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**Der Welt Erbe gewänne  
zu eigen,  
wer aus dem Rheingold  
schüfe den Ring,  
der maß lose Macht  
ihm verlieh’.**

**The whole world can be  
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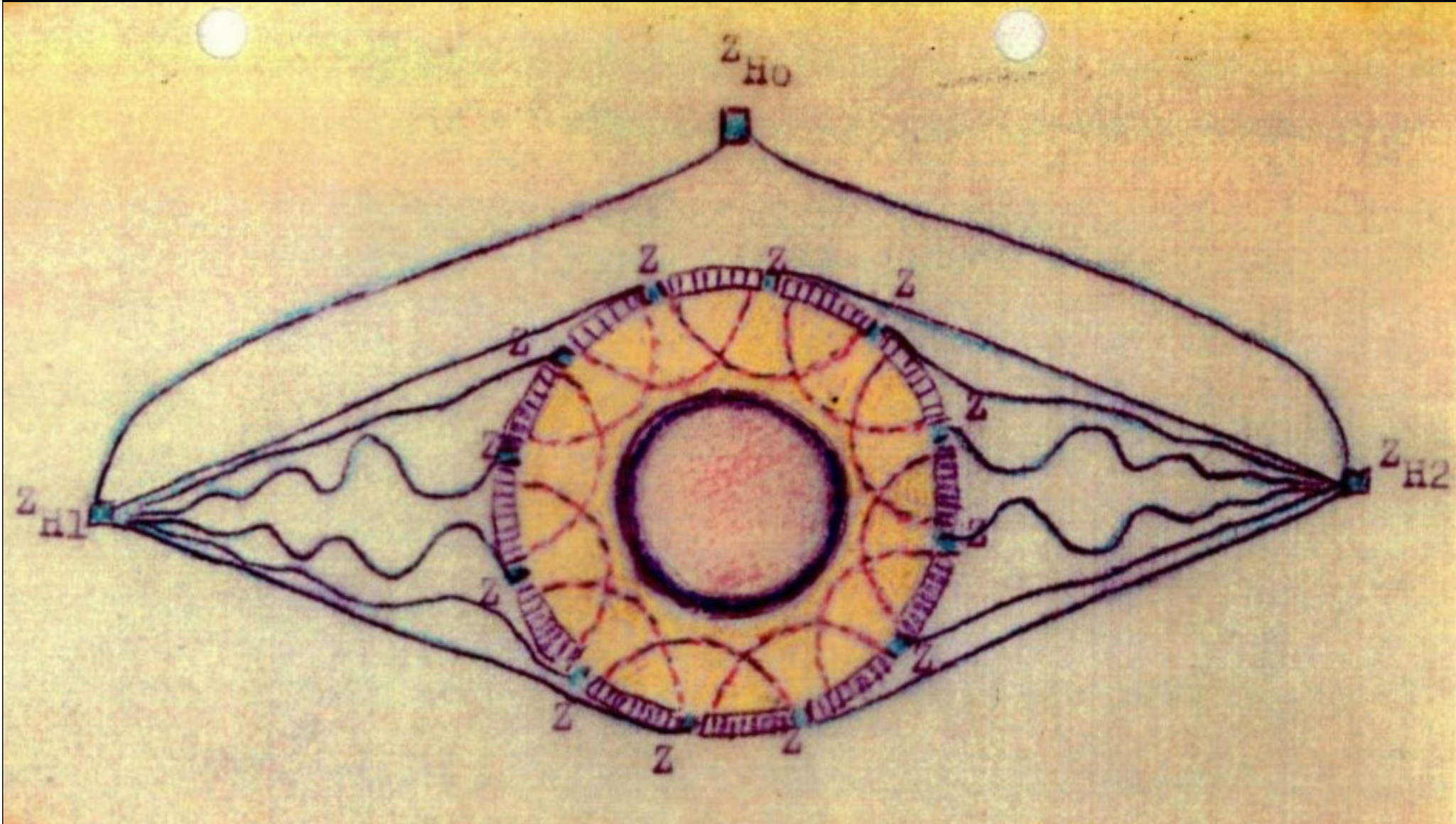
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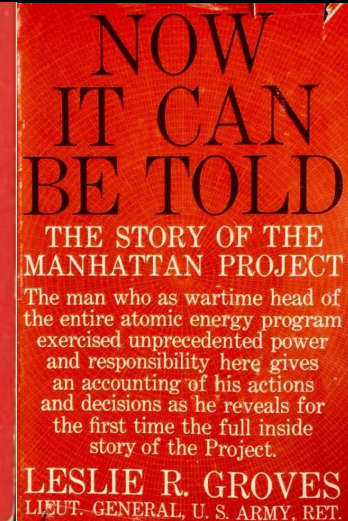
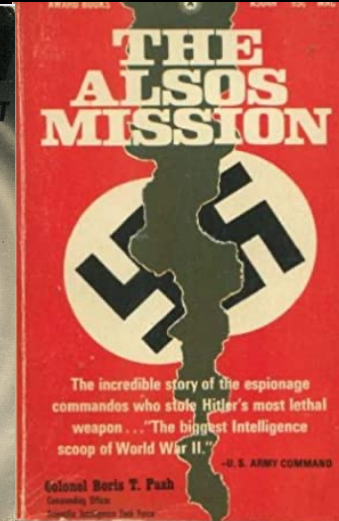
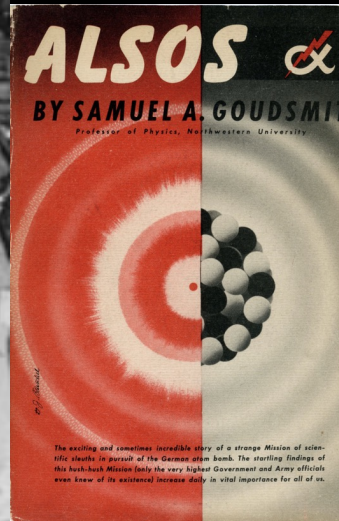
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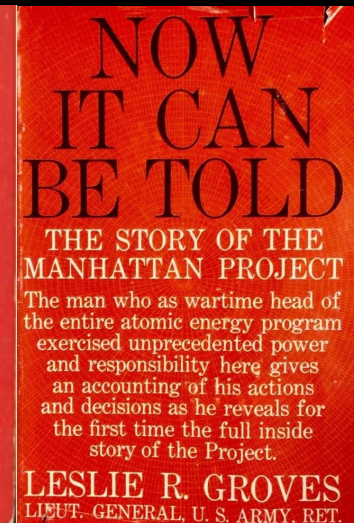
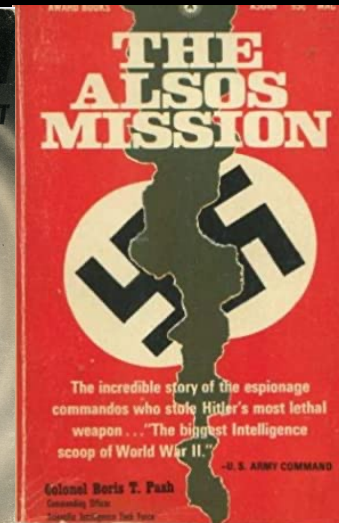
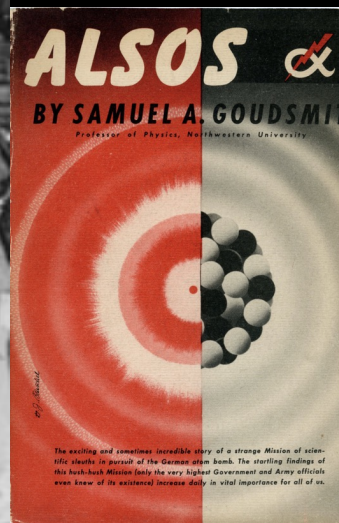
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Alsos failed to properly investigate numerous specific organizations, scientists, and locations that could have revealed a more advanced nuclear program.

If any more advanced nuclear work had in fact been discovered, that information would have been automatically classified at the time, and could remain classified or buried in archives and unreleased to this day.



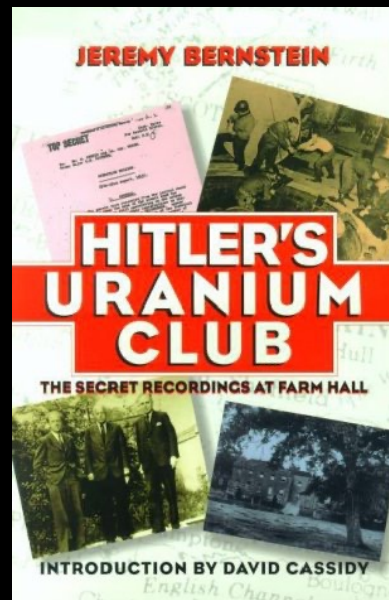
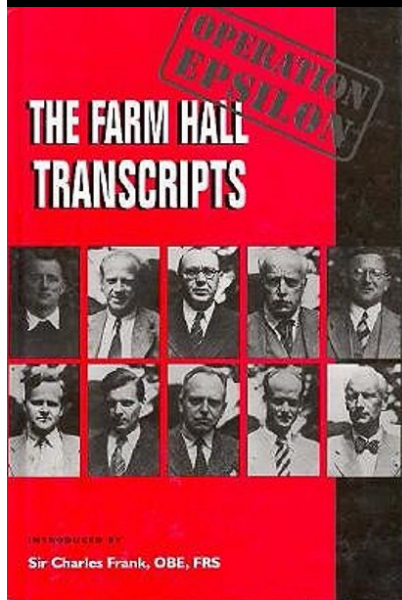
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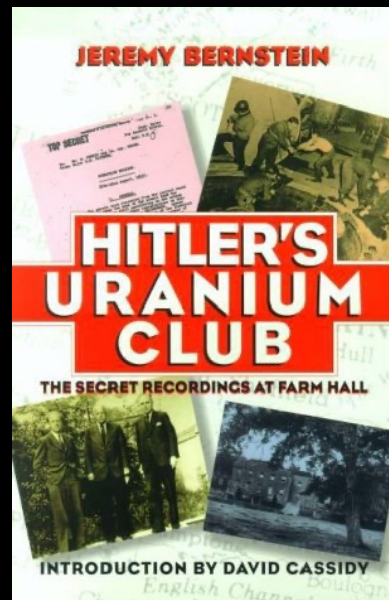
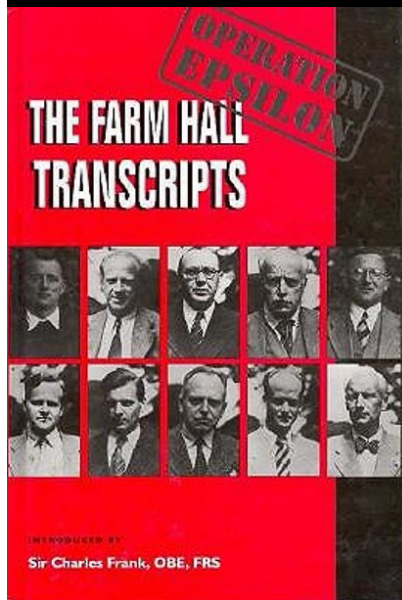
A huge number of relevant nuclear scientists were not at Farm Hall.

Those who were there suspected surveillance and presumably conducted their conversations accordingly.

The preserved transcripts document only a small fraction of the discussions that would have occurred among ten people and their British attendants during those six months.

The transcripts are English translations, which may not accurately reflect the original German conversations.

Oddly, both the original recordings and the original German transcripts just happen to have been completely lost.



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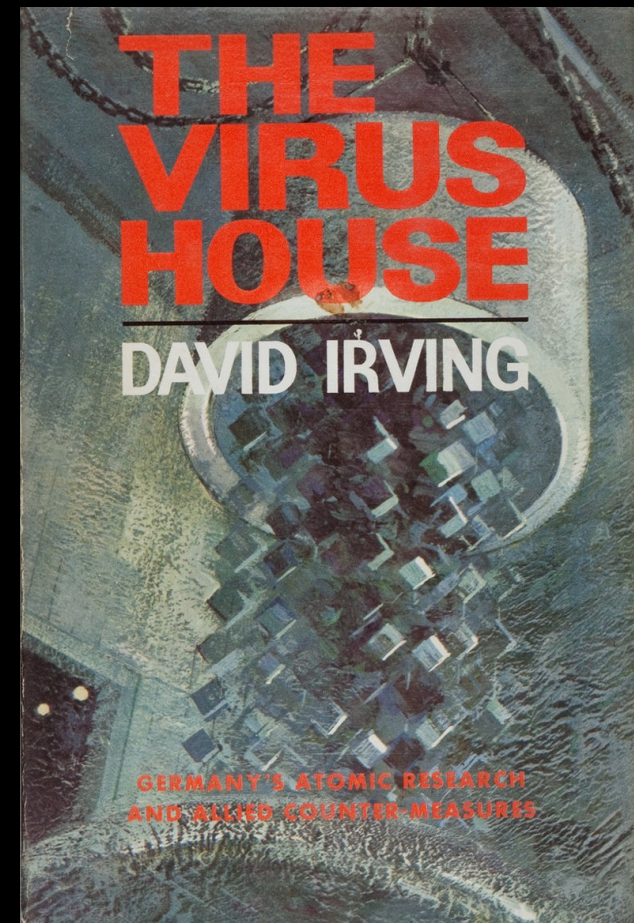
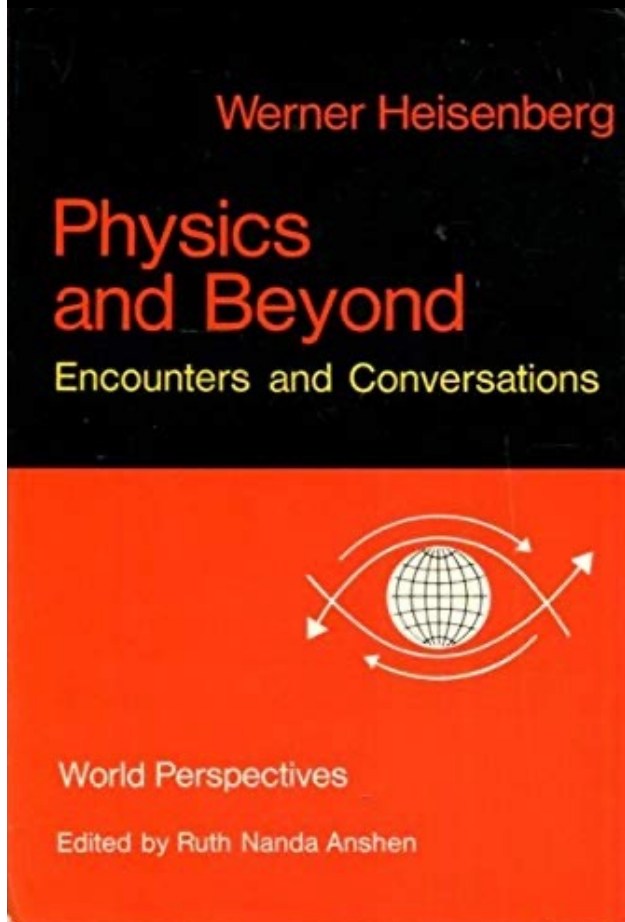


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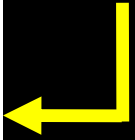
Only a small number of nuclear scientists went on the public record.

It was in their best personal interests to downplay the wartime German nuclear program, their knowledge of it, and their support for it.



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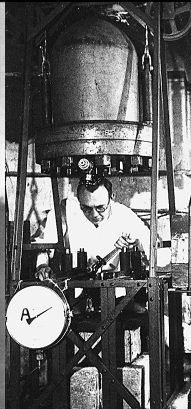
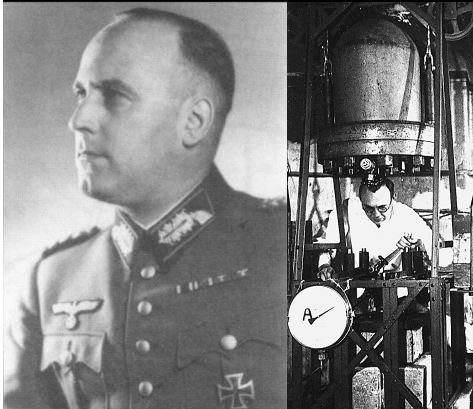
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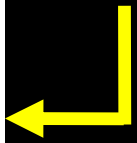
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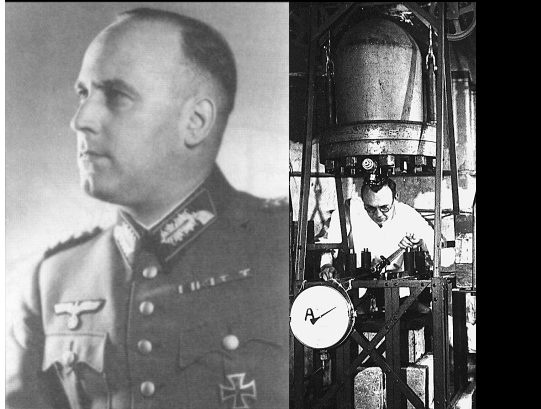
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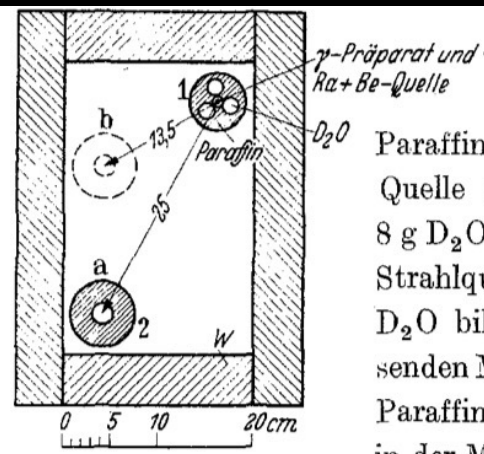
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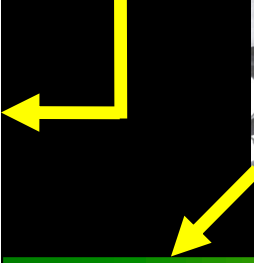
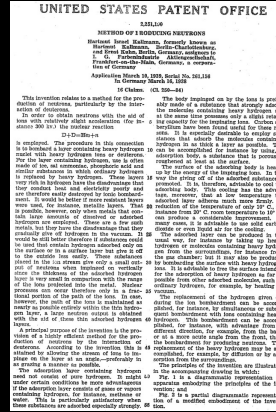
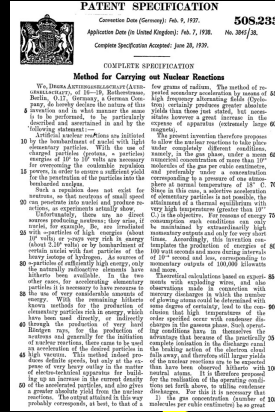


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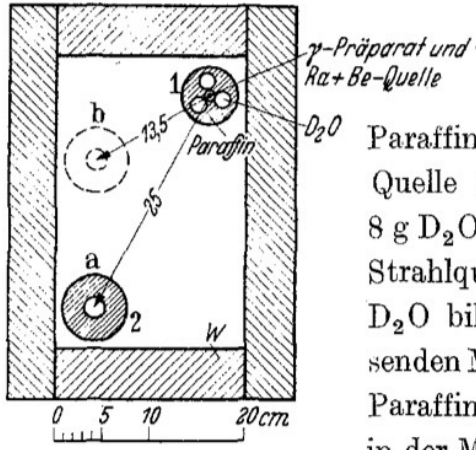
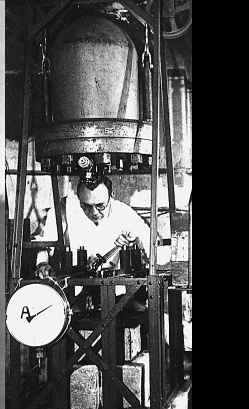
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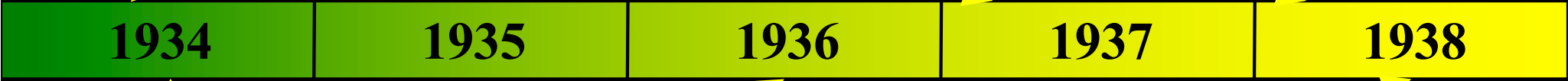
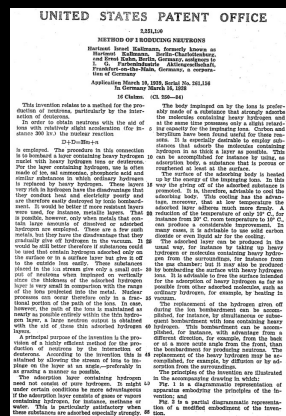
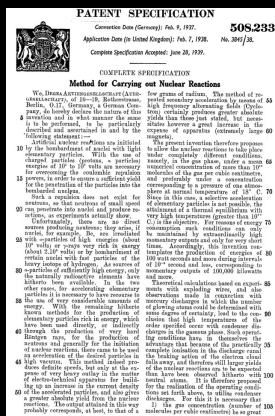


