the horrifying games of war played over Germany skies. For example, Pathfinder Units of the RAF BOMBER COMMAND were under certain secret restrictions - and those restrictions were at times highly complicated. The PU's led the mass bombing raids over Germany, quite often it was these aircraft that took the brunt of the attack by the newly formed night fighter units of the Luftwaffe. And as the crews dropped their target flares coloured red and green to identify military facilities and industrial locations, the main thrust of attacking aircraft homed in to drop their payloads. However, in many cases, and as much as ten miles away, RAF confusion aircraft had simulated dummy attacks by dropping a variety of flares and bombs to try and confuse approaching night fighter aircraft which had been sent to intercept.

In most cases this did not work of course, but for the crews of the central bomb zone, they too were often confused, but given that they were under strict orders to follow the PU's, they never deviated.

For the German night fighters it was a frightening affair. Often being guided to their targets by ground radar, they carried ultra-powerful headlights which on many occasions blinded bomb crews and caused much confusion as they dipped beneath the cloud layers for safety. However, after an attack, the night fighters released an array of brilliant 'hanging' flares so ground flak batteries could target their aim, and also assisted themselves if a second or third attack run was to be made.

In 1943, when the raids had become much more devastating, the Luftwaffe fitted a new invention to the Me 110 and other aircraft which were to defend the night skies over Germany. The weapon was code-named SCHRAGE MUSIK, and allowed the fighter to travel directly under the in-coming bombers and beneath the cloud level, yet to fire vertically using two cannons. And given that the RAF firmly believed that by attacking in bad weather, the bomb crews would find no airborne resistance, this new German weapon allowed the night fighter relative safety and would have both confused and caused terror. Hundreds of bombers were lost due to Schrage Musik.

That many (or most) of the pilots reported the 'Foo Fighters' ascending is not surprising to my mind. Already in this paper we have displayed many potentials, and one cannot end without mentioning the potential of FLAK.

As the bombers approached ground targets, radar had already made contact with the aircraft. In constant touch with hundreds of 'flak towers' in and around the ground targets, the gun batteries electronically guided, began to elevate to their final positions - following often unseen aircraft above cloud. The flak towers were usually ordered not to fire until the last few seconds, just in case the bombers (due to their not being fired upon) moved over significant facilities. Usually however the Pathfinders were spot-on, and dropped their recognition flares. Seconds later the flak from the gun batteries tore into the sky. Searchlight concentrations and the sight of hundreds of airborne flares signalled the beginning of a terrifying period, it was of course much worse on the ground. As aircraft fell from the sky and entire cities were alight, the scene was one of sheer devastation. Is it any wonder I ask, that under these conditions, human beings reported odd lights?

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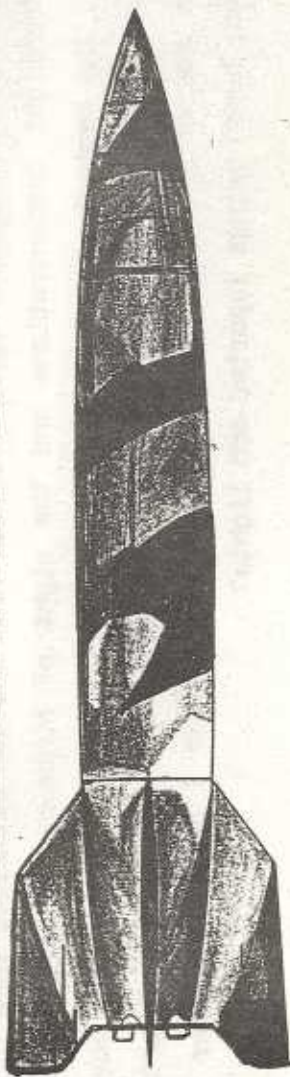
MAIN RESEARCH BUILDING, PEENEMÜNDE

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- 2) RHEINMETALL RHEINBOTE. ("RHINE MESSENGER")
- 3) C-2 WASSERFALL. ("WATERFALL")
- 4) RHEINTOCHTER R1. ("RHINE DAUGHTER")
- 5) HENSHEL HS 117 SCHMETTERLING. ("BUTTERFLY")

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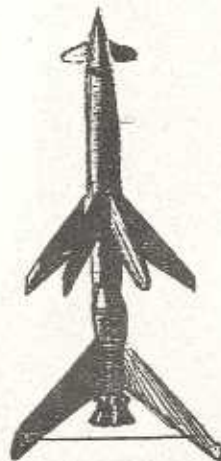
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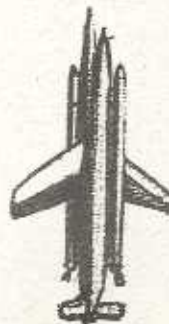
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