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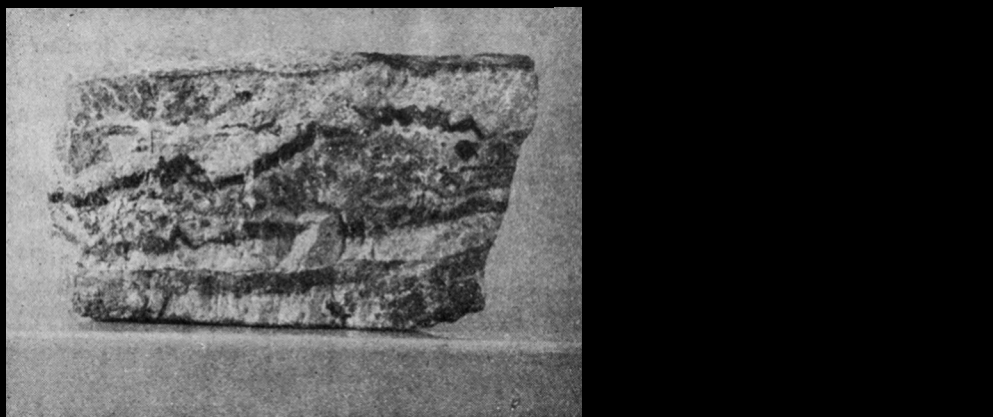
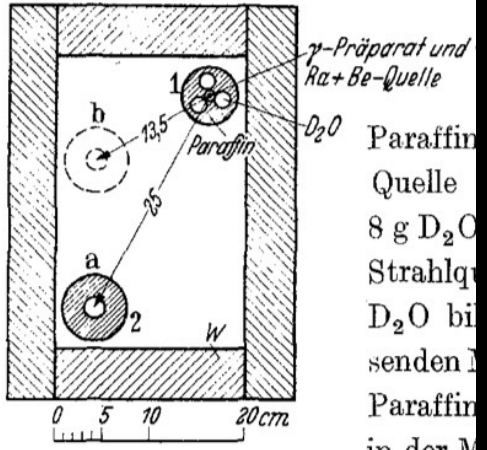
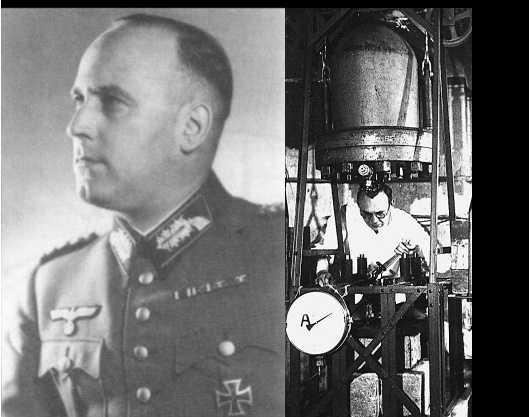
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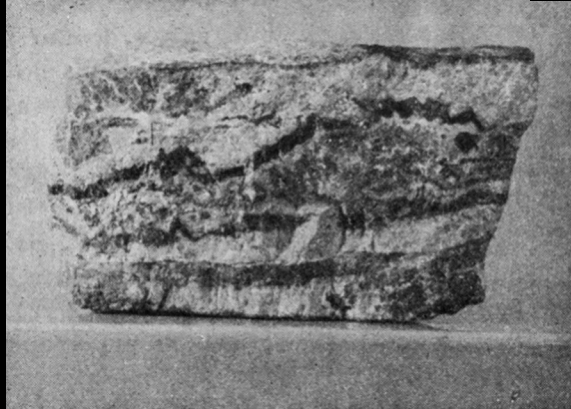
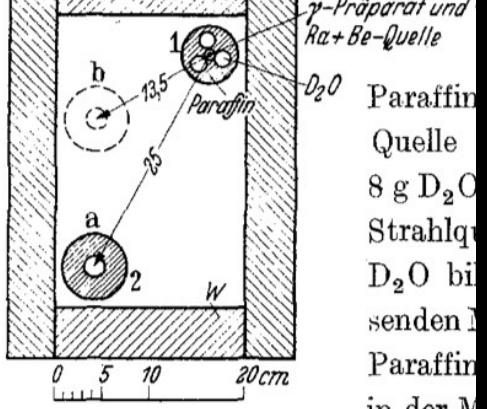
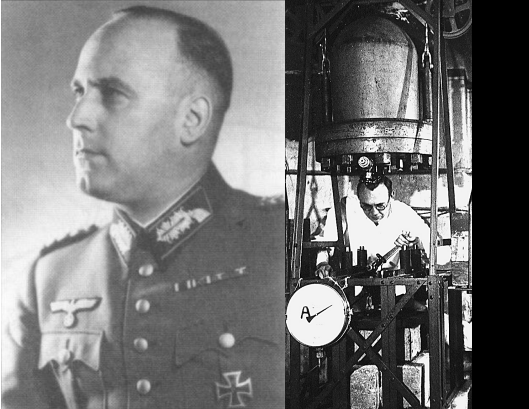
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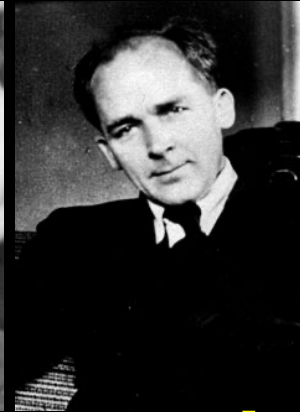
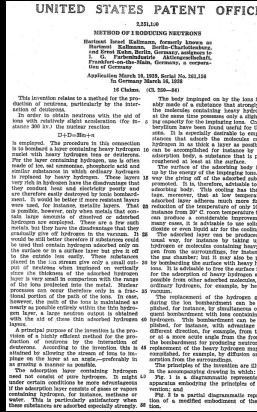
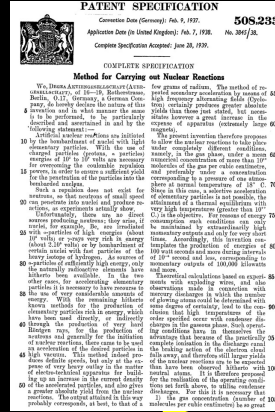
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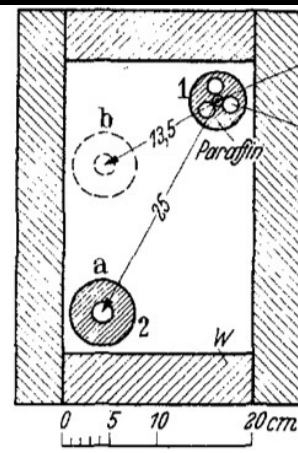
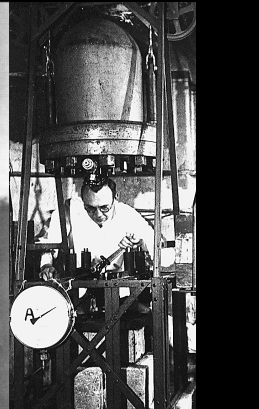
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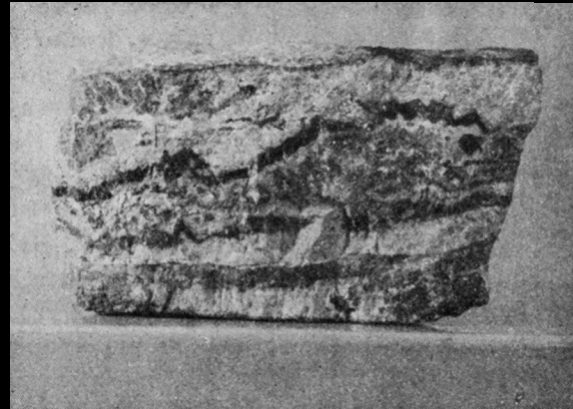
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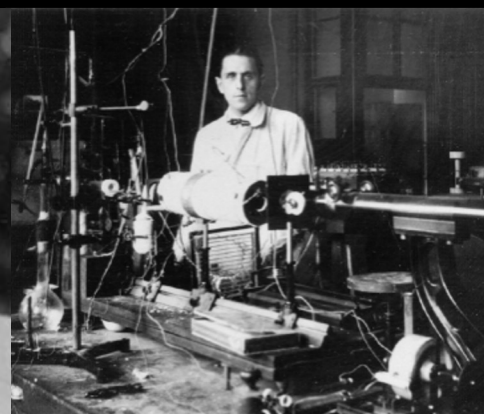
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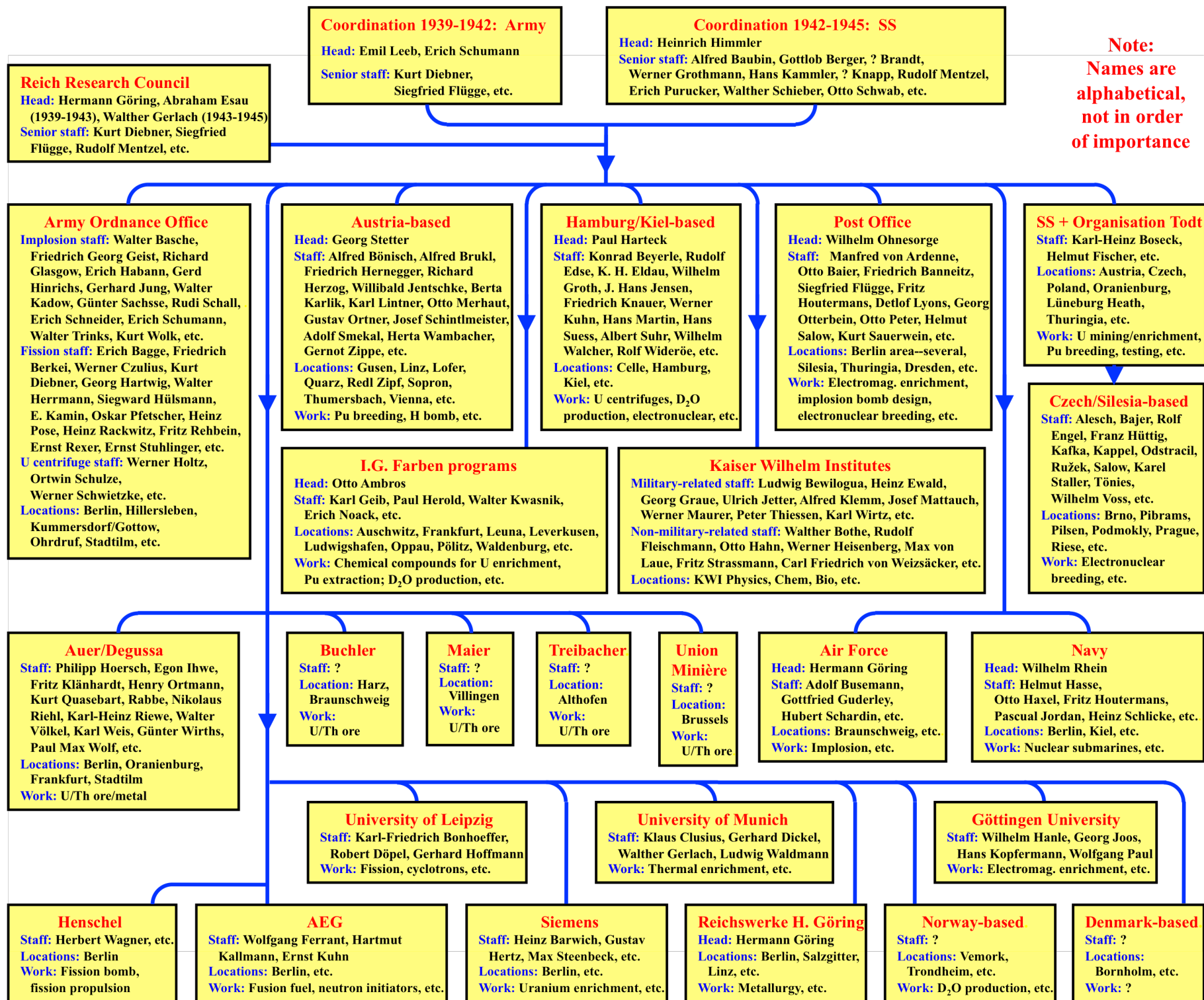
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# Siegfried Flügge: Top Theoretical Physicist of the German Nuclear Program

Siegfried Flügge published detailed calculations of fission reactors and fission bombs in June 1939. During the war, he worked for the Reichspost, Heereswaffenamt, University of Berlin, Kaiser Wilhelm Institutes, Reichsforschungsrat, University of Königsberg (reported to have fission reactors), and Gusen SS facility.

thermische Neutronen einen Einfangquerschnitt von nur  $1,3 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$  fanden. Zählt man hierzu die von FERMI angegebenen  $2 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$  für die Spaltung, so erhält man für die gesamte Absorption erst etwa  $1/7$  des angegebenen Gesamtquerschnitts und nicht die Hälfte. Es ist daher nicht unmöglich, daß bei der Messung noch Resonanzneutronen mitgewirkt haben, durch die das Resultat beträchtlich verfälscht wird. Immerhin können wir aus dem Versuch wohl entnehmen, daß Streuquerschnitt und Einfangquerschnitt bei langsamen Neutronen vergleichbar sind.

3. *Das Auftreten von Reaktionsketten.* Wir wollen die Frage, ob eine Reaktionskette zustandekommen kann, zunächst ganz ohne Berücksichtigung des Diffusionsproblems angehen. Es sei  $n$  die Anzahl der Neutronen, die in einer Substanz von großem Volumen insgesamt enthalten ist. Wir nehmen zunächst an, diese Neutronen seien gleichmäßig dicht über die ganze Substanz verteilt. Ferner sollen verschiedene Arten von Atomen, unterschieden durch den Index  $i$ , anwesend sein, an denen Reaktionen stattfinden können, unterschieden durch den Index  $k$ , die jeweils ein Neutron zum Verschwinden bringen, also Einfang oder Umwandlung. Bezeichnen wir die Anzahl von Atomen der Art  $i$  im Kubikzentimeter mit  $\rho_i$ , die Wirkungsquerschnitte mit  $\sigma_{ik}$ , und ist  $v$  die mittlere Geschwindigkeit der Neutronen, so nimmt die Gesamtneutronenzahl in der Zeiteinheit ab um

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -n v \sum_{ik} \rho_i \sigma_{ik}.$$

Eine Ausnahme von dieser Regel machen allein die Spaltungsprozesse am Uran, solange wir Thorium ausschließen, das noch nicht so gut untersucht ist, und Neutronenenergien unterhalb 8 MeV fordern, so daß noch keine  $(n, 2n)$ -Prozesse auftreten können. Ist der Spaltungsquerschnitt  $\sigma_{sp}$  und die Zahl der bei jeder Spaltung abgedampften Neutronen  $\nu$ , so haben wir unsere Gleichung zu erweitern zu

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dt} = v \left\{ - \sum_{ik} \rho_i \sigma_{ik} + \rho_U \sigma_{sp} (\nu - 1) \right\}. \quad (4a)$$

Die Neutronenzahl nimmt also so lange zu, wie in der Klammer ein positiver Ausdruck steht. Streuprozesse sind nicht mitzuzählen, weil sie die Zahl der Neutronen nicht verändern.

Als Beispiel betrachten wir zunächst die Verhältnisse an reinem Uranmetall. Für schnelle Neutronen besteht kein merkbarer Einfangquerschnitt; wir haben außer  $\sigma_{sp} = 0,1 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$  nur noch Streuprozesse mit rund  $6 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$ . Metallisches Uran (Dichte 8,6) enthält rund  $2,2 \cdot 10^{22}$  Atome je Kubikzentimeter; es wird dann bei einer Neutronengeschwindigkeit von  $2 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cm/sec}$ , entsprechend einer mittleren Energie der frei gesetzten Neutronen von 2 MeV:

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dt} = 0,44 (\nu - 1) \cdot 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-1}. \quad (4b)$$

Die Integration dieser Differentialgleichung ergibt

$$n(t) = n_0 e^{0,44(\nu - 1) \cdot 10^7 t}.$$

Läßt man die Reaktionskette mit  $n_0 = 1$  Neutron zur Zeit  $t = 0$  anlaufen und nimmt man den wahrscheinlichsten Wert  $\nu = 2$ , so findet man, da je Spaltung  $3 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ mkg}$  frei werden, folgende Energiebeträge: Nach  $10^{-7} \text{ sec}$ :  $4,7 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ mkg}$ , nach  $10^{-6} \text{ sec}$ :  $2,4 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ mkg}$ , nach  $10^{-5} \text{ sec}$ :  $3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mkg}$  und nach  $10^{-4} \text{ sec}$ :  $3 \cdot 10^{+78} \text{ mkg}$ . Die letzte Zahl hat natürlich keinen Sinn mehr; sie bedeutet nur, daß in weniger als  $10^{-4} \text{ sec}$  das gesamte Uran umgesetzt wird. Die Energiebefreiung geschieht also in einer so kurzen Zeit, daß wir es mit einer außerordentlich heftigen Explosion zu tun haben\*.

Es ist gut möglich, daß diese Abschätzung noch in folgendem Sinne zu korrigieren ist: Der Streuquerschnitt für schnelle Neutronen ist rund 60mal so groß wie der Spaltungsquerschnitt, d. h. ein Neutron wird 60mal gestreut, ehe es ihm gelingt,

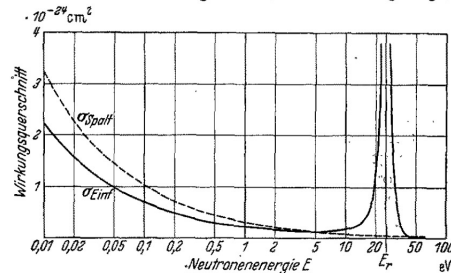


Fig. 1. Einfang- und Spaltungsquerschnitt von Uran für langsame Neutronen. Die Energie  $E$  ist in logarithmischer Skala gezeichnet.

einen Urankern zu spalten. Ist nun ein erheblicher Teil dieser Streuung unelastisch, was wir nicht wissen, so wird eine beträchtliche Verlangsamung eintreten. Obwohl bei jeder Spaltung schnelle Neutronen erzeugt werden, dürfen wir dann so rechnen, als ob wir es mit langsamen Neutronen zu tun hätten.

Den Verlauf von Spaltungs- und Einfangquerschnitt für langsame Neutronen zeigt Fig. 1. Dann tritt an Stelle von Gl. (4), wenn wir wieder  $\nu = 2$  setzen,

$$\frac{1}{n} \frac{dn}{dt} = v \rho_U (\sigma_{sp} - \sigma_{Einf}).$$

Die Neutronenproduktion wird also überall dort den Einfang überwiegen, wo der Spaltungsquerschnitt größer ist als der Einfangquerschnitt, d. h. überall außer in der Zone von etwa 5 eV bis 40 eV. Zur Durchlaufung dieser Zone sind vielleicht 4 oder 5 unelastische Streuungen notwendig, da-

\* Infolge der Verarmung an Uran läuft die Reaktion allmählich langsamer. Auch dürfte sie nach Umsetzung eines kleinen, aber durchaus wägbaren Bruchteils abbrechen infolge konkurrierender Prozesse an den gebildeten Spaltungsprodukten.

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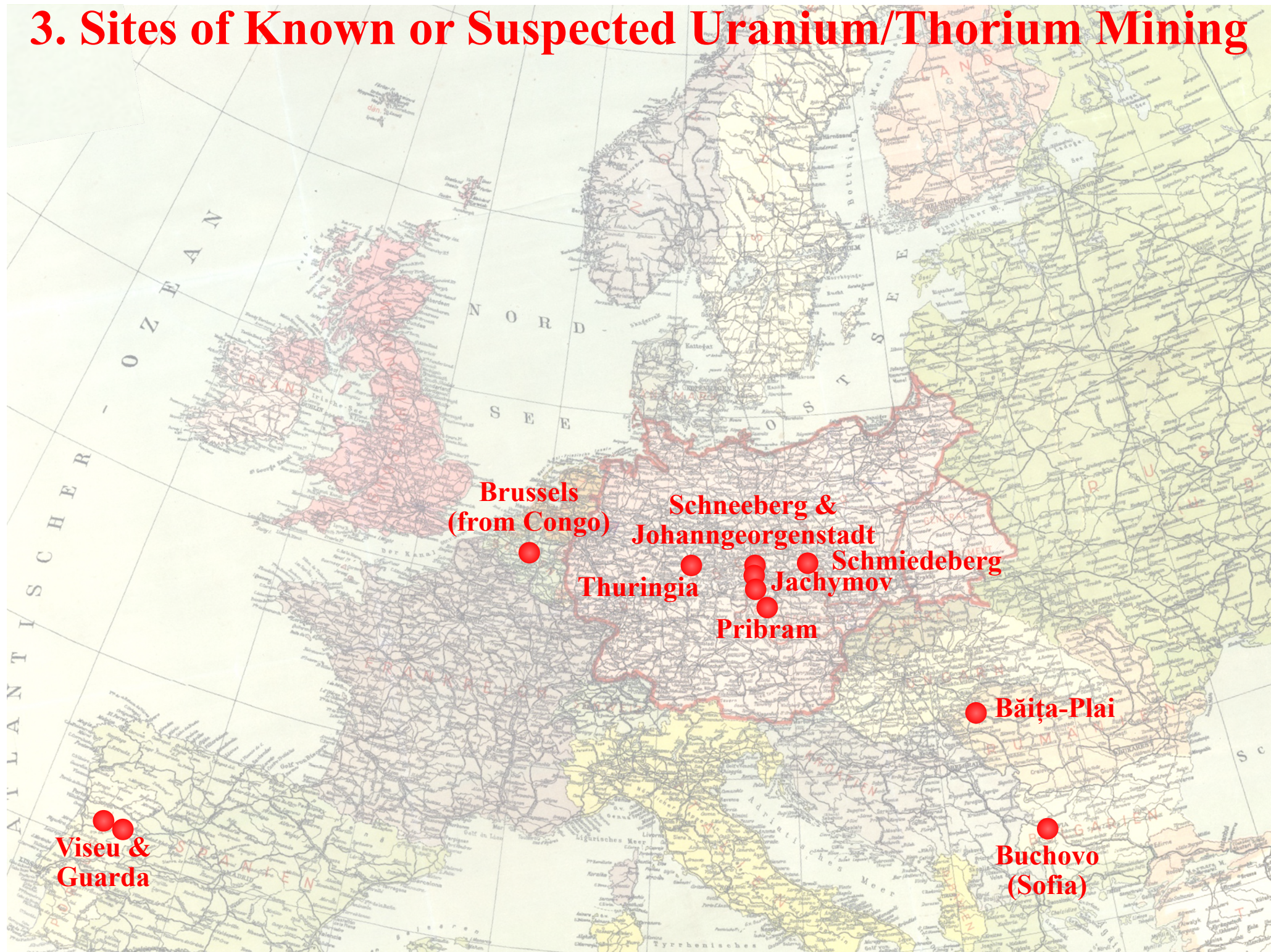
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| Special Field:          | Nuclear Physics (Struktur der Materie)   |
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|                         | " 1933 - 1935: worked at University of Frankfurt as Scientific Assistant.  |
|                         | " 1935 - 1937: lectured at University of Leipzig 1937 to Berlin  |
|                         | " 1937 - 1942: worked in chemical department of the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institute in Berlin, Dahlem.                                  |
|                         | " 1942 - 1944: assistant at the Institute of Scientific Research of the Reichspost, Berlin                                       |
|                         | " 1940 - 1944: lectured at the University of Berlin  |
|                         | " 1944 appointed professor (ausserordentlicher) at the University of Königsberg.   |
|                         | After the surrender, he went to Göttingen, where he was employed as Professor for History of Physical Science from 1945 to 1947. |

He was not called to Military Service during the War, because he worked as a Scientist of Physics for the "Heereswaffenamt", Berlin, and was later exempted of any Army Service by the Reichsforschungsrat in Berlin.



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Vladimir L. Rychly, NARA RG 38, Entry 98C,  
Box 9, Folder TSC #2601—2700, 11 February 1946 &  
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“The Germans put [uranium] mining on a high priority and only mining was done throughout the 6 years occupation. The ore was delivered by special planes to Germany and Austria.”

“During the German occupation of Czechoslovakia, the Germans continued operations in this mine to the very last moment.”

Brussels  
(from Congo)

Schneeberg &  
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U.S. Embassy, Istanbul, 18 December 1943, AFHRA A1261 p. 27: ● Băița-Plai

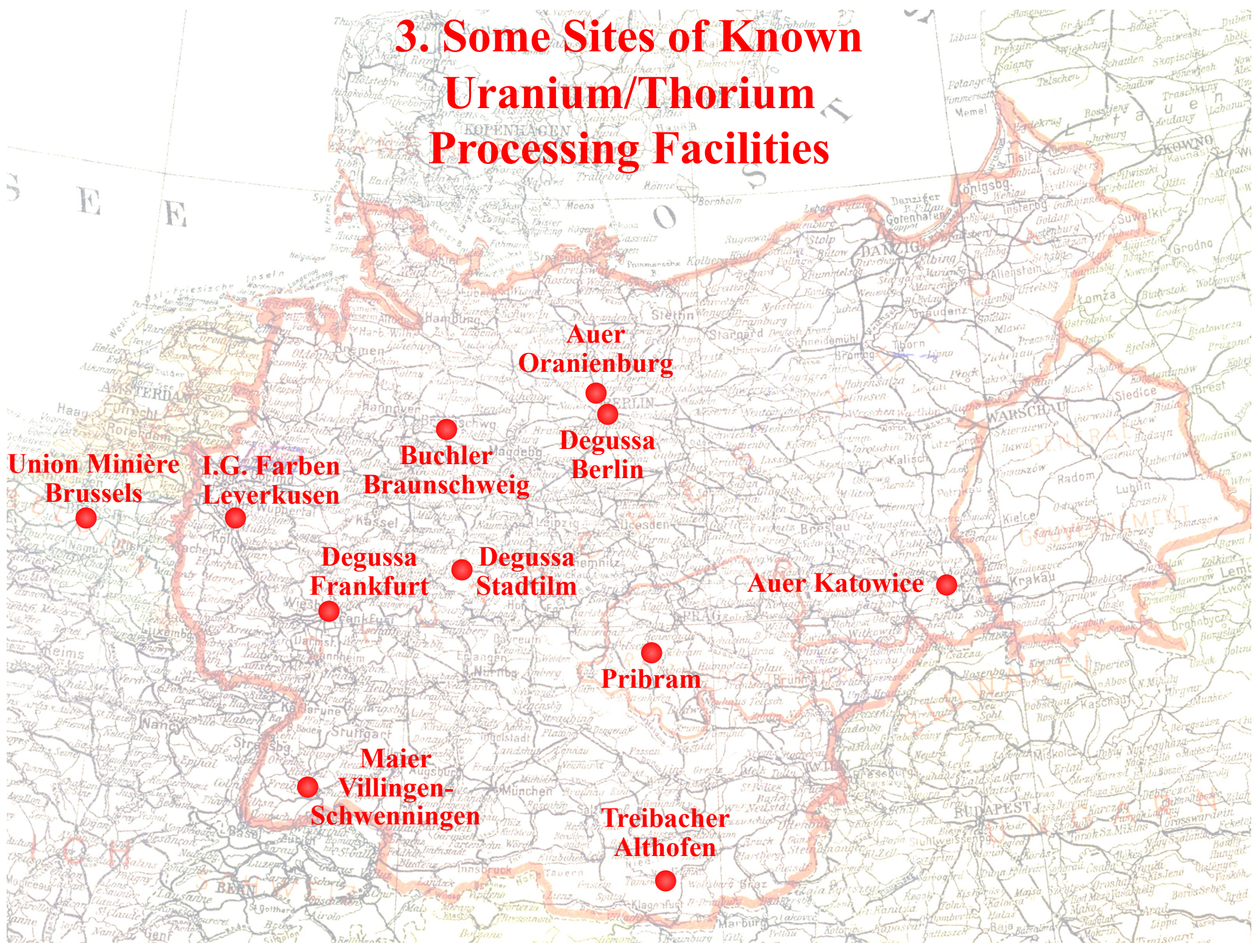
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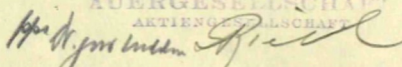
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Heil Hitler!



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10 October 1945 letter from Ivan Bakulin to Zdeněk Fierlinger, Národní archiv, Ústřední výbor KSČ, Klement Gottwald, sv. 81, aj. 1031

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господину ФИРЛИНГЕРУ

В связи с Вашим любезным согласием, прошу дать необходимые распоряжения произвести передачу нам имеющихся в Прибраме 38516,1 килограммов материалов, содержащих радиоактивные элементы.

Ваше скорое сообщение о назначении представителей, уполномоченных Вами произвести передачу, будет высоко оценено.

С совершенным почтением

ТОРГОВЫЙ ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЬ СССР  
 в ЧЕХОСЛОВАКИИ      *Иван Бакулин*  
 (БАКУЛИН)

"10" октября 1945 г.

Union Minière  
 Brussels

I.G. Farben  
 Leverkusen

Buchler  
 Braunschweig

Auer  
 Oranienburg

Degussa  
 Berlin

G-157.  
 Leverkusen. 11 June 1942.

Kwasnik developed process whereby uranium oxide is carried through a rotating inclined nickel tube heated to 650°C through which a stream of fluorine gas is passed. The UF<sub>6</sub> thus formed is frozen by CO<sub>2</sub> in containers. About 500 grams UF<sub>6</sub> thus produced per hour. The UF<sub>6</sub> to be frozen in large crystalline block to reduce amount of adsorption of other gases.

Degussa  
 Frankfurt

Degussa  
 Stadtilm

Auer Katowice

Pribram

Maier  
 Villingen-  
 Schwenningen

Treibacher  
 Althofen

David Gattiker and George C. Davis. 16 May 1945. Report on visit to Joachimsthal. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A, Box 160, Folder APR 45-Dec. '45.

I and Davis entered Czechoslovakian target yesterday morning and spent three hours with Dr. Patzochke, German director of the mines. [...] These concentrates contain 60 per cent U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and were sent to Germany and Austria for radium extraction, and were divided equally between Auer, Buchler at Brunswick, and Goldschmidt at Treibach in Austria.



# Ueber den Einfluss der Zentrifugalkraft auf chemische Systeme.

Von  
G. Bredig.

(Mit 3 Figuren im Text.)

## Einleitung.

Die Frage, ob durch den Einfluss äusserer Kräfte, wie z. B. durch die Gravitation, sich in einem ursprünglich homogenen Gemenge Konzentrationsverschiedenheiten in der Richtung dieser Kräfte ausbilden, ist bereits im Anfange dieses Jahrhunderts diskutiert worden. So stellte bereits Gay-Lussac<sup>1)</sup> in den Kellern der Pariser Sternwarte Versuche darüber an, ob eine Salzlösung in einer vertikalen 2 m langen Säule unter dem Einfluss der Schwerkraft am unteren Ende der Säule eine andere Konzentration annehme, als am oberen Ende. Er erhielt ein negatives Resultat, was nach den neueren Berechnungen von Gouy und Chaperon<sup>2)</sup> auch verständlich wird, da diese Autoren thermodynamisch den Einfluss der Gravitation auf die Konzentration aus der Änderung der Dichte mit der Konzentration zu berechnen vermögen und denselben so klein finden, dass seine experimentelle Feststellung schwerlich ausführbar ist.

Die Theorie solcher Systeme ist bereits mehrfach, von J. W. Gibbs<sup>3)</sup>, Gouy und Chaperon<sup>4)</sup>, P. Duhem<sup>5)</sup>, van der Waals<sup>6)</sup> und anderen gegeben worden.

Nun hat aber unlängst Herr Th. des Couvres in einer interessanten Abhandlung<sup>7)</sup> beiläufig darauf hingewiesen, dass man die Betrachtungen über den Einfluss der Schwere auf die Konzentration der Lö-

<sup>1)</sup> Ann. chim. phys. 11, 306 (1819). — Vergl. auch Ostwald, Lehrbuch der allg. Chemie 2. Aufl. I, 700. — Beudant, Ann. chim. phys. 8, 15. — Bischof, Lehrbuch der ch. und ph. Geol. II, 1712. — Lieben, Lieb. Ann. 101, 77 (1857).

<sup>2)</sup> Ann. chim. phys. (6) 12, 384 (1887).

<sup>3)</sup> Thermodynam. Studien S. 171 ff. Deutsch von Ostwald.

<sup>4)</sup> Siehe oben und Compt. rend. 105, 117.

<sup>5)</sup> Journ. de phys. (2) 8, 391 (1888).

<sup>6)</sup> Diese Zeitschr. 5, 157.

## PATENTSCHRIFT

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Dr. Werner Kuhn, Basel (Schweiz) und Dr. Hans Martin, Kiel  
sind als Erfinder genannt worden

Dr. Hans Martin, Kiel

Vorrichtung und Verfahren zur Trennung von Gasgemischen durch Anwendung von künstlich erzeugten Schwerfeldern

Patentiert im Gebiet der Bundesrepublik Deutschland vom 12. Juli 1930 an

Der Zeitraum vom 8. Mai 1945 bis einschliesslich 7. Mai 1950 wird auf die Patentdauer nicht angerechnet

(Ges. v. 15. 7. 51)

Patentanmeldung bekanntgemacht am 12. März 1933

Patenterteilung bekanntgemacht am 26. Januar 1954

Es ist bekannt, daß man eine teilweise Trennung von Gas- oder Dampfgemischen, welche sich aus verschiedenen schweren Bestandteilen zusammensetzen, dadurch erreichen kann, daß man das Gasgemisch in einen Hohlkörper bringt und denselben mit hoher Umlaufzahl um eine Achse rotieren läßt. Durch das bei der hohen Umlaufzahl auftretende Schwerfeld wird eine Anreicherung der schwereren Bestandteile in den peripheren Teilen, eine verhältnismäßige Anreicherung der leichteren Bestandteile in den der Achse benachbarten Teilen des Hohlkörpers hervorgerufen. Es ist indessen bekannt, daß eine solche Trennung nur in recht geringem Ausmaße erfolgt und daß sie nur dann merkliche Beträge annimmt, wenn das Molekulargewicht

der in dem Gemische vorliegenden Bestandteile große Unterschiede aufweist.

Um auch bei kleinen Unterschieden im Molekulargewicht, wie sie z. B. bei Luft oder bei Isotopgemischen vorliegen, eine weitgehende Trennung herbeizuführen, ist es notwendig, die bei der Zentrifugierung anfallenden Gasfraktionen wiederholt zu zentrifugieren. Es ist dabei naheliegend, anstatt einer einzigen eine Reihe von Zentrifugen vorzusehen und diese durch Rohrleitungen derart zu verbinden, daß die zweite Zentrifuge mit der in der ersten anfallenden schweren Fraktion gespeist wird, die dritte Zentrifuge mit der in der zweiten anfallenden noch schwereren Fraktion usw. Auf diese Weise können Fraktionen er-

Zeitschrift für Physikalische Chemie A 17:459 (1895)

# 4. <sup>235</sup>U

## Enrichment: Centrifuges

### Gas centrifuges were invented in Germany before 1935.

### By World War II, uranium gas centrifuges were produced in:

#### Kiel (2 groups)

#### Munich

#### Freiburg

#### Göttingen

#### Thuringia

#### Breslau/Wrocław

#### Netherlands

#### Swiss factories (!)

#### + more locations?

For more information, see  
*Forgotten Creators*  
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Zeitschrift für Angewandte Chemie 17:452 (1904)

Sektion veranlaßten vergleichenden Untersuchungen, welche auch Herr Gulden in seinem Artikel erwähnt, haben wenigstens gezeigt, daß die Hauptpulvermenge, wenn im übrigen keine Fehler gemacht werden, das Resultat kaum beeinflusst. Wie erwähnt, halte ich es trotzdem für zweckmäßig, daß die Hauptpulvermenge festgelegt wird. In diesem Punkte befände ich mich also auch in Übereinstimmung mit Herrn Gulden; ich halte jedoch die Beweisführung, die er zur Begründung dieser Forderung heranzieht, nicht für richtig, was aber in Anbetracht der Tatsache, daß Herr Gulden kein Chemiker ist, entschuldbar ist.

Zum Schluß möchte ich noch auf eine Tatsache zurückkommen, welche Herr Gulden in seinem Artikel ebenfalls anführt, und welche leicht Anlaß zu Mißverständnissen führen kann. Herr Gulden erwähnt, daß der „Verein deutscher Farbstoff- u. Gerbstoff-Extrakt-Fabrikanten“ kürzlich den Beschluß gefaßt hat, daß die zu gebenden Garantien von Extrakten wesentlich einzuschränken sind, und daß auf Grund von Analysen der Deutschen Versuchsanstalt für Lederindustrie bei flüssigen und teigförmigen Extrakten ein Mindergehalt von 3% und bei festen Extrakten ein solcher von 4% nicht zu Reklamationen Veranlassung geben darf, während bei anderen Laboratorien, deren Analysen von dem genannten Verein ebenfalls anerkannt werden, diese Zahlen mit 2 bzw. 3% festgelegt sind. Es soll an dieser Stelle nicht in eine Erörterung darüber eingegangen werden, daß diese Zahlen ziemlich hoch angenommen worden sind; ich möchte aber hervorheben, daß diese verschiedene Bemessung bei denjenigen, welche den wirklichen Sachverhalt nicht kennen, den Glauben erwecken kann, als ob die Analysen der Versuchsanstalt weniger genau seien. Wie mir von seiten eines Vertreters dieses Vereins auf mein Befragen ausdrücklich versichert worden ist, liegt dem Beschlusse in der obigen Form folgende Tatsache zugrunde: Nach den Erfahrungen des genannten Vereins fallen bei den Analysen von Extrakten durch die Versuchsanstalt die Gerbstoffgehalte häufig um ca. 1% niedriger aus, als bei einigen anderen Laboratorien. Diese Differenzen sind, wie ich auch an dieser Stelle hervorheben möchte, darin begründet, daß die Versuchsanstalt großen Wert darauf legt, daß zur Analyse nur vollständig klare Filtrate verwendet werden, damit nicht Stoffe, welche unlöslich sind, und in der Lösung in kein verteilter Form sich vorfinden, als gerbende Substanzen bestimmt werden. Auf diese Weise ergeben sich allerdings Gerb-

stoffgehalte, welche mitunter niedriger als die anderer Laboratorien sind. Da die Vorschrift besteht, daß die Lösungen vollständig klar sind, so halte ich in solchen Fällen die niedrigeren für diejenigen, welche den Vereinbarungen entsprechen.

## Prinzipien der Gascheidung durch Zentrifugalkraft.

Von G. Bredig und F. Haber.  
(Mitgeteilt von F. Haber;  
(Eingeg. d. S. 1904.)

### I. Einleitung.

Seit zwei Jahren treten in technischen Zeitschriften Nachrichten über die großen Erfolge auf, welche Herr E. N. Mazza mit einem Apparate erzielt, in welchem er Gase durch Zentrifugalkraft scheidet. Auf die Mängel der bezüglichen Angaben ist wohl im Journal für Gasbeleuchtung und Wasserversorgung alsbald<sup>1)</sup> hingewiesen worden, aber Herr Vittorio Calzavara, der technische Direktor der venetianischen Gas- und Elektrizitätsgesellschaft und Leiter der Zeitschrift „Il Gaz“, hat danach dem Kongreß Deutscher Gas- und Wasserfachmänner in Zürich 1903 einen Bericht vorgelegt, welcher die außerordentlichen Erfolge des Apparates nachdrücklich betont. Der Bericht führt das Zeugnis zweier Gelehrten an, welche die Anreicherung des Sauerstoffes in der mit diesem Apparat zentrifugierten Luft festgestellt haben sollen, und bringt Angaben über eine erstaunliche Kohleersparnis, welche in der Praxis mehrerer bedeutender Fabriken durch Benutzung der zentrifugierten und dadurch an Sauerstoff angereicherten Luft erzielt worden ist. Die italienische Regierung hat den Apparat prüfen lassen, und das deutsche Patentamt hat das gleiche getan. Herr Calzavara berichtet, daß beide Prüfungen zum Vorteil des Mazzaschen Gasseidehs ausgefallen sind: Das italienische Marineministerium hat einen solchen Apparat gekauft, das deutsche Patentamt ein D. R. P. (139210) darauf erteilt<sup>2)</sup>. Inzwischen haben die Herren G. Claude und E. Demoussy wissenschaftliche Versuche über den Gegenstand gemacht, deren Ergebnis<sup>3)</sup> durchaus zu Ungunsten der Sache ausgefallen ist. Aber Herr Goffi<sup>4)</sup>, der technische Leiter der italienischen Gasgesellschaft in Turin, tritt demgegenüber mit neuem Nachdruck und

<sup>1)</sup> März 1902, S. 155.

<sup>2)</sup> D. R. P. 139210 handelt nicht im speziellen von der Luftsecheidung.

<sup>3)</sup> Claude und Demoussy Compt. r. d. Acad. d. sciences vom 27. Juli 1903, 250.

<sup>4)</sup> J. de l'Éclairage au gaz 20. Sept. 1903, 290.

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Dr.-Ing. Helmut Hausen, München-Solln  
ist als Erfinder genannt worden

Gesellschaft für Linde's Eismaschinen A. G.,  
Höllriegelskreuth bei München

Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Zerlegung von Gas- und Flüssigkeitsgemischen in Zentrifugen

Patentiert im Gebiet der Bundesrepublik Deutschland vom 18. Juni 1929 an

Der Zeitraum vom 8. Mai 1945 bis einschliesslich 7. Mai 1950 wird auf die Patentdauer nicht angerechnet

(Ges. v. 15. 7. 51)

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Patenterteilung bekanntgemacht am 7. Februar 1952

Es hat bisher nicht an Versuchen gefehlt, Gasgemische durch Zentrifugieren zu zerlegen. Ein erzielbares Ergebnis konnte jedoch mit diesen Verfahren nicht erzielt werden, weil die Trennwirkung der bekannten Zentrifugierverfahren verhältnismäßig gering ist. Auch theoretisch läßt sich nachweisen, daß die Zerlegungswirkung einer nach den bekannten Verfahren betriebenen Zentrifuge selbst bei den höchsten heute möglichen Umfangsgeschwindigkeiten und bei Gemischen mit großen Unterschieden im Molekulargewicht nur sehr gering ist.

Nach der vorliegenden Erfindung läßt sich aber der zu sich kleine, durch Zentrifugierung erzielbare Trenneffekt dadurch zu größerer Wirkung bringen, daß man ihn durch Gegenstromführung der Gase verstärkt. Eine solche Verstärkung durch Gegenstrom ist z. B. bei der Rektifikation bekannt. Die nur geringe Zerlegungswirkung eines einzelnen Rektifikationsbodens wird dadurch vervielfacht, daß man eine große Zahl von solchen Böden übereinander anordnet und Flüssigkeit und Dampf im Gegenstrom führt. Ebenso läßt sich grundsätzlich die Trennwirkung einer Zentrifuge dadurch ver-



Werner Schwietzke. 1947. National Archives of Australia. Series MT105/8, control 1/6/3094, barcode 934755.

Since the theoretical calculations of the stress distribution of the rotor rotating at high speed can only be carried out with a certain approximation, it was recommended that the precisely balanced rotor be subjected to a test run below the maximum rotational speed of 65,000 rpm, which was calculated as critical, and that any changes in the rotor be precisely determined by precision measurements after the run. **After a considerable number of test series over several hours at 60,000 rpm a deformation of the rotor never could be detected, so that a constant operating speed of 56,000 rpm could be selected for the intended tests without danger. This ultracentrifuge, which requires little space and effort, has proven itself extraordinarily good in practice.**

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EVALUATION REPORT 318 (13th August 1945)

FRITZ HELLIGE & CO.  
FREIBURG - BREISGAU  
MANUFACTURERS OF ULTRAZENTRIFUGE

Source: JOLLES, Friedrich Wolfgang (44, non Aryan, never in Party)  
Stecklenbergerstr. 34  
Thals/Herz  
Source was drafted for service with the Wirtschaftsgruppe  
Feinmechanik & Optik, working for the civilian sector of the Group.

1. Fritz Hellige & Co., were the makers of an ULTRAZENTRIFUGE (ultra-centrifuge) which was designed to be used in the manufacture of a new explosive ten million times more destructive and powerful than any heretofore known.
2. The raw material used was pitchblende. The end product was a liquid which had to be charged in order to become an explosive.
3. Only a few grams of the liquid had been produced by the spring of this year, which explains why the new explosive was never used against the Allies.
4. In November 1944, the plant, originally located in a suburb of Freiburg/Breisgau, was completely bombed out. According to a Pruefungsbericht which Jolles saw, the plant was evacuated to Kandern, south of Freiburg, where the Ultra-centrifuge was set up in a little house about 300 meters from the main factory building.
5. Betriebsleiter FRITZENSCHAFT, who may be located in the suburb of Freiburg where the plant was originally located, or at Kandern, knows everything about the Ultracentrifuge and the new product.
6. Source also stated that the new explosive had important peacetime uses, since a quantity about the size of a match box contained enough energy to drive a motor car for twenty years.
7. Source believed that the new explosive was in some way related to the splitting of the atom.

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E.L. Deuss                      H.R. Hebicht  
CICIS Team VII  
9th U.S. Army

# 4. <sup>235</sup>U Enrichment: Centrifuges

By World War II,  
uranium gas  
centrifuges were  
produced in:

Kiel (2 groups)  
Munich  
Freiburg  
Göttingen  
Thuringia  
Breslau/Wrocław  
Netherlands  
Swiss factories (!)  
+ more locations?

For more  
information, see  
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Marshal Georgy Zhukov. 2 October 1945.  
Report to Joseph Stalin. Archive of the  
President of the Russian Federation, Fund 93,  
Division 77 (45), List 4-11.

The main specialists in the field of isotope  
separation in Germany were Professor  
Harteck, Dr. Groth, who, together with the  
chief designer of the Anschütz company (Kiel,  
English zone), Dr. Beyerle, invented **an  
ultracentrifuge built by the above company,  
as well as by the Hellige company (Breslau,  
USSR zone).**

ANSCHÜTZ & CO. G. M. B. H.  
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An das  
Institut für Physikalische Chemie  
der Hansischen Universität  
z.Hd. Herrn Dozent Dr. W. Groth,  
Jungiusstr. 9,  
Hamburg 36.

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| IHRE ZEICHEN | IHRE NACHRICHT VOM | UNSERE ZEICHEN    | TAG         |
|              | 9.12.41.           | E. A. Dr. Bey/Rw. | 11.12.1941. |

BETREFF Herstellung einer Ultrazentrifuge, Oelkreislauf.

Für Ihr Schreiben vom 9.12.41 danken wir Ihnen bestens.

Die Firma Bosch G.m.b.H. teilt uns soeben mit, dass  
der in unserem Schema 03 21 02 - 1 /Schem.1 bei 3) vorgesehene  
Einzyylinder-Luftpresser nicht geliefert werden kann, dass aber  
Verdichter der Type SV/DRB 160 R 12 4 Wochen nach Auftragsingang  
erhältlich seien.

Wir haben unsere frühere Bestellung Nr. 82 11  
vom 23.11.41 zurückgezogen und anstelle dessen 2 Stück Verdichter  
der letztgenannten Type soeben mit der Bitte in Auftrag gegeben,  
die angegebene Lieferzeit von 4 Wochen einzuhalten. Gleichzeitig  
haben wir darauf hingewiesen, dass es sich dabei um ein Bauteil  
handelt, für dessen schnelle Lieferung Sie sich bereits an die Fir-  
ma Bosch gewandt hatten.

Heil Hitler!  
ANSCHÜTZ u. CO. G.m.b.H.  
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i. A. *Beyerle*



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March 14, 1944

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Major R. H. Furman  
FROM: H. T. Wenzel

**How many uranium gas centrifuges did Germany produce?**

This memorandum will put on record the information which I gave you orally yesterday.

Dr. H. C. Urey of Columbia University was approached through a Professor Perrin, who was then an exchange Professor in the Chemistry Department at Columbia University, on behalf of one Constantin Chilowsky. Chilowsky was desirous of selling an invention, the exact method never disclosed to us, for accomplishing the same purpose which the Manhattan District is seeking to. Professor Urey indicated that he was not interested in the matter but passed the information on to the OSRD, and I was asked to interview Chilowsky by Dr. Conant to see what I could find out. I used my credentials as a member of the National Bureau of Standards and indicated to Chilowsky and Professor Perrin that I had no other government connection.

Chilowsky was a Swiss and refused to divulge even the approximate nature of his method but, inasmuch as I indicated that the government would be apathetic to the idea until shown that something practical was involved, in order to "sell" me on the importance of the job, he indicated to me that the Germans were actively engaged on the same objective. In particular, he told me he had personally seen in a factory in Switzerland centrifuges which were being produced to be sent to Germany for the Germans' work on this field.

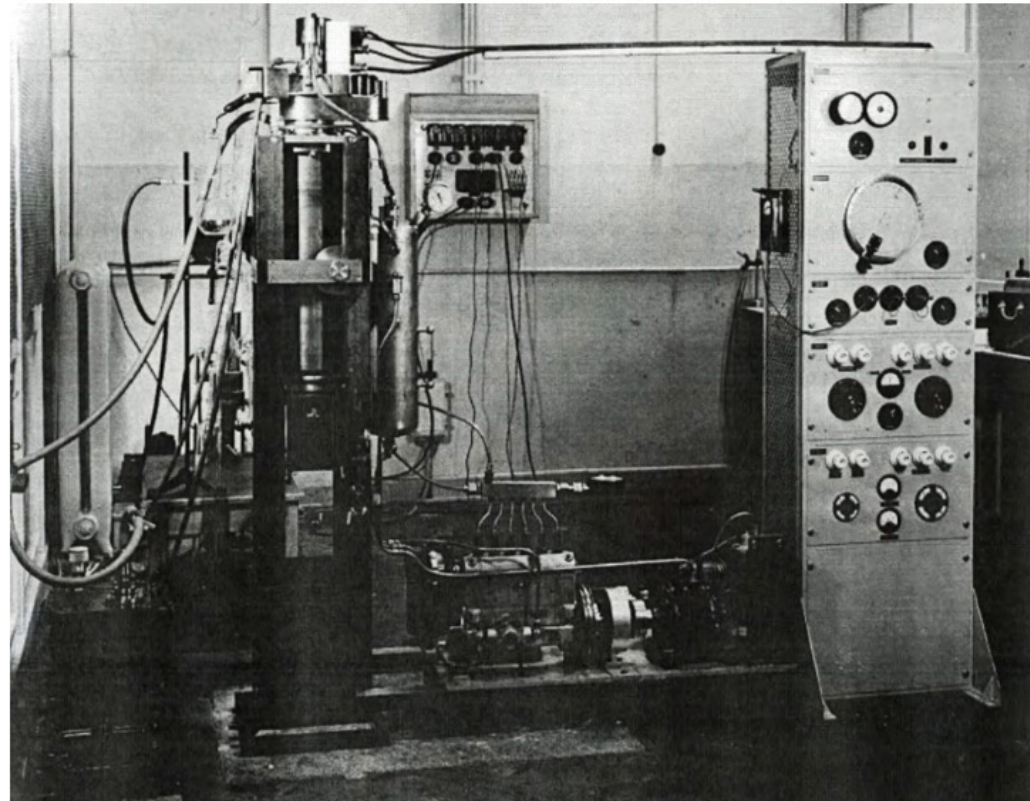
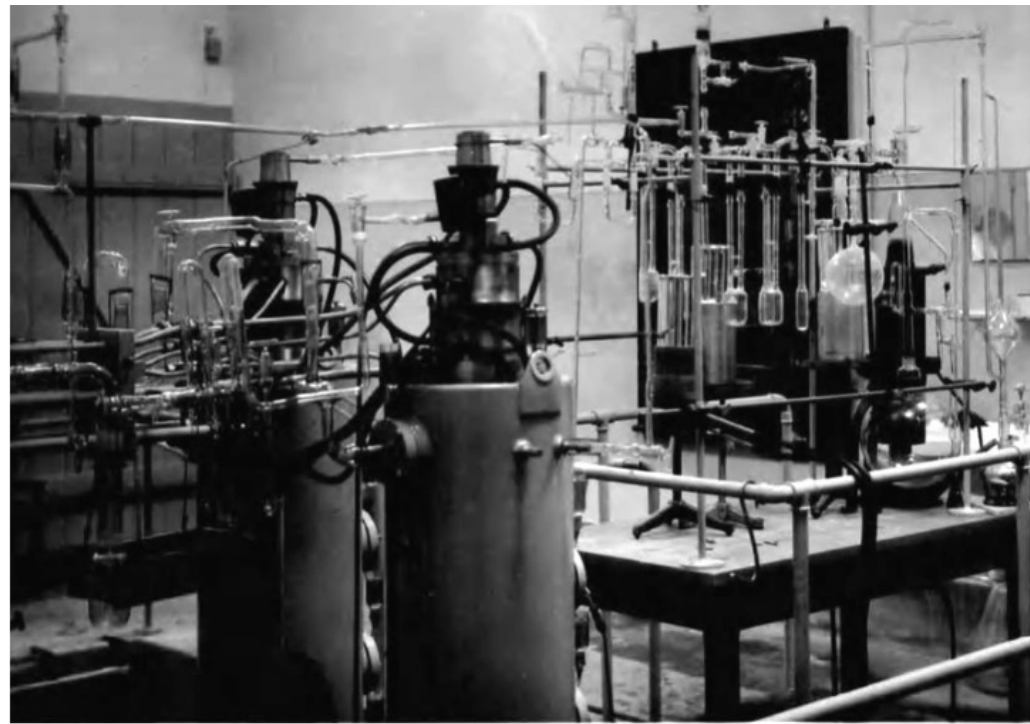
Chilowsky also told me that he had a moral and financial obligation to offer first crack at his invention to the British group of Halban. It seems that Halban and his group had some part in developing the invention in question. Halban is at present with the British team in Montreal, and it may be that Chilowsky's whereabouts can be traced through Halban if no other means of approach is available.

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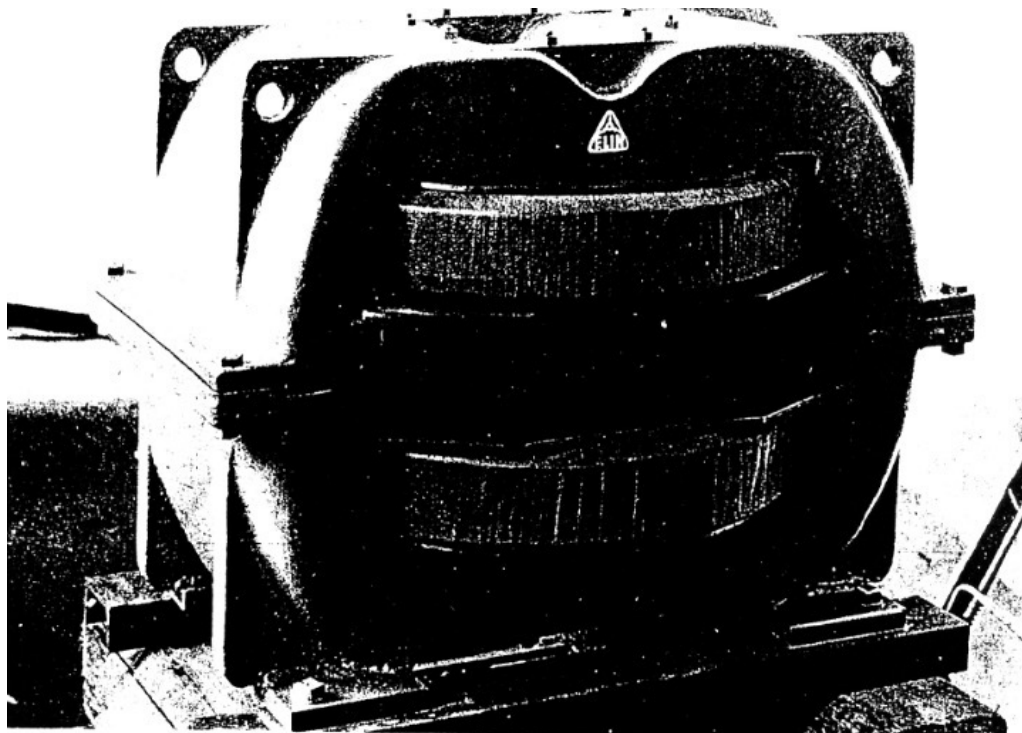




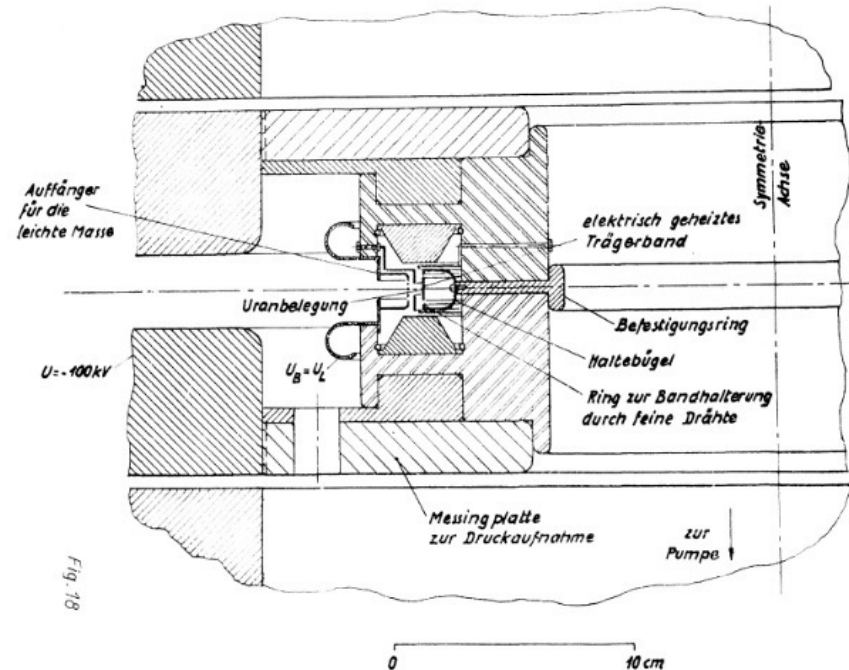
# 4. $^{235}\text{U}$ Enrichment: Electromagnetic Separators (Calutrons)

**Prototype calutron built and demonstrated by 1941** by Manfred von Ardenne and the ELIN company [Russian archive, courtesy of Rainer Karlsch]

**Heinz Ewald's March 1942 final report on calculations for the optimal performance of calutrons** [Deutsches Museum Archive G-139]



Zum Projekt einer größeren Anlage mit Uran-Innenionenquelle



For more information, see *Forgotten Creators* D.4.3

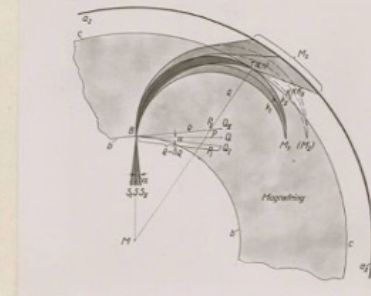


Fig. 5. Zum Auflösungsvermögen der Anordnung mit Innenionenquelle.

Punkte  $z$ , so dass der Kreis  $k_{II}$  den Kreis  $c$  in  $T$  berührt. Die Radien der Kreise  $k$  und  $K$  seien  $\rho$  und  $\rho + \Delta\rho$ . Wenn wir für eine bestimmte Anordnung - gegeben seien die Radien  $r_0$  und  $r_c$  und die Winkeldivergenz  $2\alpha$  - das Auflösungsvermögen angeben wollen, dann genügt es, das Verhältnis  $\rho/\Delta\rho$  für die beiden Kreise  $k_{II}$  und  $k_I$  zu bestimmen. Denn aus der Beziehung

$$\rho = \frac{\text{const} \cdot \sqrt{M \cdot U}}{H}$$

für den Krümmungsradius von Ionen der Voltenergie  $U$  in Magnetfeld  $H$  folgt für das Auflösungsvermögen

$$\frac{\Delta M}{M} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho}$$

Wenn wir den Ursprung des Koordinatensystems in den Mittelpunkt  $M$  der ganzen Anordnung verlegen (Fig. 7), haben die drei Kreise  $k_{II}$ ,  $k_I$  und  $c$  die Gleichungen (unter Vernachlässigung höherer Potenzen von  $\alpha$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \rho)^2 + (y - r_0 - \rho \cdot \alpha)^2 &= \rho^2 \\ (x - (\rho + \Delta\rho))^2 + (y - r_0 + (\rho + \Delta\rho) \cdot \alpha)^2 &= (\rho + \Delta\rho)^2 \\ x^2 + y^2 &= r_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

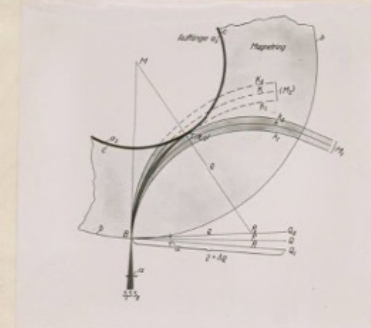


Fig. 6. Zum Auflösungsvermögen der Anordnung mit Anionenquelle.

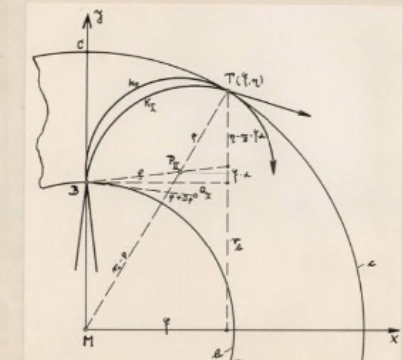


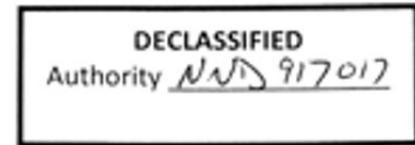
Fig. 7. Ableitung des Auflösungsvermögens.

## 4. $^{235}\text{U}$ Enrichment: Electromagnetic Separators (Calutrons)

Manfred von Ardenne. 1990. *Die Erinnerungen*. 10th ed. Munich: Herbig. p. 159

During visits to Dahlem and Lichterfelde in 1941, I had asked Professor Otto Hahn how many grams of pure uranium-235 would be needed to unleash a nuclear chain reaction in an instant. He answered me: “A few kilograms.” In this absolutely confidential conversation, I expressed the opinion that it was technically quite possible to obtain uranium-235 in quantities of a few kilograms with the help of highly sophisticated magnetic mass separators (which we had previously designed and experimentally developed), if large electrical corporations were used for this purpose.

OSS. 9 June 1944. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A,  
Box Box 171, Folder 32.7003-1 GERMANY:  
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The Reichs Postal Administration under the direction of Pose have installed three new high tension laboratories of which the location is not known. Professors Fluegge and von Ardenne are in charge.

General Henry H. Arnold. 1949. *Global Mission*. New York: Harper. p. 491

The Germans were supposed to have perfected an electric machine which would make it possible to complete the development of the atomic bomb. I was then asked to have our bombers in England make special missions against the various branches of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin.

**Did Germany mass-produce and use calutrons during the war?**

For more information, see *Forgotten Creators* D.4.3



# 4. $^{235}\text{U}$ Enrichment: Gaseous Diffusion

- **Gustav Hertz invented gaseous diffusion separation in 1923.**
- **Hertz (allowed to work despite his Jewish ancestry!), Erika Cremer, Erich Bagge, and others worked on high-priority isotope separation programs throughout the war.**
- **Details of their wartime work have never been publicly released. Did they help to scale up gaseous diffusion  $^{235}\text{U}$  enrichment?**
- **Hertz also played a leading role in the postwar Soviet nuclear weapons program.**

For more information,  
see *Forgotten Creators D.4.4*

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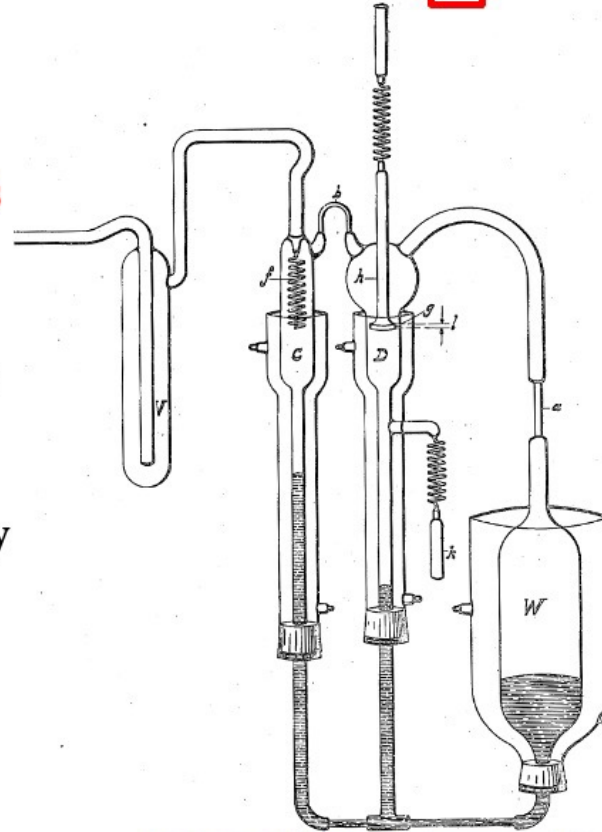
G. L. HERTZ

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METHOD OF SEPARATING GASES FROM A MIXTURE THEREOF

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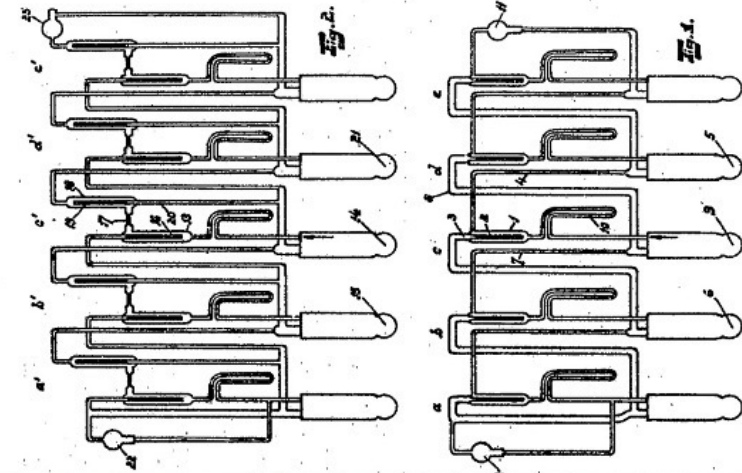


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N. V. PHILIPS' GLOEILAMPENFABRIEKEN IN EINDHOVEN.  
Verfahren zur ununterbrochenen Trennung eines Gasgemisches.  
Angemeldet am 27. Oktober 1925; Priorität der Anmeldung in den Niederlanden vom 21. August 1925 beansprucht.

Beginn der Patentdauer: 15. Mai 1927.

Als Erfindung wird genannt: Dr. Gustav Ludwig Hertz in Eindhoven.



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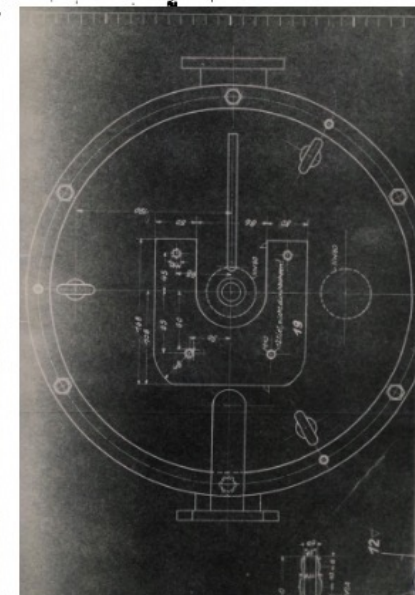
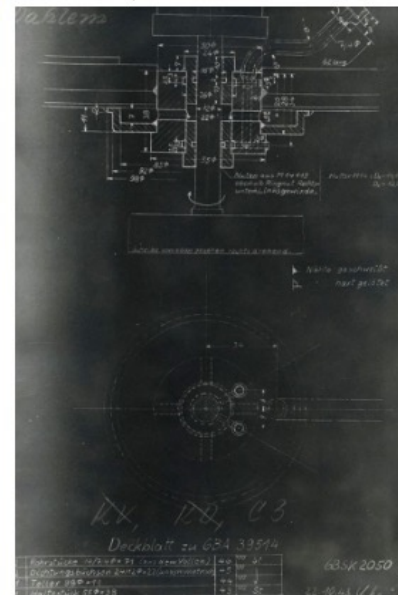
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# 4. <sup>235</sup>U Enrichment: Gaseous Diffusion

Princeton University Library, Special Collections, Moe Berg Papers (C1413), Box 20, Folder 3-Loose Notes: Central Intelligence Agency

Leftover wartime factories in Neustadt an der Orla, Thuringia, were already perfectly set up to make high-quality nickel filters for gaseous diffusion <sup>235</sup>U enrichment for the Soviet Union. What exactly did they do during the war?

30/11/52 \* (25)

*The Mayflower*

HILTON HOTEL WASHINGTON · D. C.

3. Industrial context without USSR

\* most nickel wire mesh for use as a barrier backing for the gaseous diffusion plant by East German factories - altho reports: such prod. in Moscow area

\* the nickel wire for these success, as well as looms for it, are also prod.'s of East German firms.

\* apparently only EMIL JAEGER firm capable of making looms of the quality req'd of prod. of fine nickel wire mesh.

\* former I. G. Farben plant: BITTERFELD = now Elektrochemisches Kombinat, " > large fraction of the calcium used in reduction of the U > metal for use in the pile.

\* also believed: equipment > isotope sep. program ob'd from satellites, incl'g East Germany

In September 1946, Leslie Groves sent Percival C. Keith, the chief engineer of the Oak Ridge K-25 gaseous diffusion plant, on a high-risk, two-week, Top Secret trip to Soviet-dominated Czechoslovakia. Was his mission to inspect or sabotage a former German enrichment plant?

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10 September 1946

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Number: WAR 99912

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Mr P. C. Keith will be in Czechoslovakia from approximately 15 September to 28 September. The name of the Military Attache at Prague, Colonel Edmund F. Koenig, has been given to Keith. It is important that Koenig be notified of visit of Keith into Czechoslovakia so that Koenig may extend to him every courtesy possible should the occasion arise.

Wire Koenig immediately in Prague-Top Secret-priority- as follows and sign name of Dean: Mr P. C. Keith, President of U. S. Industrial Corporation, will be in Czechoslovakia on September 15th and may contact you personally. Important that every courtesy possible be shown him if occasion arises.

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## 4. Sites of Possible Enrichment Facilities

October 28, 1945. 403

NEW GERMAN EXPLOSIVE ~~SECRET~~ WEAPON

Dr. Berg tells me that his friends know from countless sources that several factories and hundreds of workers have been transported from the Wiesental near Bale to northern Germany. The workers' letters home are mailed from a great variety of towns-- but all these towns are on the periphery of the Lüneburger Heide.

The story he hears is that they are all all working in vast underground factories putting out a new explosive in aerial bombs. He has even heard that the container of the explosive is spherical.

A very large number of runways are being built in that region with calculated slowness and care to prevent detection from the air -- and these are to accommodate the planes that will eventually come to load up with the new bombs for an attack on England.

While I am gone he will assemble the details of this story for me -- what kind of factories were removed -- what kind of training the workers had had -- names of any chemicals they may have worked with. He heard some part of the explosive was previously manufactured in the Wiesental before the whole business was concentrated in Lüneburger Heide.<sup>i</sup>

The concentration took place about 9 months ago.

Suggests we take a good look from the air.

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**"Azusa" = OSS code word for German nuclear program.**

**1944 Austrian train logbooks show that these locations made repeated shipments of a codenamed product to the SS Gusen facility, another suspected nuclear site.**

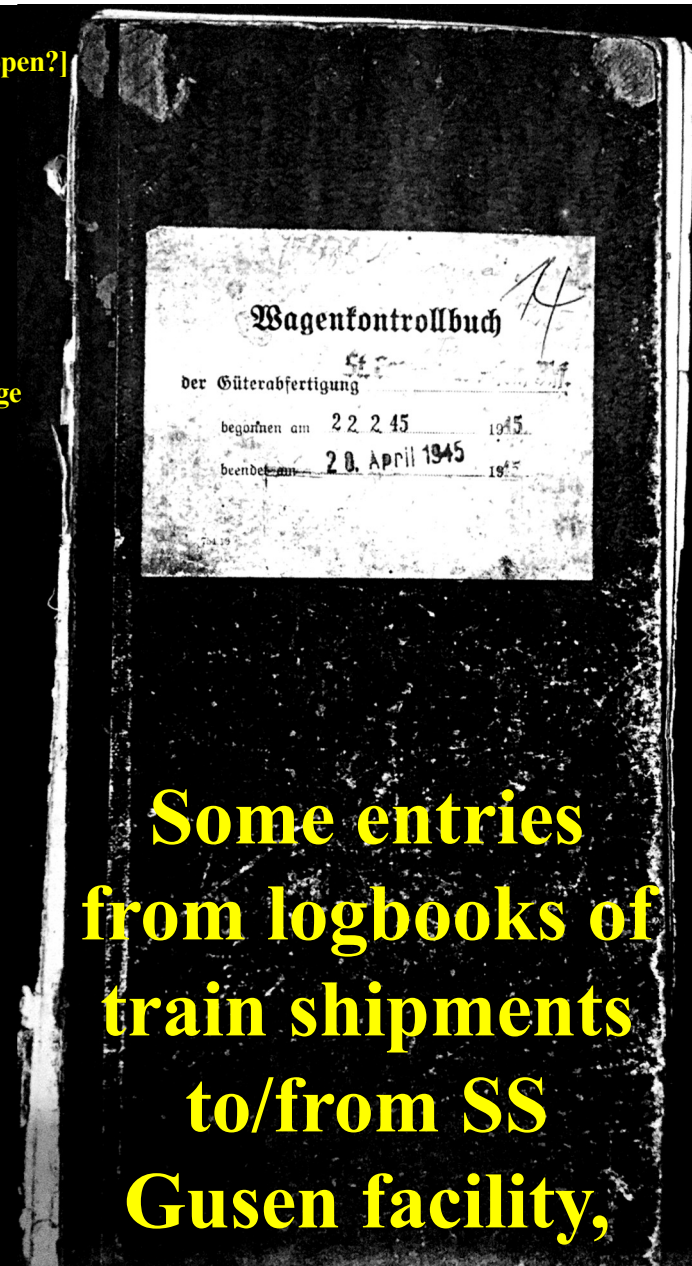
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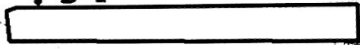
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Atom Smashing Secret Weapon.

1. The Germans have completed a weapon which is founded on the principle of the disintegration of matter (Atomzertrummerung). Experiments have been performed which have proved conclusive. The effect of this weapon is like that of a thunderbolt, naturally much magnified.

2. It would be possible to direct the effect of this weapon in any given direction. Possibly it is a question of a sort of a projectile rather than of a weapon properly so-called. The radius of action is supposed to be about three kilometers. The devastation produced by this weapon is said to be such that Hitler plans to use it only in the air, against planes, for example. Nevertheless, the Germans say that in case of necessity they will not hesitate to use it on the ground as well. This weapon seems to be ready, in fact, for use upon the battlefield, but it still exists only in the form of a model. Germany needs - and this appears to be absolutely certain - a delay of at least three months. Practically speaking, it seems that only within five months could the weapon be ready for use.

3. Different conversations which have taken place with industrial leaders in charge of concentration of production of German war materiel give the impression that Germany has unlimited confidence in the use of this weapon, which is to bring them certain victory.

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# 4. Enrichment Facilities: Many Sites, Widely Dispersed, Mostly Underground

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4. Herr Schneider, one of the directors of the German factories called Deutsche Waffen u. Munitionsfabrik (a combine representing some fifteen factories and 250,000 workers) declared with a smile: "We shall gain the victory by new weapons, we are absolutely sure of that. Just now it is simply a case of gaining time, because the new arms will not be ready before three or four months. Bombing cannot keep us from building them. Our important factories where the assembly is carried out are all subterranean. An immense quantity of accessories is made in small lots everywhere throughout the country, so that bombing cannot interrupt the production. Our troops may retire within our frontiers. That does not matter, for nothing will be able to stand up for any length of time against these weapons and we shall resume our overwhelming advance."

5. Directors of certain other factories have shown the same inveterate optimism, aroused by the confidence which they have in the effects of these new weapons.

6. Names of certain industrialists with whom the interviews took place:

Herr Schneider - Director of the Deutsche Waffe und Munitions-Fabrik. His German title is Wehrwirtschaftsbeauftragter (Superintendent of Armament Production) in the region of the Duchy of Baden and Wurtemberg. He has charge of the plants of the Karlsruhe region.

Director Dr. Buesse, who directs the DWM factories at Karlsruhe.

Dr. Quant, Administrator of a part of the DWM combine of factories.

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ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION AND COSTS  
CLINTON ENGINEER WORKS  
 OCTOBER 1943 THROUGH DECEMBER 1946

| <u>Period Ending</u> | <u>KWH Consumed</u> | <u>KW Demand</u> | <u>Total Costs</u> |
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| 1 July 1945          | 184,350,000         | 283,840          | 583,822.20         |
| 1 August 1945        | 198,870,000         | 291,800          | 614,199.00         |
| 1 September 1945     | 200,000,000         | 298,627          | 623,267.16         |
| 1 October 1945       | 117,920,000         | 292,867          | 493,926.36         |
| 1 November 1945      | 60,290,000          | 116,227          | 216,710.16         |
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| 1 January 1946       | 63,620,000          | 145,100          | 252,888.00         |

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3 April 1944

## Summary of Information

### Germany: Silesian Synthetic and Power Plants.

1. A synthetic petrol plant has been built at Blechhammer. A power station of 100-250,000 kW is under construction.
  2. A power station of about 260,000 KW is being built for the I.G. plant at Oswiecim. A 110 KV H.T. transmission line has been erected between Chorzow Malobadz and Jaworzno. Under construction there is a 110 KW line from Lasiska to Oswiecim and from Jaworzno to Oswiecim.
  3. The Schaffgott'sche Oderthal power station had an output of 17 million kWh in February. A total of 310 million kWh passed through Oderthal transformers for EWAG in 1942. From this the PE v received 105 million kWh. In February the EWAG received 31.5 million kWh of which 11.4 were OE v.
  4. A new 40,000 kW turbo-generator has been mounted in Chorzow.
  5. Four turbo-generators of 50,000 kW combined capacity have been installed in the Tarnow district, probably at Roxnow.
- The information concerning the power lines to Oswiecim is confirmed by a recent report that the I.G. plant there was to be supplied with power from the Oberlasisk power station.

The extra power requirements in the Chorzow and Tarnow districts may be partly explained by the new nitrogen plants there.

For purposes of comparison the power plants of other synthetic oil plants are estimated as follows:

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|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Blechhammer N.      | 250,000 kw |
| S.                  | 300,000 "  |
| Böhlen              | 390,000 "  |
| Bottrop Welheim     | 100,000 "  |
| Deschowitz          | 75,000 "   |
| Ruhland Schwarzeide | 60,000 "   |
| Pöhlitz             | 300,000 "  |
| Scholven            | 110,000 "  |
| Syerkrade Holten    | 80,000 "   |

### Germany: Blechhammer (Censorship)

In early November there was a big explosion in the works which killed several people.

### Germany: Blechhammer (British P/W)

Informant had worked at I. G. Høydebreck until November 1942. He only did odd jobs in the Siemens section of the factory which made gas producer generators. The main factory made synthetic petrol and 15-20 tank wagons left the factory daily.

### Germany: Reported Synthetic Oil Plant at Urdinger (Air Rec)

"The only significant new construction visible on available photographs of Krefeld/Urdingen, is the Plant near the I.G.F. works. The purpose of this plant is at present unknown and the plant itself appears quite unlike an oil plant. The surrounding district has also been examined, but no possible synthetic oil plant is present.

There may be a plant two or three miles distant from Krefeld/Urdingen, which has not been covered by photographs. If so the name will be misleading. It might however refer to an office address for a plant outside of town."

From : MID Military Attache Report, London - 1 Feb 44.

Incl. dated 10 Jan 44. Enemy Oil Intelligence Committee

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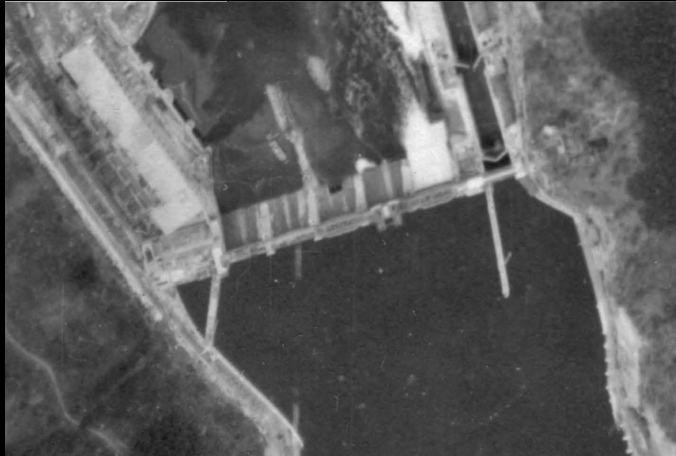
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F. A. Duwell. 5th Army POW Cage. 7 November 1944. AFHRA A5417 pp. 966-967  
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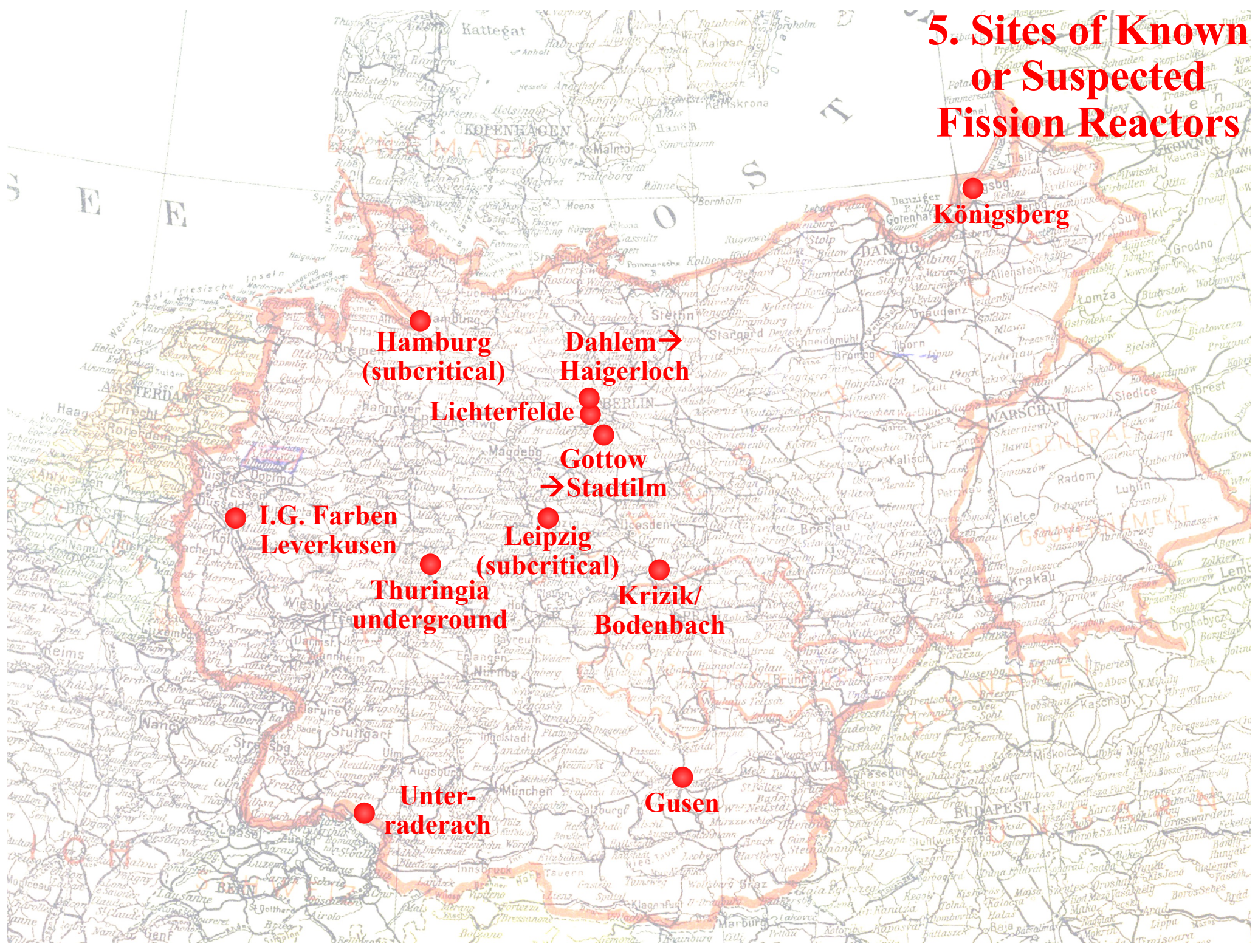
Dynamite A.G. Kaufering at Landsberg  
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# 5. Sites of Known or Suspected Fission Reactors





H. K. Calvert. 29 January 1945. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A, Box 171, Folder 32.7003-3 GERMANY: US Wartime Positive Int. (Nov. 44–June 45).

At the LEVERKUSEN I G Farben Works, PW learned through an uncle, who is a director, that a special department has been installed in concrete structures like pillboxes, to which access is gained only through special passes, even high-ranking officers being refused admission under a special order issued 18 Nov by factory police. There is heavy A.A. defence of all calibers, and the general belief is that experiments are being made with special weapons of some kind.

[I. G. Farben was also producing uranium hexafluoride, heavy water, graphite, aluminum, calcium, etc.]

● I.G. Farben  
Leverkusen

S. McClintic. 6 January 1945. AFHRA A5734 pdf p. 1092.

At UNTERRADERACH, near FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, there is a large semi-underground factory which was constructed early last winter where strange experiments were taking place. Heavy clouds of smoke filled the sky in the day and at night a red glow. The experiments caused the earth to shake. These experiments are with atoms and when the experiments proved successful the plant went into operation. Workmen were not allowed to leave the factory.

● Unter-  
raderach

● Thuringia  
underground

● Leipzig  
(subcritical)

● Lichterfelde

● Hamburg  
(subcritical)

● Gottow  
→ Stadtilm

● Dahlem →  
Haigerloch

Gerhard Dessauer to Leo Szilard. 6 July 1942. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A, Box 171, Folder 32.7003-1 GERMANY: US Wartime Positive Int. (July 42–June 44).

I learned that the chain reaction of the uranium isotope is now successful. It is not explosive, but there is now the prospect of technical utilization.

MED Foreign Intelligence. 3 April 1944. Activities from 13 March to 31 March 1944. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A, Box 170, Folder 32.60-1 GERMANY: Summary Reports (1944).

Mr. Chapin reported successful detection experiments and requested aircraft study.

Wolfgang G. Schwanitz. *H-Soz-u-Kult, H-Net Reviews*. Feb. 2009.

After 1945 the Grand Mufti said that the enemy espionage by “Jewish, English and American intelligence services” caused “the greatest damage.” They were able to discover the locations of “atomic reactors” in East Prussia.

RAF Bomber Command. Campaign Diary. [webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20070706054833/http://www.raf.mod.uk/bombercommand/aug44.html](http://www.raf.mod.uk/bombercommand/aug44.html)

29/30 August 1944 189 Lancasters of No 5 Group carried out one of the most successful No 5 Group attacks of the war on Königsberg at extreme range. Only 480 tons of bombs could be carried because of the range of the target but severe damage was caused around the 4 separate aiming points selected.

Joint Intelligence Committee. Exploitation of German Scientists and Technicians. 5 January 1946. J.I.C. 317/10. Appendix C. [NARA RG 218, Entry UD-1, Box 475, Folder CCS 471.9... (5-1-45)... Sec. 3.

Practically the entire staff of the German “URANMOTOR” Project at KRIZEK in Czechoslovakia under Prof. HUETTIG is working for the U.S.S.R.

NARA RG 319, Entry A1-134B, Folder Focke, Franz.

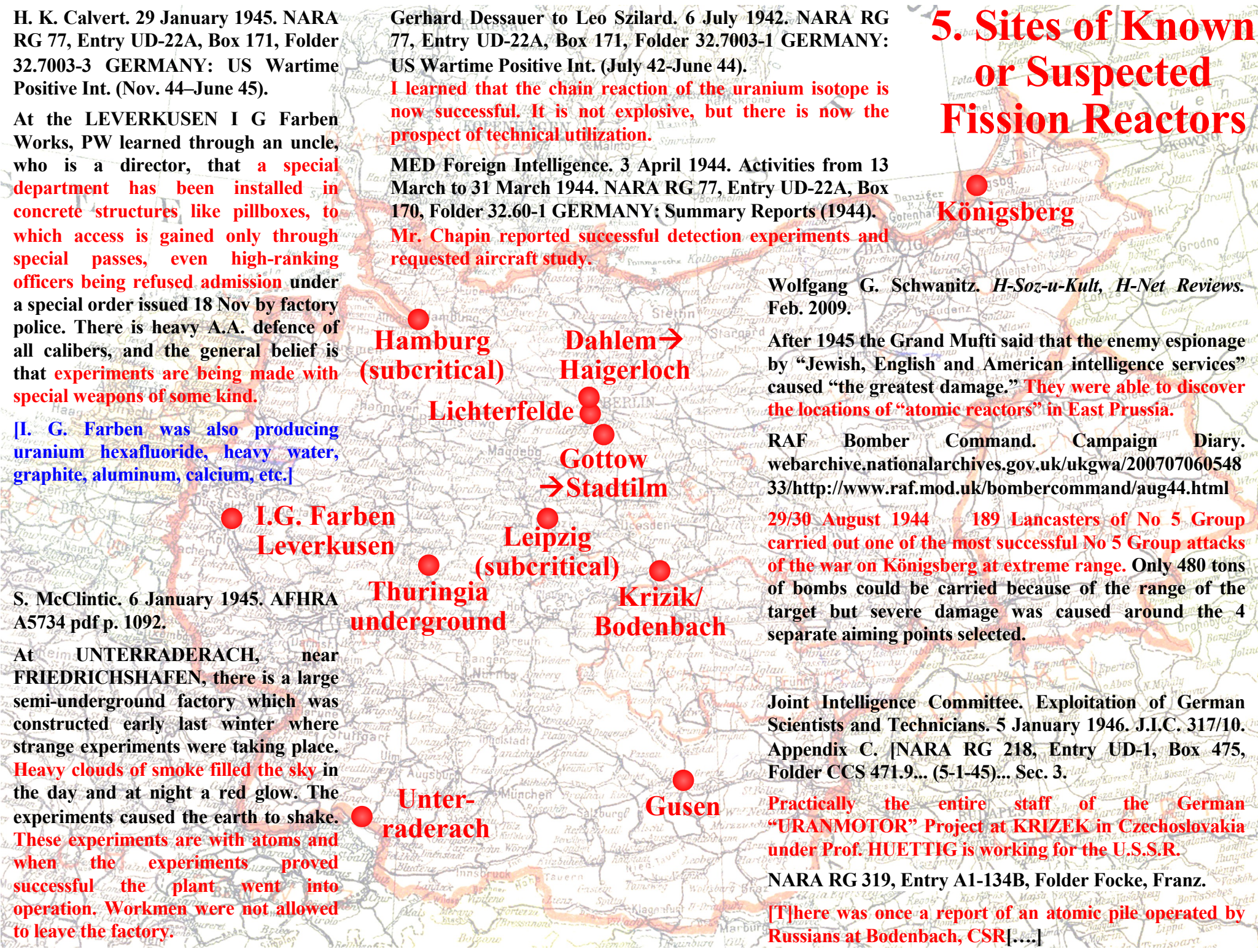
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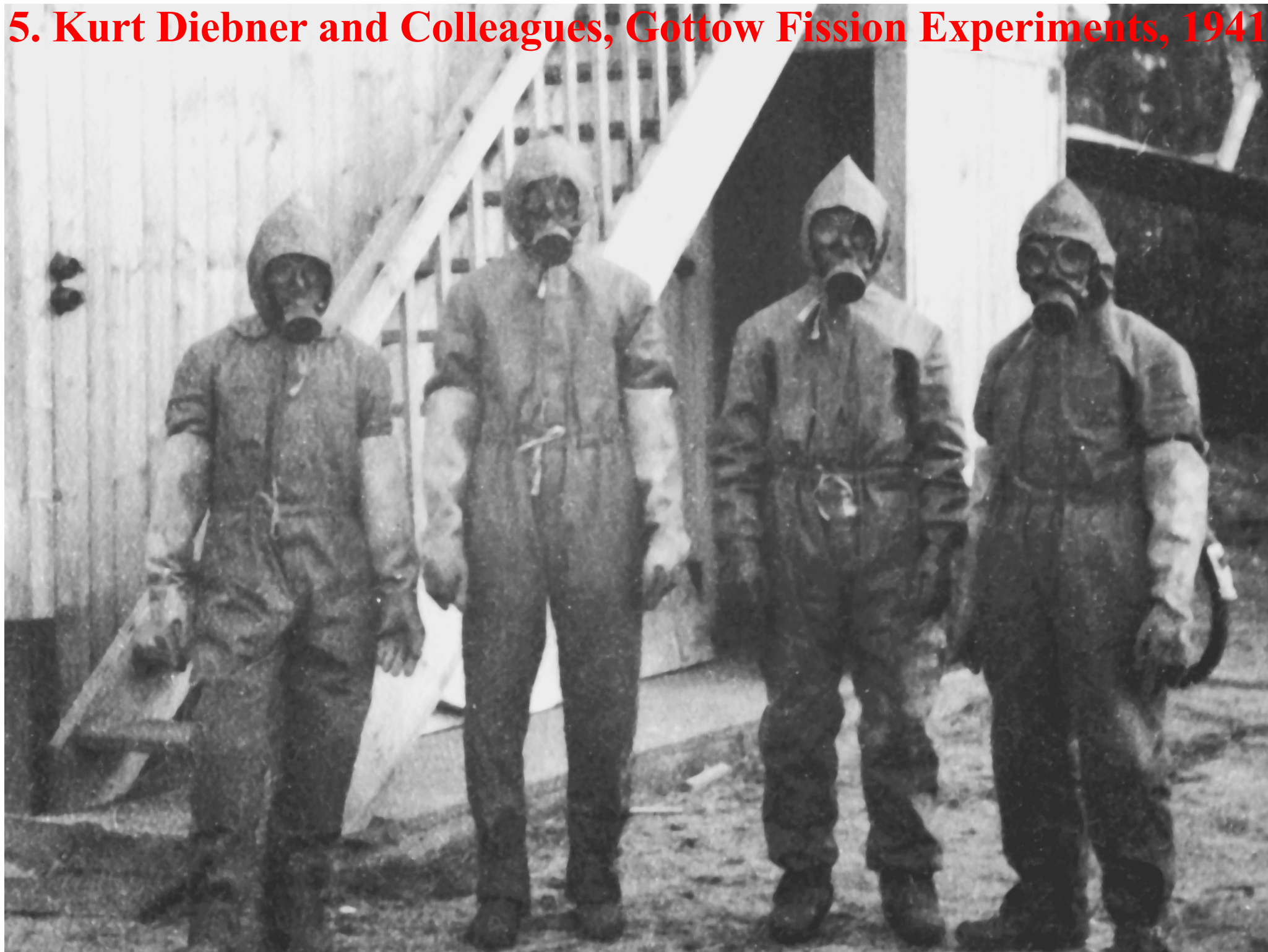
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● Krizik/  
Bodenbach





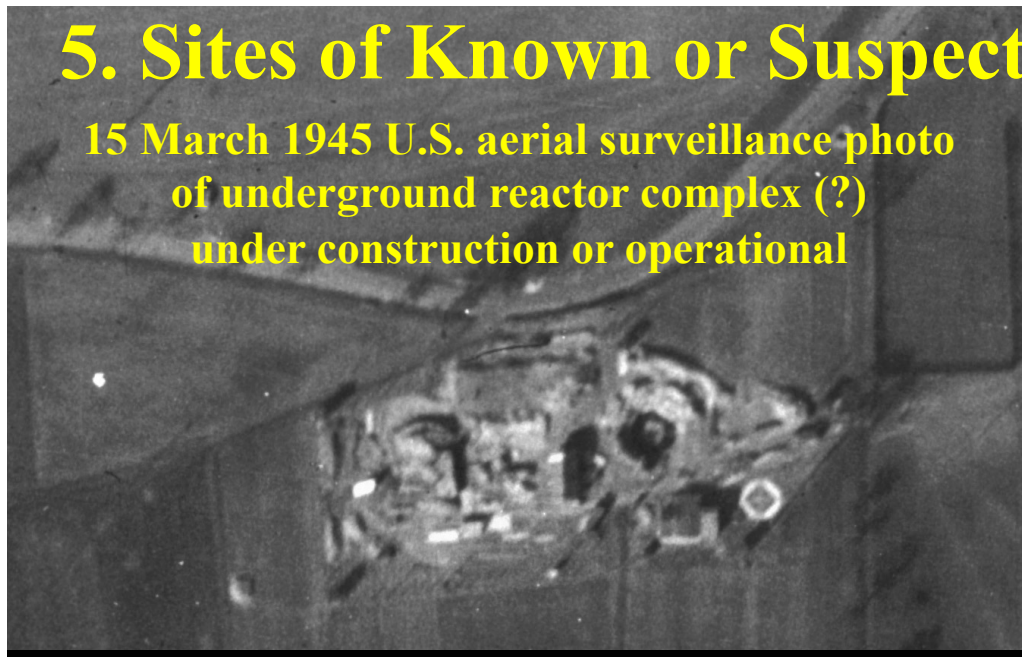
## 5. Kurt Diebner and Colleagues, Gottow Fission Experiments, 1941





# 5. Sites of Known or Suspected Reactors: Gusen, Austria

15 March 1945 U.S. aerial surveillance photo of underground reactor complex (?) under construction or operational



16 April 1945 U.S. aerial surveillance photo of underground reactor complex (?) sealed before U.S. forces arrive



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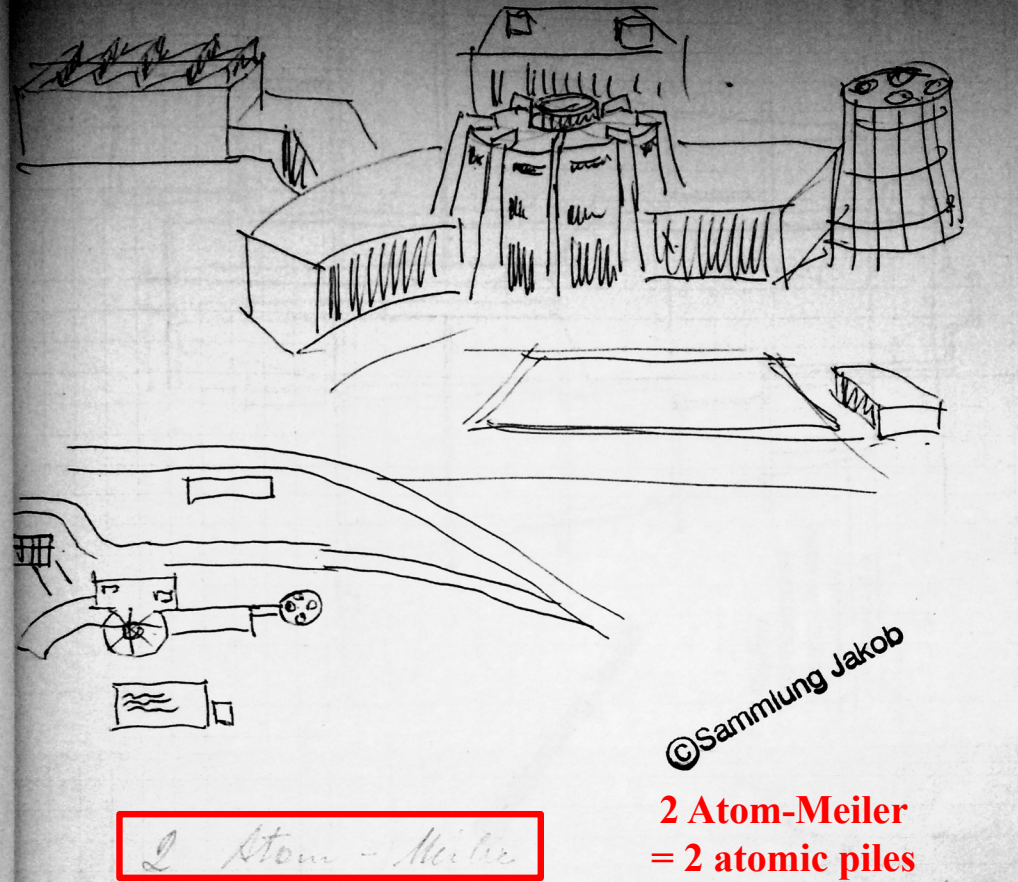
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Walter Chmielewski, son of Gusen commandant, 2016:

There was the precise talk of a total (of about) **30–40 kilometers of tunnels** which have been created and partly in fact on two levels. This came through in talks with SS people and there is now **nuclear research being carried out there**. Under high pressure there is research, which could still save the nation, so to speak; **the atomic bomb could be constructed**, so that the initiative can be recovered again, yes. This was clearly stated in conversations in Gusen, that this research is already taking place.



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*2 Atom-Meiler*

**2 Atom-Meiler  
= 2 atomic piles**



## 5. Requirements for a Breeder Reactor

| <b>Characteristic</b>             | <b>Approximate value (scales linearly)</b>                                      |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Thermal power</b>              | <b>25 MW</b>  |
| <b>Reactor core volume</b>        | <b>100 m<sup>3</sup></b>  |
| <b>Moderator</b>                  | <b>150 tons of graphite, or<br/>80 tons of heavy water,<br/>or some of both</b> |
| <b>Natural uranium in reactor</b> | <b>25 tons</b>  |
| <b>Replace uranium every</b>      | <b>100 days</b>   |
| <b>Uranium consumption rate</b>   | <b>91 tons/year</b>   |
| <b>Plutonium production rate</b>  | <b>6.9 kg/year (~1 bomb/year)</b>   |
| <b>Cost (1940s U.S. dollars)</b>  | <b>\$6,000,000</b>  |

# 6. Breeding $^{239}\text{Pu}$ or $^{233}\text{U}$ in Electronuclear Systems



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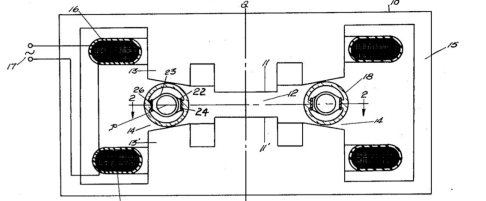


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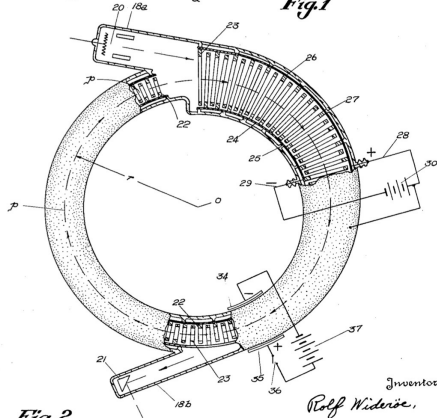


Fig. 2

Inventor:

*Rolf Wideröe*

Dr. Rolf Wideröe  
Hamburg-Pöhlbrützel

Hamburg, den 4. 12. 1944

Reichsforstamt  
Leiter der Jagdpost Physik  
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Herrn  
Professor Dr. W. Gerlach,  
(13b) München 22  
Indlvgstrasse 17

Sehr geehrter Herr Professor,

wir haben bei unseren Arbeiten eine Beobachtung gemacht, die ich Ihnen möglichst schnell berichten möchte:

Während des letzten Monats haben wir mit ziemlich starken Strahlintensitäten gearbeitet. Während dieser Zeit habe ich, nach unseren bisherigen Messungen gerechnet, wohl einige  $r_{90}$  bekommen (Dr. Kollath etwas mehr). Diese Dosen sollten viel zu klein sein, um biologische Wirkungen hervorzurufen.

Bei der letzten Blutuntersuchung zeigten sich indessen bei mir deutliche strukturelle Veränderungen der Leucocyten. Dr. med. Kruse (Krankenhaus St. Georg) hat uns untersucht und verfolgt den weiteren Verlauf dieser Erscheinungen.

Die Erscheinung kann nur dadurch erklärt werden:

- 1) Daß unsere Meßinstrumente doch zu wenig angeben (überschlägige Berechnungen ergeben den Faktor 3 zu wenig)
- 2) Daß unsere Strahlung wesentlich stärkere biologische Wirkungen haben muß, als man annehmen sollte.

Wir bitten Sie, dies Erscheinungen den anderen mit ähnlichen Geräten arbeitenden Herren mitzuteilen, um Schäden durch Unvorsichtigkeiten zu vermeiden. Wir selbst werden sofort Maßnahmen zur Herabsetzung der Strahlendosen vornehmen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

*R. Wideröe*

P.S. Wir erwarten in den nächsten Tagen den Besuch von Prof. Dänzer und Gentner, die verschiedene Fragen über die Elektronenschleudern mit uns besprechen wollen.

**Max Steenbeck (1904–1981)**

**Invented & developed particle accelerators (1927–)**



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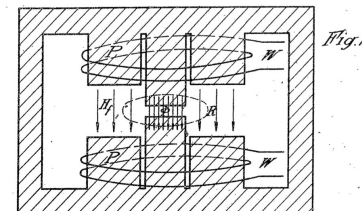


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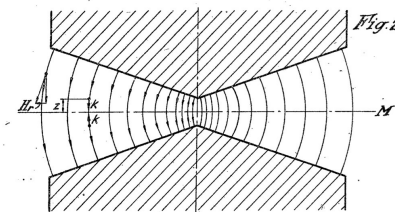


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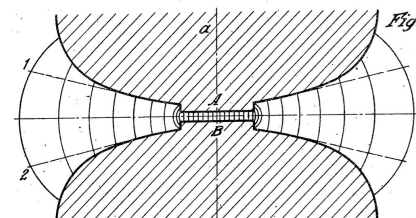


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Nobody knows everything, because the Germans destroyed a lot of documents and experimental materials, and the Allies, the Americans, took a lot. [...] I was in Waldenburg, but just before I came back from Germany to Moscow. [...] Stalin and Kurchatov sent me there. There were reports that the Germans were conducting atomic tests. I went there as a representative of the Ministry of Light Machines. It turned out on the spot that the Germans were more advanced in the tests than one could have imagined. [...] I found out that in Dresden the "Service" [NKVD] had captured a German scientist, a physicist, who told me about secret experiments in Waldenburg, so I took him with me and we went there, but he knew too little. [...] You see, the Germans had a lot of research groups. **My German worked in an institute in Dresden that belonged to the Postal Ministry. He was in Waldenburg only one time to install equipment, because that institute belonged to the SS.** [...] He was there only once. The car that carried him from the railway station drove around the city for a long time until the German had forgotten the way. Then they drove into the mine and drove him underground. He sat there for two days, worked, ate, and slept underground. When he finished, the car drove him around the city again, before he reached the station. And that is why the German could not find anything with me. [...] He said that when he was there for the first time he was also afraid. He said that SS people were guarding everywhere; he described them as "sharp." He said they had strange emblems on their uniforms that he had never seen before. [...] **He said that with his colleagues he had installed a cyclotron there, but it turned out that it was the second one, because one was already there.** They installed the second one. He told us that the mine had been specially adapted. There were trolleys, tables, all the necessary equipment, and at the entrances there were locks and guards. He could not enter because he did not have a special pass.

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Air Raid, Sabotage Held Up Nazi Work on Atomic Bomb, AP 1945:

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## 6. Requirements for an Electronuclear Breeder

$$\text{Production rate} = 3.15 \times 10^4 \frac{N I \eta A}{e N_A} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{year}}$$

$$\text{Production rate} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.78 \text{ kg/year } ^{239}\text{Pu or} \\ 0.76 \text{ kg/year } ^{233}\text{U or} \\ 9.8 \text{ g/year tritium} \end{array} \right.$$

$N$  = number of particle accelerators  
 $I$  = beam current per accelerator  
 $\eta$  = number of bred atoms per accelerated charged particle  
 $A$  = atomic mass of product  
 $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulombs/proton  
 $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  Avogadro's number

For  $N=10$  accelerators,  
 $I = 10^{-3}$  Amp, and  $\eta = 1$  bred atom per accelerated particle

Higher production rates are possible:

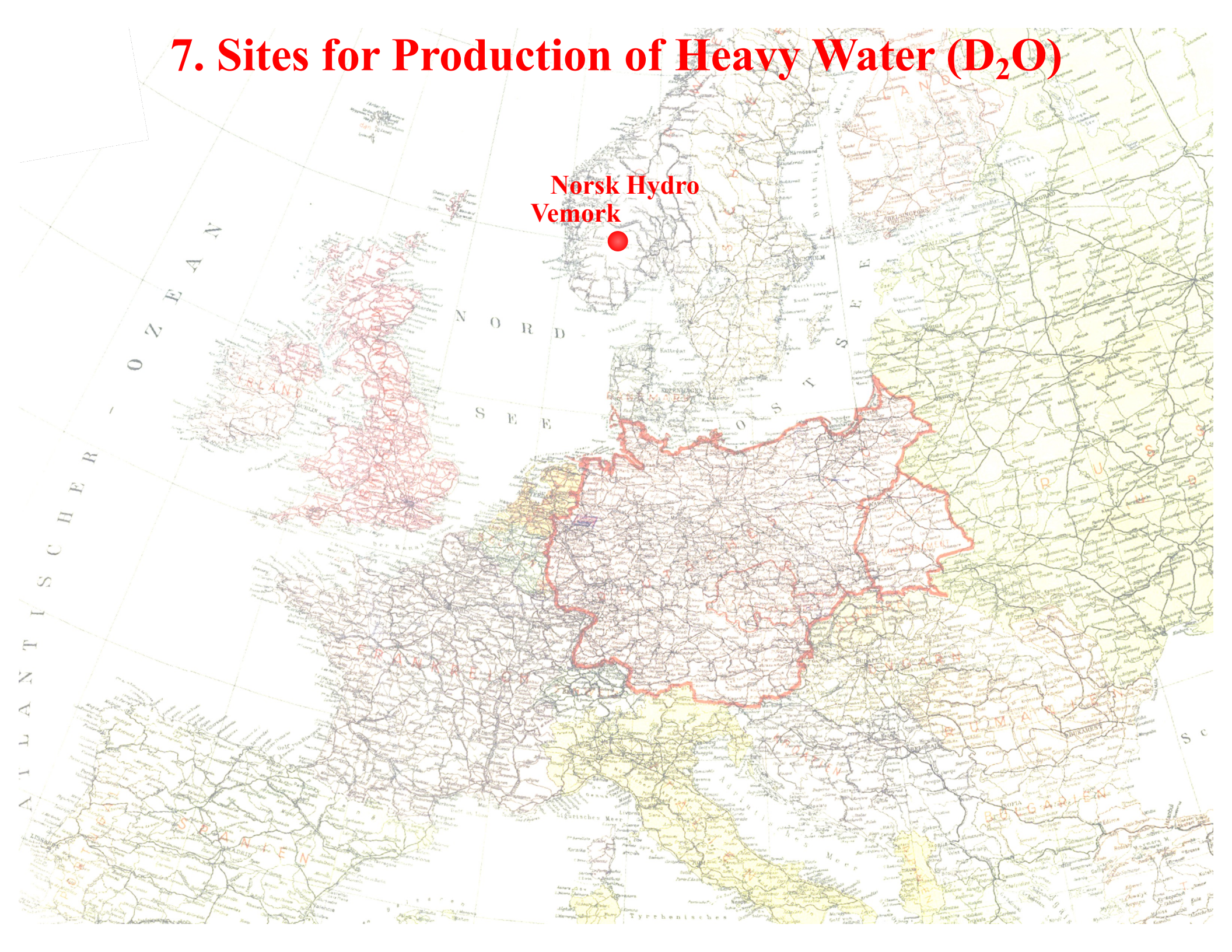
- The German program could have built and operated more than 10 particle accelerators in parallel. (The United States built and operated 3120 calutron ion beams at Oak Ridge for  $^{235}\text{U}$  enrichment.)
- Increasing the beam current by a factor of 2 or 3 would increase the amount of bred fission fuel by the same factor.
- If the accelerators began operation two years before the end of the war, twice as much fuel could have been produced.
- The efficiency could be as high as  $\eta \sim 100$  by using the highest possible beam energy, using charged deuterons for the beam, and employing a neutron-multiplying target. A neutron-multiplying target would essentially be a small, subcritical fission reactor, for example chunks of unenriched uranium metal immersed in heavy water and surrounded by a beryllium reflector.

See for example: Chichester, David L. 2009. *Production and Applications of Neutrons Using Particle Accelerators*. INL/EXT-09-17312. Idaho Falls: Idaho National Laboratory. <https://inldigitallibrary.inl.gov/sites/sti/sti/6302373.pdf>  
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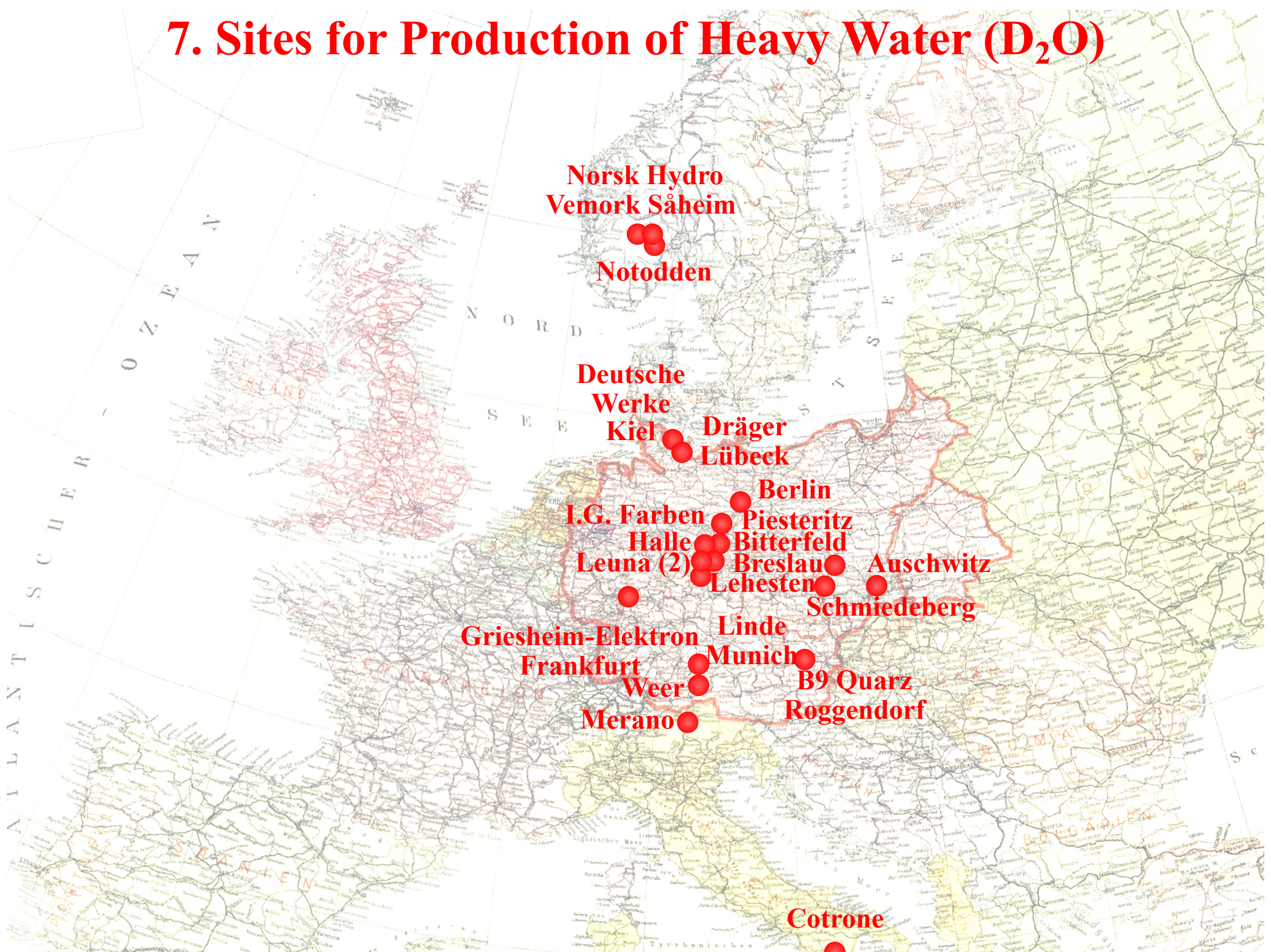
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Charles Chamberlain. Reveal Allied Capture of Nazi Atom Factory. Chicago Daily Tribune. 9 August 1945 p. 4.

KIEL, Germany, Aug. 8 (AP)—The largest heavy water plant in Germany, where Nazi scientists were working feverishly to perfect an atomic bomb, was captured almost intact by the allies three months ago in a heavily wooded section four miles from Kiel.

Cobwebs of plastic pipes connected eight huge vats holding thousands of gallons of plain water for processing into heavy water.

I stumbled onto the factory two weeks after it was taken over by American and British technicians. Altho they gave me freedom to roam around the grounds, I was called on the carpet the next day for entering without authority from high officials and was required to pledge not to reveal what I had seen until it was released.

Report on Interrogation of PW MAYER. 14 July 1944. NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A, Box 171, Folder 32.7003-2 GERMANY: US Wartime Positive Int. (July–Oct. 44).

PW is an educated man in his late thirties, a physical chemist by profession[...] PW believes that D<sub>2</sub>O (Heavy Hydrogen) is manufactured principally at GRIESHEIM ELEKTRON in fairly large quantities for distribution to research and scientific establishments.

Norsk Hydro  
Vemork Såheim

Notodden

Deutsche  
Werke  
Kiel

Dräger  
Lübeck

Berlin

I.G. Farben  
Halle  
Leuna (2)

Piesteritz  
Bitterfeld  
Breslau

Auschwitz

Lehesten

Schmiedeberg

Griesheim-Elektron

Linde

Frankfurt

Munich

Weer

B9 Quarz

Merano

Roggendorf

Cotrone

U.S. Embassy, Warsaw. 12 August 1947. Report No. R-107-47, MIS-390731. Subject: Plants producing heavy water. NARA RG 319, Entry 85A, Box 2534, Folder 390731–390740.

It is believed that no plants designed specially for the production of heavy water exist in Poland [in 1947]. It is reliably reported that the Germans built one such plant near OSWIECIM (Auschwitz) but that it was destroyed or moved out by the SOVIETS in 1945.

Ferdinand Cap. 23 November 1950 report [courtesy of Silke Fengler].

At the invitation of Colonel Colonel GOUSSOT, Innsbruck, I had the opportunity to visit Mr. Werd's [wartime] heavy water extraction test facility in Weer near Wattens in Tyrol on 21 November 1950.



# 7. Sites for Production of Heavy Water (D<sub>2</sub>O)

- Why were at least ~21 plants producing D<sub>2</sub>O, despite other urgent wartime needs?
- That suggests the D<sub>2</sub>O was needed for breeder reactors, electronuclear breeders, fusion fuel, etc.
- Why are Allied reports on those plants still classified, or entirely missing from archives?

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UNITED STATES ARMY  
Alsos Mission  
APO 887

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Dr. Kohl, Works Manager of Degussa Plant  
No. 2, Frankfurt.

1. Dr. Kohl was interrogated in Frankfurt on 3 April 1945 by J. A. Lane and F. A. C. Wardenburg. Dr. Kessler, one of his assistants and also his secretary were present during the interrogation and were called on from time to time by Dr. Kohl on matters of detail.

2. Uranium metal, which was known by the code name of "Spezialmetall", was manufactured at the Degussa, Frankfurt plant. According to Dr. Kohl the material was required by the Reichsforschungsrat and all administrative matters were handled by Auer Gesellschaft in Oranienburg directly with RFR. Degussa acted as a sub-contractor for Auer. All deliveries from the Frankfurt plant were made either to Auer or to the RFR at Berlin-Dahlem. The use of the material was secret. Dr. Kohl believed that it had something to do with experiments in atomic physics. The material was manufactured in a purity of 98 to 99 percent from ammonium uranate which was converted to the oxide  $U_3O_8$ . The ammonium uranate was secured either from the Joachimstahl mines or from Katanga (Union Miniere du Haut katanga).

3. Earlier, metallic uranium was mixed with coal dust (carbon?) and with Tragacanth gum as a binding material and pressed into blocks, approximately 50% by weight of coal and uranium. The blocks were approximately 5 cm x 5 cm x 6 cm. About five tons as metallic uranium in total were delivered in this form. The material is now delivered as powdered metallic uranium, production being between one and two tons, making a total uranium production of between six and seven tons.

4. We visited the site of the plant which had been partially destroyed. The equipment was moved in December to a location in Markbrandenburg where Dr. Kohl believed the RFR had a branch. A part of the equipment was moved to the plant of the Chemische Fabrik Grunau at Grunau near Berlin. Dr. Kohl thought it might have been moved again but he did not know the exact location, but suggested somewhere in Thuringen as a probable evacuation address.

## 7. Graphite as a Moderator

If wartime Germany never used graphite as a moderator for fission reactors:

- Why was this Degussa plant producing at least 10 tons of blocks containing 50% uranium and 50% graphite?
- Why were both graphite and heavy water being mass-produced at:
  - I.G. Farben Bitterfeld
  - I.G. Farben Griesheim
  - Siemens Ratibor area
  - And other locations?



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Office Memorandum

TO : Major F. J. Smith  
 FROM : Major John E. Vance  
 SUBJECT: Possibility of acquiring foreign beryllium metal

DATE: 17 July 1945

1. Major Kelley stated that Madison Square Area had been called upon to furnish increased quantities of beryllium metal. The single source of beryllium metal at this time is the Brush Beryllium Company of Cleveland, Ohio, whose facilities are to be enlarged. However, to assist in meeting the requirements, Major Kelley suggested that it would be extremely valuable if it were possible to acquire beryllium metal discovered in Germany.

2. To be useful to us, the metal should be massive, i.e., should be in pieces rather than in flakes and should contain more than 90% beryllium; it would probably not be advisable to place other specifications on the metal.

# 7. Beryllium

## BIOS 158. Production of Beryllia and Beryllium at Degussa Plants.

### Production of Beryllium Oxide and Beryllium at the Degussa Plant in Frankfurt

| <u>Year</u>    | <u>Beryllium (Techn)</u> | <u>Beryllium (Flakes)</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1938           | about 200 kg             | about 500 kg              |
| 1939 till Sept | about 300 kg             | about 200 kg              |
| Oct to Dec     | 869.100 kg               | None                      |
| 1940           | 3367.195 kg              | 1689.480 kg               |
| 1941           | 6305.680 kg              | 214.094 kg                |
| 1942           | 3096.575 kg              | 1297.770 kg               |
| 1943           | 4224.500 kg              | 601.620 kg                |
| 1944           | 947.000 kg               | 302.605 kg                |
| 1945           | None                     | None                      |

**Totals**

Production before the war 500 kg 700 kg  
**Production during the war 18810.050 kg 4105.614 kg**

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Major F.J. Smith  
 FROM : H.S. Lowenhaupt  
 SUBJECT: Beryllium, re Memorandum to Major F.J. Smith from Major J.E. Vance, 17 July 1945

DATE: 19 July 1945

A cable to Major F.J. Smith, 17 May states that considerable beryllium was found in Germany by the AT Group. Whereabouts of this metal is not known at present.

A bill from the files (from Deutsche Gold und Silber Scheideanstalt Vormals Roessler, Degussa, Frankfort am Main, 7 May 1943 to the Heereswaffenamt, Berlin) is for 100 plates made of beryllium or 27.848 kg. at 140.20 marks per kg.

I suggest this firm be contacted by our people to see if they can still supply metallic beryllium, either through purchase, or as plunder.

Mineral trade notes no. 429, 3 July 1945, American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil states that at present 800 tons of beryl, the best source of beryllium, is stocked in Brazil awaiting the untangling of international price difficulties. If the ore rather than the pure metal should be desired by Major Kelley, either now or in the future, Brazil could become an important supplier.

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**NARA RG 77, Entry UD-22A,  
 Box 163, Folder Australia**

## 7. Production of Other Potentially Nuclear-Related Materials

| <b>Material</b>                   | <b>Non-nuclear applications</b>      | <b>Nuclear applications</b>   | <b>Wartime production</b>                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Deuterium/<br/>heavy water</b> | <b>Isotope labeling of molecules</b> | <b>Producing tritium, neutrons, fusion;<br/>neutron moderator for reactor</b> | <b>At least ~21 production<br/>plants</b> |
| <b>Lithium</b>                    | <b>Glass, ceramics, metals</b>       | <b>Producing tritium, neutrons, fusion</b>                                    | <b>Hundreds of tons</b>                   |
| <b>Beryllium</b>                  | <b>Metal alloys</b>                  | <b>Neutron production/reflection</b>  | <b>Tons</b>                               |
| <b>Boron</b>                      | <b>Glass, ceramics, metals</b>       | <b>Neutron absorber</b>   | <b>Large quantities</b>                   |
| <b>Graphite</b>                   | <b>Rocket rudders</b>                | <b>Neutron moderator for reactor</b>  | <b>Tens of thousands of tons</b>          |
| <b>Fluorine</b>                   | <b>Industrial production</b>         | <b>U hexafluoride for enrichment</b>  | <b>Thousands of tons</b>                  |
| <b>Aluminum</b>                   | <b>Metal structures, packaging</b>   | <b>Reactor fuel cladding, bomb casings</b>                                    | <b>Thousands of tons</b>                  |
| <b>Calcium</b>                    | <b>Metal alloys</b>                  | <b>Th/U/Pu purification</b>   | <b>Thousands of tons</b>                  |
| <b>Nickel</b>                     | <b>Batteries, alloys</b>             | <b>Resists corrosion by U hexafluoride</b>                                    | <b>Thousands of tons</b>                  |
| <b>Zirconium</b>                  | <b>High-temp. metals, ceramics</b>   | <b>Reactor fuel cladding</b>  | <b>Tons</b>                               |
| <b>Cadmium</b>                    | <b>Nickel-cadmium batteries</b>      | <b>Neutron absorber</b>   | <b>Thousands of tons</b>                  |

Some sites were producing multiple nuclear-related materials. I.G. Farben's Bitterfeld facility was producing heavy water, graphite, aluminum, and calcium, and perhaps other relevant materials.

Significant quantities of many of these nuclear-related materials were also shipped to Japan, along with at least 560 kg of (possibly enriched) uranium and other cutting-edge military technologies.



## 7. Disposal of Radioactive Waste at the End of the War

**Hasso Ziegler. Die “Konzertsäle” von Asse sind strahlensicher: Endlagerung radioaktiver Abfallprodukte in 500-Meter tiefen Abbaukammern. *Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung*, 29 July 1974:**

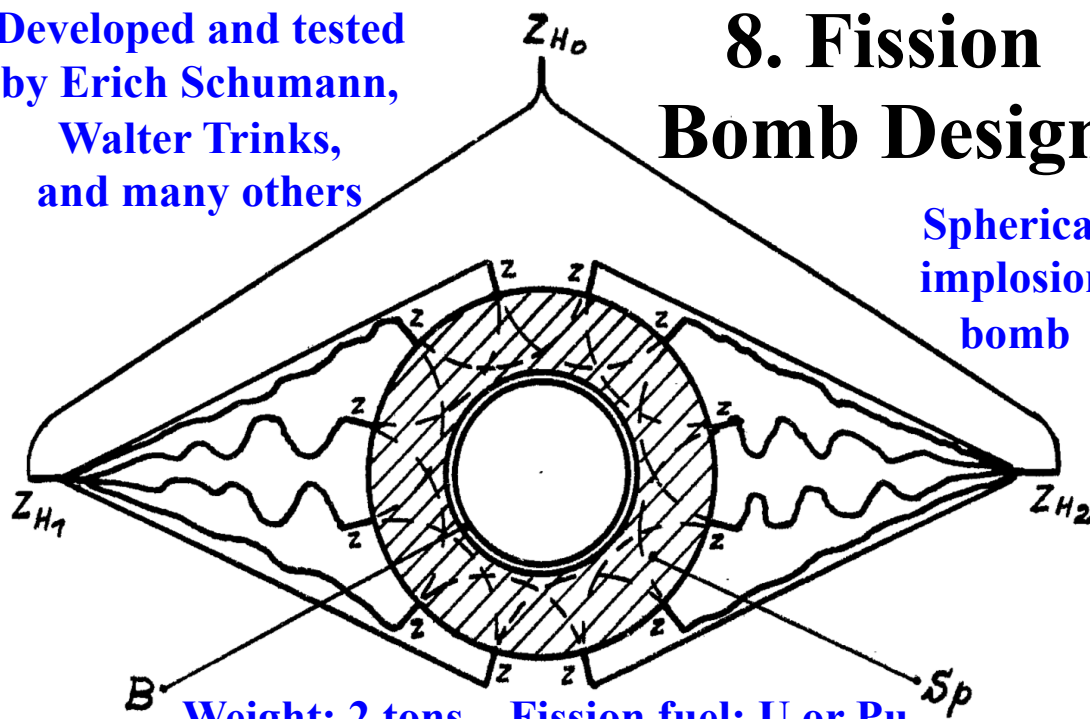
**Extensive preparatory work is still going on for the highly radioactive waste, which will accumulate at the earliest from 1976 onwards in West Germany and be stored in Asse (mainly the residues from reprocessed fission products, for example reactor fuel rods). It is thought to sink them—vitrified beforehand—in special chambers (drill holes) to a depth of fifteen hundred meters.**

**Asked about the occasional bad news that appears every now and then regarding the supposedly dangerous storage of radioactive waste, Alwin Urff, mining engineer and deputy technical plant manager in Asse, only shook his head: “Here in the mine nothing can happen anyway. When we began storage in 1967, our company first sank radioactive waste from the last war, that uranium waste which arose in the preparation of the German atomic bomb. Specifically we had to get that out of concrete bunkers near Munich, where it had been deposited at the time, because back then one did not know where the devil one should leave the stuff...”**

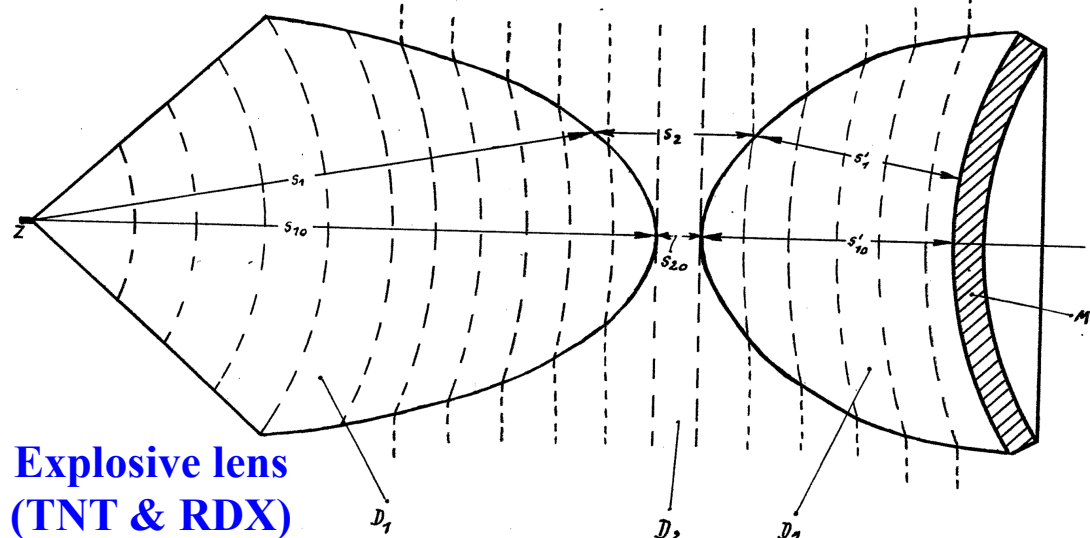
Developed and tested  
by Erich Schumann,  
Walter Trinks,  
and many others

# 8. Fission Bomb Design

Spherical  
implosion  
bomb



Weight: 2 tons Fission fuel: U or Pu  
Fusion fuel in center to boost the explosive yield

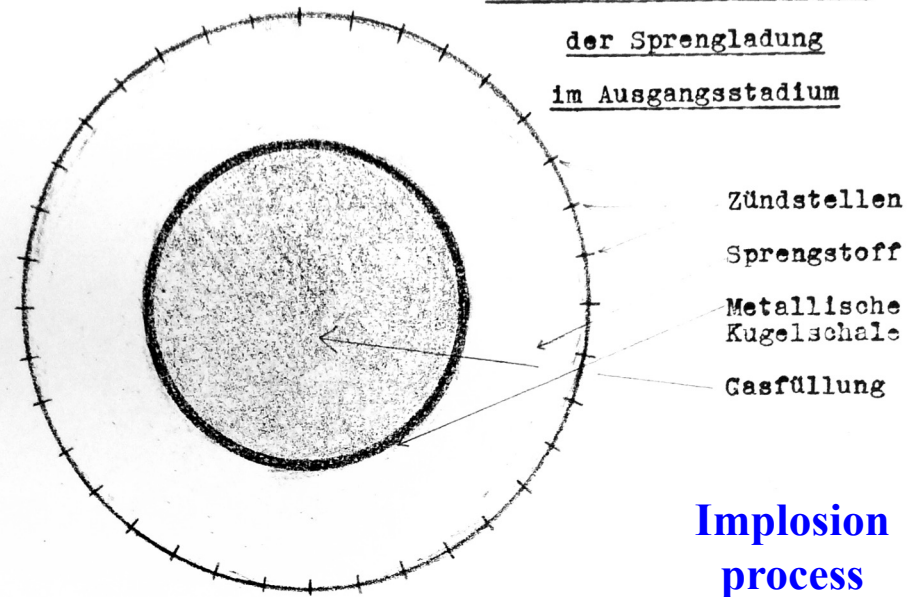


Explosive lens  
(TNT & RDX)

See also: Kennedy, Donald R. 1990. *History of the Shaped Charge Effect: The First 100 Years*. <https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a220095.pdf>  
Krehl, Peter O. K. 2009. *History of Shock Waves, Explosions and Impact: A Chronological and Biographical Reference*. Berlin: Springer.  
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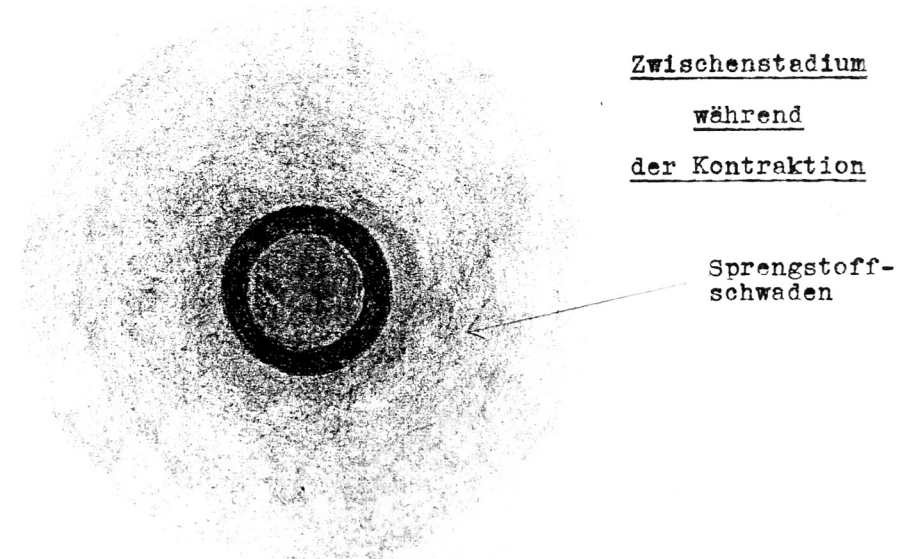
Schematische Darstellung  
der Sprengladung  
im Ausgangsstadium



Zündstellen  
Sprengstoff  
Metallische  
Kugelschale  
Gasfüllung

Implosion  
process

Zwischenstadium  
während  
der Kontraktion



Sprengstoff-  
schwaden

Endstadium



AMPG,  
Abt. III,  
Rep. 83,  
Nr. 286



# 8. Testing Explosive Lenses (1940 Onward, Kummersdorf)

HEC 2590 (English translation). Erich Schumann and Gerd Hinrichs. March 1943.  
Report on tests of explosive lenses. Imperial War Museum, Duxford Archive.



Abb. S 1: Versuchsaufbau des Körpers H 15/L.

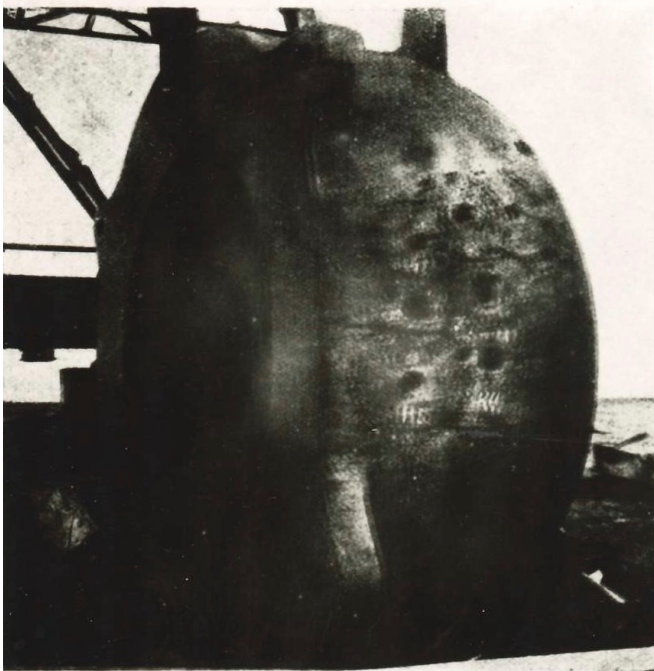


Abb. S 2: Kuppel mit Sprengluchern der Sprengkörper H 15 u. H 15/L.

Walter Trinks. 1945 letter to U.S. Army. NARA RG 319,  
Entry A1-134B, Folder XE098301 Trinks, Walter

**At the end of the war I was occupied with experiments for producing extreme high pressures and temperatures, extreme velocities (up to 15 km/sec) and heavy swingings of the air [shock waves].** The practical use of these researches comprises:

1<sup>st</sup> for the war: the defense against V-weapons super- and atomic bombs by destroying them before they reach their target and **the initiation of atomic bombs.**

## Uses of the Röntgenblitz

The uses to which the Germans put the Röntgenblitz equipment were learned by examining captured documents and by interrogation. These applications cover, (a) target cavitation produced by projectiles passing through wooden blocks and water targets, (b) the smashing of a lead bullet upon impact with various targets, (c) cavity charge phenomena studies, (d) detonation phenomena studies and (e) an interesting study of the arming of a nose fuze a short distance in front of the muzzle of the gun. With the exception of the studies on detonation of an explosive charge by Dr. Rudi Scholl, all work with the Röntgenblitz equipment was done by Schardin's group, working principally with Dr. Thomer. Only a few German documents covering the above work were available for examination by the author during the investigation of this subject, but it is believed that a complete series of the reports of both Prof. H. Schardin's and Dr. Erich Schumann's groups have been recovered and forwarded through the proper military channels for filing and examination, (see Col. L. E. Simon's, U. S. Ord. Dept. report).

It was, however, definitely ascertained that the experimental techniques utilized to obtain flash radiographs of cavity charges and high explosive specimens were sensibly the same as those familiar to U. S. research workers. The German scientific groups recognized the value of

this technique because it was learned that at least eight more Röntgenblitz units were under construction at the Siemenswerke, Berlin.

J. C. CLARK  
Major, Ord.

J. C. Clark. 18 September 1945. Development and Use of Röntgenblitz  
Technique by the German Scientists during Period 1938-45. Also  
Intelligence Report KO-29365. AFHRA B1763 frames 0252-0259.



# 8. Fission Bomb Design: 23 March 1945 Letter from General Ivan Ilyichev (Head of GRU) to Joseph Stalin

НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ КОМИССАРИАТ  
ОБОРОНЫ СОВЕТА ССР

ГЛАВНОЕ  
АЗВЕДИТЕЛЬНОЕ УПРАВЛЕНИЕ  
КРАСНОЙ АРМИИ

3 марта 1945  
М. 25/4  
г. Москва

Докладываю:  
Наш достоверный источник из Германии сообщает:  
"Немцы в последнее время произвели два взрыва бомбы большой мощности в Тюрингии. Взрывы проводились в лесной местности в обстановке строжайшей секретности. От центра взрыва деревья повалены на расстоянии 500-600 метров. Уничтожены специально построенные для опытов укрепления и сооружения. Находящиеся в центре взрыва военнопленные погибли, причем зачастую от них не осталось следов. Военнопленные, находящиеся за центром взрыва, имеют ожоги лица и тела, сила которых зависит от расстояния от центра взрыва. Испытания проводились в максимально глухом районе. На объектах испытания режим секретности максимальный. Везде и везде разрешены только по особому удостоверению. Команды СС оцепили район испытаний и предотвратили каждого приближающегося к этому району человека. Бомба предположительно снаряжена ураном 235 массой около двух тонн. Бомба была привезена в место взрыва на специально арендованной платформе. Вместе с ней были доставлены кистерны с жидким кислородом. При бомбе постоянно находилось 20 человек охраны с собаками. Взрыв бомбы сопровождался образованием взрывной волны большой мощности, развитием высокой температуры. Ураган ветра сопровождал мощнейший радиационный эффект. Бомба представляется из себя шар диаметром

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130 см.  
Бомба состоит из:  
1. Высоковольтной разрядной трубки, изготовленной от специальных генераторов  
2. Шара, состоящего из металлического урана  
3. Самеля тела  
4. Защитного футляра  
5. Вспрыскиваемого вещества  
6. Детонаторного устройства  
7. Оболочки из стали  
Все части бомбы вставляются друг в друга.  
Инициатор или запал бомбы.  
Состоит из специальной трубки, которая имеет отверстие нейтрона. Ее питает специальный генератор создающий в трубке высокое напряжение. В результате быстрого нейтрона атакуемого материала.  
Активный материал бомбы.  
Активным материалом бомбы является уран. Он представляет из себя шар, внутри которого через отверстие вставляется инициатор. Отверстие после этого закрывается пробкой, сделанной из урана 235.  
Защитный футляр.  
Шар из урана закрывается защитным футляром из алюминия, покрытого слоем кадмия, который не задерживает тепловые нейтроны. В центре урана 235, которые могут вызвать преждевременного детонации.  
Вспрыскиваемое вещество.  
После слоя кадмия помещается взрывчатое вещество, состоящее из пористого тринитротолуола.

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пропитанного жидким кислородом.  
Тринитротолуол состоит из брусков, специально подобранной формы. Внутренняя поверхность брусков имеет сферический диаметр, совпадающий с наружной выпуклостью кадмия. К каждому из брусков подведен один детонатор с двумя электростанками.  
Оболочка.  
Тринитротолуол покрыт защитной оболочкой из легкого алюминиевого сплава. Сверху на эту оболочку крепится подрынное устройство.  
Наружная оболочка.  
Сверху подрынного устройства устанавливается наружная оболочка из бронированной стали.  
Отсекатель.  
На бронированную оболочку может устанавливаться отсекатель легкого сплава, для последующей установки бомбы на ракетном двигателе типа "АУ".  
Сборка бомбы.  
Шар, состоящий из металлического урана, помещается внутри защитного футляра, состоящего из алюминия, покрытого слоем кадмия, так чтобы отверстие в шаре совпадало с отверстием в футляре. Через это отверстие вставляется инициатор. После чего отверстие закрывается пробкой из урана. После этого алюминиевый шар, покрытый кадмием, закрывается пробкой, на которую сверху вкладывается последний брусок тринитротолуола. Дальше в отверстие в защитной оболочке закрывающее тринитротолуол, закачивается жидкий кислород. После чего бомба готова к работе.

Сапал бомбы.  
Сапал бомбы осуществляется за счет высоковольтной разрядной трубки, создающей поток нейтронов, атакующий активный материал. В процессе воздействия на уран порождается из него выделяется элемент 93, который вызывает возникновение цепной реакции. Далее, под действием устройства взрывает взрывчатое вещество, которое происходит направленный к центру шар, взрыва наружного слоя тринитротолуола в жидкий кислородом. Это позволяет передать уран 235 через критическую массу. Прямой перед взрывом, урановый шар обдувается с энергией не более 6 миллионов эв, что многократно повышает его взрывную силу.  
ЗАКЛЮЧЕНИЕ.  
Несомненно, немцами производится разработка бомбы большой разрушительной силы. В случае успешного окончания и производства подобной бомбы в достаточном количестве они будут обладать оружием, способным замедлить наше наступление.  
НАЧАЛЬНИК ПЛ. РАЗВЕДУПРАВЛЕНИЯ  
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ГЕНЕРАЛ-ЛЕЙТЕНАНТ  
*I. Ilyichev*  
Отпеч. 4 экз.  
Фед. № 1 - т. Сталину  
- " - № 2 - т. Молотову  
- " - № 3 - т. Антонову  
- " - № 4 - в запас  
161.

Archive of the President of the Russian Federation, Fund 93, Division 81 (45), List 37.  
Found in 2003 by Rainer Karlsch.

The letter appears to be genuine. It is part of a paper trail of earlier and later documents, some of which were already published.



## 8. Fission Bomb Design: Ilyichev to Stalin, 23 March 1945

Our trustworthy source from Germany reports:

The Germans have in recent times carried out two large-capacity bomb explosions in Thuringia. The explosions took place in a forest area, under conditions of strictest secrecy. Trees fell at a distance of 500–600 meters from the center of the explosion. Buildings and fortifications specially constructed for the tests have been destroyed.

Prisoners of war who were near the epicenter of the explosion died, often without leaving a trace. Prisoners of war who were in the area beyond the center of the explosion have burns on their face and body, the strength of which depends on their position in relation to the epicenter of the explosion. The tests were carried out in a remote deserted area. The regime of secrecy at the test site was at maximum level. Entrance and exit from the territory are by special pass only. SS soldiers have surrounded the area of tests and interrogated any person approaching the area.

The bomb, supposedly filled with uranium 235 and weighing approximately two tons, was brought to the test site on a specially constructed truck. Dewars of liquid oxygen were delivered together with it. The bomb was permanently guarded by 20 guards with dogs. The bomb explosion was accompanied by a large explosive wave and high temperature. In addition, a massive radioactive effect was observed. The bomb is a sphere with a diameter of 130 cm.

The bomb consists of:

1. High-voltage discharge tube, which is charged by special generators
2. A sphere made of metal uranium 235
3. A delay mechanism [tamper]
4. Protective casing
5. Explosive substance
6. Detonating mechanism
7. Steel casing

All parts of the bomb fit inside each other.

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### Initiator or bomb fuse.

Consists of a special tube, which creates fast neutrons. It is charged by special generators, which create high voltage inside the tube. As a result, fast neutrons attack active material.

### Active bomb material.

Active bomb material is uranium 235. It represents a sphere with an opening into which an initiator is inserted. Once this is done, the opening is sealed by a cork made of uranium 235.

### Protective casing.

The uranium sphere is encased in a protective aluminum casing, which is covered by a layer of cadmium. This significantly impedes thermal neutrons emanating from uranium 235, which can cause premature detonation.

### Explosive matter.

After the layer of cadmium it is placed inside explosives that consist of porous TNT saturated with liquid oxygen; TNT is made

up of bars of a specially chosen shape. The inner surface of the bars has a spherical curvature, which is the same as that of the external surface of the cadmium layer. Each of the bars is supplied with one detonator or two electrical fuses.

### Casing.

TNT is covered by a protective layer made of a light aluminum alloy. A blasting mechanism is attached on top of this casing.

### Exterior casing.

An exterior casing of armored steel is installed above the blasting mechanism.

### Fairing.

A fairing made of a light alloy can be installed on top of the armored casing **for future installation on a rocket of the V-type.**

### Bomb assembly.

The sphere, which consists of metal uranium, is placed inside a protective casing, which consists of aluminum, covered in a layer of cadmium, so that the opening in the



## 8. Fission Bomb Design: Ilyichev to Stalin, 23 March 1945

sphere coinciding with the opening is sealed off by a uranium cork. After this the aluminum sphere, covered in cadmium, is sealed off by a cork, on top of which the last bar of TNT is placed. Next, liquid oxygen is pumped through the opening inside a protective casing, which covers the TNT. After this the bomb is ready for deployment.

### Bomb ignition.

The bomb ignition is carried out with the help of a high-voltage discharge tube. It forms a flow of neutrons, which attack the active material. When the flow of neutrons impacts upon uranium, element 93 fissions, which speeds up the creation of a chain reaction. Next, the detonating mechanism detonates the explosive matter, after which

a shock from the explosion of the external layer of TNT mixed with liquid oxygen takes place, which is directed toward the center. This allows the uranium to reach a critical mass.

Ahead of this, before the explosion, the uranium sphere is irradiated with gamma-rays, the energy of which does not exceed 6 million electron volts, which many times increases its explosive qualities.

### CONCLUSION.

Without doubt, the Germans are carrying out tests of a bomb of high destructive force. In the event of their successful conclusion and production of such bombs in sufficient quantities, they will have weapons capable of slowing down our advance.

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Marshal Georgy Zhukov. 2 October 1945. Report to Joseph Stalin. Archive of the President of the Russian Federation, Fund 93, Division 77 (45), List 4-11. **Based on the collected materials, it can be concluded that the German scientists in the field of theoretical and practical research and application of atomic energy have achieved good results up to the creation of the atomic bomb.**



# 8. Fission Bomb Design: Primary Sources

|                          |                          | Primary sources for fission bomb design    |  |  |   |   |  |  |                          |                      |  |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|
|                          |                          | Guderley<br>10/1942                        | Loofbourow<br>10/1943  | Time<br>11/1944                            | Ilyichev<br>3/1945  | Kurchatov<br>3/1945   | Respondek<br>11/1945                                 | Schumann<br>1945-1952  | Polish eng.<br>3/1946    | Diebner<br>1956-1962 | Grothmann<br>2000-2002   | König<br>2004      |
| <b>Component</b>         | <b>Neutron initiator</b> |  |  |  | 1. Internal high-voltage fusion neutrons<br>2. External gamma rays (via betatron) | 1. Internal high-voltage fusion neutrons<br>2. External gamma rays (via betatron) | Neutron source                                       | Fusion fuel  | Neutron source (implied) | Fusion fuel          | Ignition system  |                    |
|                          | <b>Pit</b>               |  | High-density, high-energy new material, laborious to produce | Uranium                                    | U-235   | U-235   | U-235  | Uranium  | Fission fuel             | Uranium              | U-235  |                    |
|                          | <b>Reflector /tamper</b> |  |  |  | “Delay mechanism” that was apparently also uranium                                |   |  | Uranium  |                          |                      |  |                    |
|                          | <b>Neutron absorber</b>  |  |  |  | Cadmium   | Cadmium   |  | Cadmium  | Cadmium                  |                      |  |                    |
|                          | <b>Pusher</b>            |  |  |  | Aluminum  |   |  | Aluminum   |                          |                      |  | Aluminum           |
|                          | <b>Explosive</b>         | Explosive designed for spherical implosion | Explosive designed for spherical implosion (implied)         | Explosive designed for spherical implosion | Shaped segments of TNT with liquid oxygen, made lighter for rocket                | Shaped segments of TNT with liquid oxygen, made lighter for rocket                | Explosive designed for spherical implosion (implied) | Many shaped segments of TNT, RDX (explosive lenses) with simultaneous ignition |                          | TNT and RDX          | Complex explosive system with simultaneous ignition, made lighter for rocket |                    |
|                          | <b>Explosive case</b>    | Spherical case                             | Spherical case   | Spherical case                             | Spherical aluminum  | Spherical case  | Case   | Spherical aluminum   | Case                     | Spherical case       | Spherical aluminum   | Spherical aluminum |
|                          | <b>Ballistic case</b>    |  |  |  | Steel case for rocket   |   |  | Iron/ steel  |                          |                      | Part of rocket   |                    |
| <b>Position for test</b> |                          |  |  | Positioned in a test area                  | Positioned in a test area   |   | Suspended a few meters above the ground              |  |                          | On metal scaffold    |  |                    |

## 8. German Fission Pit Masses

Erich Schumann, Kurt Diebner, et al. February 1942 [1941 data].  
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# 8. Some Manufacturers of Suitable Bomb Components

**D+Li fusion neutron initiator**

**Betatron ( $e^- \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow n$ ) initiator**

**Uranium-235 fission pit**

**Unenriched uranium tamper**

**Cadmium-electroplated aluminum**

**Pure TNT and RDX**

**Explosive lenses (TNT + RDX)**

**Simultaneous detonators**

**Liquid oxygen**

**C.H.F. Müller (Hamburg) and other suppliers**

**Siemens-Reiniger (Erlangen) and other suppliers**

**SS-controlled enrichment sites (discussed earlier)**

**Auer/Degussa (Oranienburg and other locations)**

**Kampschulte, Blasberg, Wilhelm Meyer, etc.**

**WASAG (Allendorf and other locations)**

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**V-2 rocket program (Friedrichshafen, etc.)**

C. H. F. Müller A.-G., working in cooperation with, and under the direction of, the M. V. Research Association (M. V. Forschungs-Verein), at Wrist, completed the construction of a 15 megavolt betatron about the first of this year. This betatron operates on 50 cycles. The average current of the high voltage electron beam is approximately .03 microamperes. The output of gamma radiation was reported to be approximately equivalent to one kilogram of radium. This betatron is now installed at Wrist.

In December, 1944, the M. V. Research Association completed the calculations and layouts of a 200 megavolt betatron, to operate on 50 cycles. It was estimated that the average electron beam current of this betatron would be in the order of one milliampere. The total weight was expected to be approximately 30 tons. This betatron was to be constructed by Brown Boveri and Cie A.-G. in Heidelberg. It is understood that Brown Boveri completed detailed construction drawings of this betatron about the first of March of this year.

Dr. W. Müller, of C. H. F. Müller, recently constructed a very small 2 megavolt betatron which weighed less than 100 pounds. This betatron operated on 50 cycles and had a sealed off tube but the output was only sufficient to increase a Geiger counter to about three times its normal rate.

Two betatrons had recently been constructed and were being tested at the Siemens-Reiniger plant in Erlangen. The first of these betatrons to be completed operates on 500 cycles and provides an electron acceleration of 6 megavolts. The second, most recently constructed, betatron operates on 50 cycles and provides an electron acceleration of 7 megavolts. Plans were being made at this plant to construct a 30 cycle, 15 megavolt betatron. Siemens reported that their particular interest in betatron development was in order to provide a means for experimental work with electron beam cancer therapy.

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Prof. Bierman of A.E.G., in Berlin, was reported to be working on the design of a 20 megavolt betatron.

During the past two years, C. H. F. Müller has constructed and delivered five "neutron generators". Three of these were rated at 1.5 megavolts, one at 1.2 megavolts, and one at .9 megavolts. They have on order, but have not yet completed,

one additional neutron generator rated at .9 megavolts and another rated at 2.4 megavolts. These "neutron generators", or "neutron accelerators", accelerate ionized heavy hydrogen against a beryllium or a lithium target. The neutron output at .9 megavolts when using a beryllium target was estimated to be equivalent to the neutron output of 2 kilograms of radium plus beryllium; when using a lithium target, 3 kilograms; when using a beryllium target at 1.5 megavolts, 13 kilograms; when using a lithium target, 8 kilograms.

The Phillips "cascade" circuit was used for these neutron generators. Although the electrical output of these generators could be as high as 5 ma., the ion source limited this equipment to 0.8 ma. for continuous operation, regardless of voltage.

At 0.8 ma. the ripple was about 1%, at 5 ma., about 5%.

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### (A) Plating on Aluminium and its Alloys

Although aluminium is widely used in Germany, no actual samples of nickel plus chromium plated aluminium were seen. Samples of lead plated battery lugs were encountered at Robert Bosch, Stuttgart and direct chromium plated aluminium at Blasberg's, Solingen. Numerous references are made to the plating of aluminium and its alloys, however, and the most popular treatment for plating on this metal appears to be a primary application of a zincate dip followed by either a copper or brass deposit and then final plating.

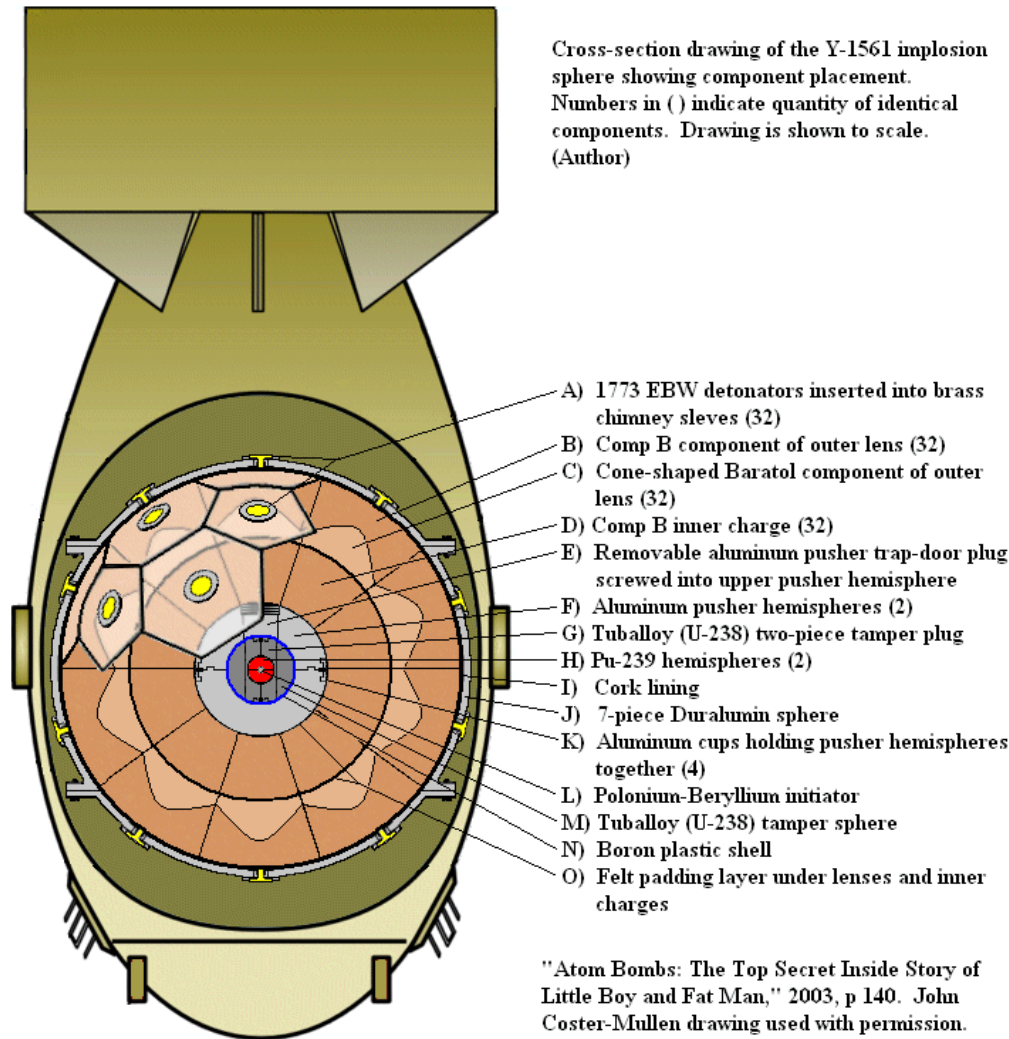
### (B) Testing of Plated Coatings, etc.

The testing of the plated coating for thickness, porosity, corrosion resistance etc., was apparently seldom done and the platers seemed to be little concerned about these points. Testing of solutions was equally haphazard. pH was rarely controlled except by litmus and pH papers; comparators were

|                             |                  |   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>B. CADMIUM</b>           |                  |   |
| <b>I. Firm:</b>             | KAMPSCHULTE.     |   |
| <b>Solution:</b>            | 4.0 g/litre      | Cadmium Cyanide                         |
|                             | 42.5 g/litre     | Sodium Cyanide                          |
|                             | 5.0 g/litre      | Sodium Chloride                         |
|                             | 5.0 g/litre      | Turkey Red Oil                          |
| <b>Operating Conditions</b> |                  |   |
| <b>Temperature:</b>         |                  | 25 - 30°C.                              |
| <b>Current Density:</b>     |                  | 10 amps/dm <sup>2</sup>                 |
| <b>Voltage:</b>             |                  | Not given                               |
| <b>II. Firm:</b>            |                  | BLASBERG.                               |
| <b>Solution:</b>            | 50 - 120 g/litre | Sodium Cadmium Cyanide                  |
|                             | 20 - 60 g/litre  | Sodium Cyanide                          |
|                             | 10 - 30 g/litre  | Sodium Hydroxide                        |
|                             |                  | Nickel Salts as bright addition agents. |
| <b>Operating Conditions</b> |                  |   |
| <b>Temperature:</b>         |                  | 20 - 35°C.                              |
| <b>Current Density:</b>     |                  | 0.5 - 1.2 amps/dm <sup>2</sup>          |
| <b>Voltage:</b>             |                  | Not given                               |
| <b>Time:</b>                |                  | 10 - 60 minutes                         |
| <b>pH:</b>                  |                  | 12 - 13.5                               |



# 8. Fission Bomb, Mass 2000 kg, Yield 10s of kT, Tested 1944-45



| Component         | Gadget/Fat Man  | Thuringian Device  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Neutron initiator | ~ 7 g beryllium/polonium-210 "urchin"<br>1.25 cm radius           | Deuterium + lithium with high voltage<br>~ 1.25 cm radius<br>and/or external 6 MeV betatron  |
| Pit               | 6.2 kg <sup>239</sup> Pu<br>4.6 cm radius                         | <b>For test:</b> <1 kg inner layer of <sup>235</sup> U<br>with ~ 5–10 kg natural or low-enriched U outer layer<br><b>For deployment:</b> ~ 5–10 kg <sup>235</sup> U<br>~ 5 cm radius |
| Tamper/reflector  | 108 kg natural U<br>11.1 cm radius                                | ~ 100 kg natural U<br>~ 11 cm radius   |
| Neutron absorber  | Boron-10 plastic<br>3.2 mm thick                                  | ~ 1.3 kg cadmium<br>~ 1 mm thick   |
| Pusher            | 130 kg aluminum<br>23.5 cm radius                                 | ~ 130 kg aluminum<br>~ 23 cm radius  |
| Explosive         | Composition B and baratol<br>2500 kg, segmented<br>~ 70 cm radius | TNT, RDX, and liquid oxygen<br>~ 1400 kg, segmented<br>~ 63 cm radius  |
| Explosive case    | ~ 180 kg aluminum<br>72.5 cm radius                               | ~ 140 kg aluminum<br>~ 64 cm radius  |
| Ballistic case    | Steel<br>4.5 mm thick<br>75 cm radius                             | ~ 190 kg steel<br>~ 4.5 mm thick<br>65 cm radius   |
| Overall radius    | 75 cm   | ~ 65 cm  |
| Total mass        | 3000 kg (bomb only)<br>4670 kg (with shell and fins)              | ~ 2000 kg  |
| Delivery system   | Boeing B-29 heavy bomber  | A-4, A-9, or A-9/A-10 ballistic missile  |
| Explosive yield   | 20 kilotons   | <b>For test:</b> < 1 kiloton<br><b>For deployment:</b> ~ 5–100 kilotons  |

- A number of sources reported at least four successful test explosions from October 1944 to March 1945.
- The test explosions were likely kept as small as possible by using just enough fuel to briefly achieve criticality, both to conserve weapons-grade fuel and to minimize the mess made in German territory.
- With enough fuel, fielded versions could have had larger explosive yields than the first U.S. fission bombs.

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# 8. Fission Bomb, Mass ~300 kg, Yield <1 kT, Tested 1944-45?

Erich Schumann and Walter Trinks.  
Patent DE977825.

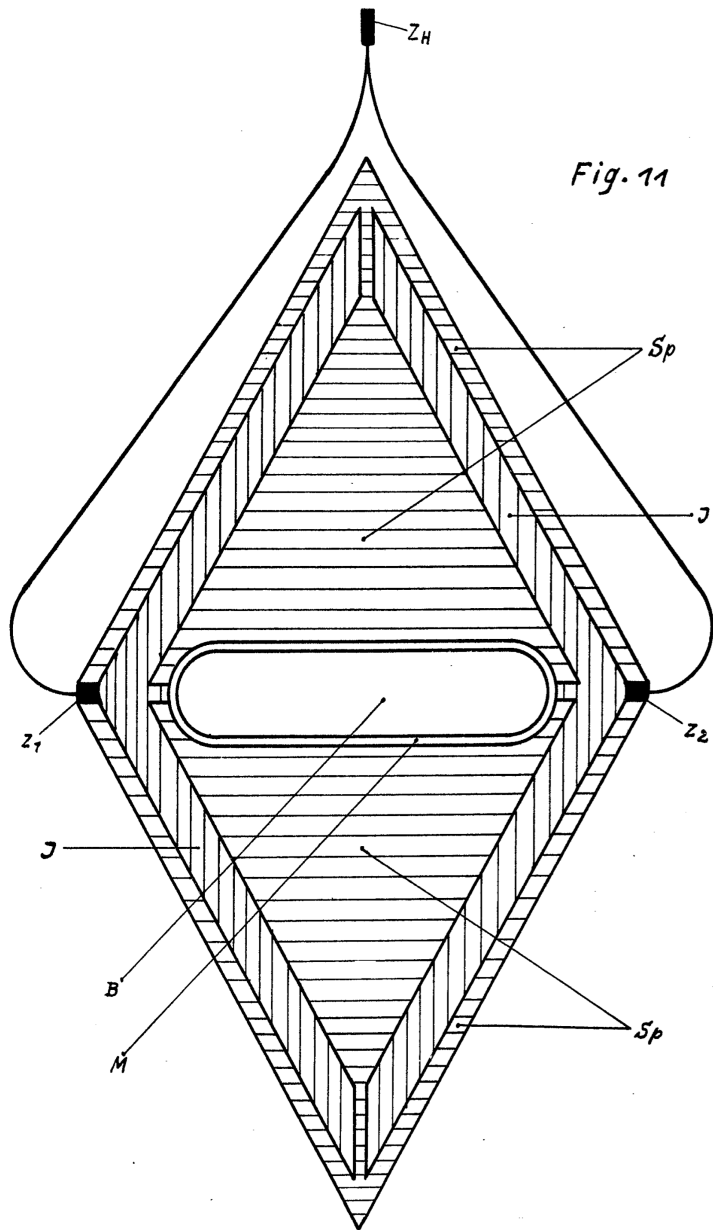


Fig. 11

Werner Grothmann (Hitler's adjutant). 2000.  
Jonastalverein Archive, Arnstadt. pp. 9, 18.

What I know is the actual preparation for the prototype production of the two fully constructed atomic bomb types for uranium and plutonium. [...] I was not allowed to know anything about it, so I can only say that there were two standard types for use against cities and two more of a different size, which were supposed to be **[tactical] front-usable and contain smaller charges**. I learned only after the war that one of the two smaller ones would have had a charge equivalent, that is a comparable explosive material quantity, of I believe 130 tons. This was supposed to be used against railway tunnels, port facilities and military installations. The point was that the small weapons required only very little material, which overcame first of all the shortage [of fission fuel]. [...] **I know that the smaller was about the size of the SC 250, but the weight was higher.**

R. P. Linstead & T. J. Betts (U.K. & U.S. CIOS chairs).  
15 September 1945 final report. *The Intelligence Exploitation of Germany*. AFHRA A5186 pp. 904–1026.

Certain items have been omitted because of security considerations. [...] Of particular significance were the statements, made by German experts in the rocket and controlled missile field, that much of the priority accorded their work by the German High Command was in anticipation of the use of atomic explosives. These authorities stated that KWI had **repeatedly assured Hitler that an atomic explosive would be available for use within a comparatively short time**. During the last months of work by the Peenemünde staff, **V-weapons were designed with much smaller war-heads**. Quite possibly this trend was in anticipation of the successful development of a German atomic explosive.

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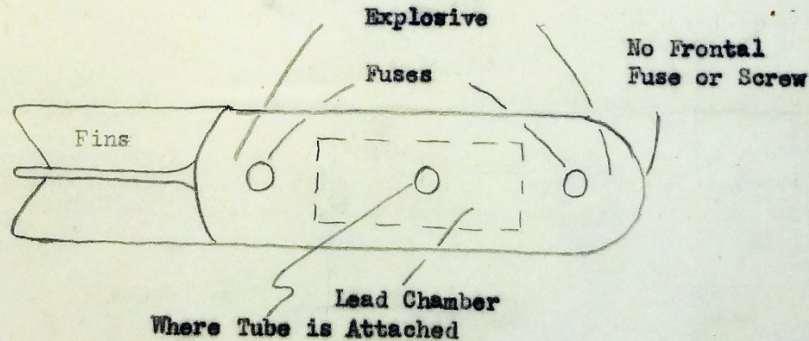
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16. Microbe Bombs

FW (captured 1 Mar vic AMMERN) saw appr one hundred 250 kg bombs stored in a hall at Flughorst Ost, MAGDELBURG. FW was told that these were microbe bombs.

As described to PW, the bomb has two detonating chambers (one in front and one in back) with 2 side fuzes. In the center of the shell is an empty lead lined chamber with threaded opening on the side into which a tube is screwed. The opening has 8 threads and when the tube is screwed into the last thread it is opened and the microbes which have been stored in the tube escape into the chamber. The opening is smeared with a gelatinous substance to prevent the escape of germs.

PW thinks the germs are of cholera type.



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G-2 COMMENT:

This (250kg) seems quite large for a single BW bomb. Further interrogation is contemplated, and information will be forwarded.

NARA RG 165, Entry NM84-187,  
Box 137, Folder BW 55

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# 9. H-Bomb, Mass 6000 kg, Yield ~MT, Expected Test 1945-46

## Primary sources for hydrogen bomb design

|                  | Sänger<br>1944                           | <i>Daily<br/>Mail</i> 44            | <i>Evening<br/>Std.</i> 45                         | Kober<br>1945  | Ferrant<br>1945   | Schumann<br>1945-52                                  | Kästner<br>1946   | Sorg<br>1946                             | Thirring<br>1946  | von Braun<br>1946                        | Zumpe<br>1946                                     | U.S. Intel<br>1946-51  | Klemm<br>'47, '04  | Granziani<br>1948                   | Jetter<br>1950   | Grothmann<br>2000-2002                                      |
|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Bomb mass        | 6 tons                                   |                                     |  |  |   | Tons   | 6 tons  | 6 tons                                   | 6 tons  | 6 tons                                   | 6 tons  |  |  |                                     | Tons   | “Swollen bomb” (apparently very large)                      |
| Explosive energy |  | 6-mile blast radius (~1.6 megatons) | 6-mile blast radius (~1.6 megatons)                | 10 <sup>6</sup> greater than nitroglycerin (megatons)                  | Megatons potentially                                    | Megatons potentially                                 |   |  |   |  |   | “Even more deadly weapon than the atomic bomb” (>>20 kilotons)         |  | 6-mile blast radius (~1.6 megatons) | Megatons   | “100x greater than that of the uranium bomb” (megatons)     |
| Method of action | H-bomb implied by bomb mass and priority | H-bomb implied by blast radius      | “Atomic” reactions; H-bomb implied by blast radius | H-bomb with lithium hydride (LiD?)                                     | Explosive with lithium deuteride (LiD) and fission fuel | H-bomb with lithium deuteride (LiD) and fission fuel | Radioactive; H-bomb implied by bomb mass and parachute                  | H-bomb implied by bomb mass and priority | Lithium hydride (LiD?) H-bomb with fission bomb trigger | H-bomb implied by bomb mass and priority | H-bomb implied by bomb mass and priority          | H-bomb with lithium hydride, deuterium and/or tritium                  | Highly secret military project using lithium -6 and tritium                  | H-bomb implied by blast radius      | H-bomb with lithium deuteride (LiD) & fission bomb trigger | Hydrogen bomb; fission bomb as trigger                      |
| Vehicle          | Rocket                                   | Rocket                              |  |  |   |  | Parachute from plane  | Plane                                    |   | Rocket                                   | Rocket  | Rocket   |  | Rocket                              |  |   |
| Ready            |  |                                     | Oct. 1945  | “Test site” by 1945  |   |  |   | Later 1945                               |   |  |   |  |  | Soon                                |  | 1946  |
| People involved  | Austrian scientists                      |                                     | Groth  | Stetter, other Austrian scientists, Gerlach, Tomaschek, AEG scientists | Ferrant, AEG scientists, Austrian scientists (implied)  | Schumann, Trinks                                     | Kästner, Petersen, Sorg, Austrian nuclear scientists, Schulz-Kampfenkel | Petersen, Sorg                           | Jentschke and other Austrian nuclear scientists         | von Braun, SS and Kammler (implied)      | (Likely) Purucker and his car full of bomb plans) | Stetter, Jentschke, Lintner, Mattauch, Ortner, Czulius, Schintlmeister | Klemm, Mattauch, Austrian nuclear scientists (implied), production elsewhere |                                     | Jetter   | Himmler, SS, Kammler (implied), Austrian nuclear scientists |
| Places           | Austria                                  | French launch site                  | Celle  | Austria, Berlin, Munich  | Berlin, Austria   | Berlin area  | Austria   | Austria and Baltic coast                 | Austria   | Baltic coast                             |   | Austria  | Tailfingen, Berlin, Austria  |                                     |  | Austria, Berlin   |

For more information, see *Forgotten Creators D.9* and *D.14*



# 10. Possible October 1944 Test Explosion on Baltic Coast

|                |                                 | Primary sources for October 1944 test  |                                 |                                    |  |   |  |   |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
|                |                                 | German PW<br>Aug. 1944   | Morrison<br>Oct. 1944           | Olmes<br>May 1945                  | Zinsser<br>Aug. 1945   | Romersa<br>1955--2005   | Grothmann<br>2000--2002  | Mestlin<br>2004   |
| <b>Details</b> | <b>Test date</b>                | Preparing for test as of ~July 1944  | First half of October 1944      | Sometime near the end of the war   | Early October 1944   | 11:45 a.m. on 12 October 1944   | First half of October 1944   | 12 October 1944   |
|                | <b>Test location</b>            | Near an estate in Pomerania (Baltic coast)                                   | Baltic coast                    | Baltic coast                       | Baltic coast   | Rügen island on Baltic coast  | Location would provoke negative public reaction [Baltic coast is tourist area]   | Rügen island on Baltic coast                                    |
|                | <b>People who were involved</b> | Military   | Military                        | SS, military, scientists (implied) | Military   | Army Ordnance Office, SS  | SS, Himmler, Kammler, Gerlach, Post Office, Diebner, Flügge  | Military  |
|                | <b>Blast</b>                    | Expected blast radius of kilometers  | Suspiciously large explosion(s) | Blast kilometers wide              | Bright fireball, mushroom cloud, shockwave that grew to >9 km wide | Blinding flash; heat and shockwave in bunker 2 km away; mushroom cloud; vaporized animals, trees, buildings | Successful nuclear test, possibly ~3 kilotons  | Violent explosion, big dust cloud, visible from kilometers away |
|                | <b>Radio-activity</b>           | Development related to use of heavy water                                    |                                 | Demonstrated atom splitting        | Ionized glowing mushroom cloud, severe radio interference          | Had to remain inside bunker for over 5 hours after explosion, then wear protective suit to visit test site  | Nuclear fission  |   |
|                | <b>Device design</b>            | New weapon that was an extremely powerful explosive and was extremely secret | Possibly an atomic bomb test    | Atomic bomb with ~1 kg of fuel     | Atomic bomb  | Atomic disintegration (i.e., fission) bomb mounted above the ground   | > 1 m dia. sphere<br>Very heavy Aluminum case<br>A little U-235 for test<br>More U-235 for deployment<br>Ignition by special system<br>Tested on a stand | Something that produced an extraordinarily large explosion      |

For more information, see *Forgotten Creators D.10*

# 10. Possible October 1944 Test Explosion on Baltic Coast

A.P.W.I.U. (Ninth Air Force) 96/1945. 19 August 1945. Investigations, Research, Developments, and Practical Use of the German Atomic Bomb. NARA RG 38, Entry 98C, Box 9, Folder TSC # 2601--2700; AFHRA B-5737 pp. 340—345. Upgraded from Secret to Top Secret in October 1945.

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46. The problem of harnessing the released energy in the sense of using it as power for engines, factory machines, transportation (ground, water, air), has not been practically solved as yet. This side of uranium research is clearly a post war problem.

47. A man named ZINSSER, a Flak rocket expert, mentioned what he noticed one day: In the beginning of Oct. 1944 I flew from Ludwigslust (South of Luebeck), about 12 to 15 km from an atomic bomb test station, when I noticed a strong, bright illumination of the whole atmosphere, lasting about 2 seconds.

48. The clearly visible pressure wave escaped the approaching and following cloud formed by the explosion. This wave had a diameter of about 1 km when it became visible and the color of the cloud changed frequently. It became dotted after a short period of darkness with all sorts of light spots, which were, in contrast to normal explosions, of a pale blue color.

49. After about 10 seconds the sharp outlines of the explosion cloud disappeared, then the cloud began to take on a lighter color against the sky covered with a gray overcast. The diameter of the still visible pressure wave was at least 9000 meters while remaining visible for at least 15 seconds.

50. Personal observations of the colors of the explosion cloud found an almost blue-violet shade. During this manifestation reddish-colored rings were to be seen, changing to a dirty-like shade in very rapid succession.

51. The combustion was lightly felt from my observation plane in the form of pulling and pushing. The appearance of atmospheric disturbance lasted about 10 seconds without noticeable climax.

52. About one hour later I started with an He 111 from the A/D at Ludwigslust and flew in an easterly direction. Shortly after the start I passed through the almost complete overcast (between 3000 and 4000 meter altitude). A cloud shaped like a mushroom with turbulent, billowing sections (at about 7000 meter altitude) stood, without any seeming connections, over the spot where the explosion took place. Strong electrical disturbances and the impossibility to continue radio communication as by lightning, turned up.

53. Because of the P-38s operating in the area Wittenberg-Merseburg I had to turn to the north but observed a better visibility at the bottom of the cloud where the explosion occurred.  
Note: It does not seem very clear to me why these experiments took place in such crowded areas.

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John Hooper, 30 September 2005, Author Fuels Row Over Hitler's Bomb, *The Guardian*, [www.theguardian.com/world/2005/sep/30/books.italy](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2005/sep/30/books.italy):

Mussolini provided him [Luigi Romersa] with letters of introduction to both Josef Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief, and Hitler himself. After meeting both men in Germany, he was shown around the Nazis' top-secret weapons plant at Peenemünde and then, on the morning of October 12 1944, taken to what is now the holiday island of Rügen, just off the German coast, where he watched the detonation of what his hosts called a "disintegration bomb".

"They took me to a concrete bunker with an aperture of exceptionally thick glass. At a certain moment, the news came through that detonation was imminent," he said. "There was a slight tremor in the bunker; a sudden, blinding flash, and then a thick cloud of smoke. It took the shape of a column and then that of a big flower.

"The officials there told me we had to remain in the bunker for several hours because of the effects of the bomb. When we eventually left, they made us put on a sort of coat and trousers which seemed to me to be made of asbestos and we went to the scene of the explosion, which was about one and a half kilometres away.

"The effects were tragic. The trees around had been turned to carbon. No leaves. Nothing alive. There were some animals—sheep—in the area and they too had been burnt to cinders."

On his return to Italy, Mr Romersa briefed Mussolini on his visit. In the 1950s, he published a fuller account of his experiences in the magazine *Oggi*. But, he said, "everyone said I was mad".



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- Rügen island on the Baltic coast of Germany was used for the “most secret research” during the war, according to U.S. wartime intelligence documents.
- In particular, the isolated Bug peninsula was used as a military base 1935–1945.
- It may have been the location of a nuclear test explosion in October 1944.



# 11. Possible ~November 1944 Test Explosion in Poland

## Primary sources for ~November 1944 test

|                                 | <b>Polish engineer<br/>March 1946</b>           | <b>Jackson<br/>June 1946</b>  | <b>Rumor cited by<br/>Hahn Dec. 1946</b> | <b>Mansfeldt<br/>Dec. 1946</b> | <b>Edmund Tilley<br/>August 1947</b>             | <b>Kersten<br/>1947</b>                                       | <b>Wulff<br/>1973</b>  | <b>Grothmann<br/>2000-2002</b>  |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Test date</b>                | Prior to end of war (implied)                   | Late 1944?  | ~November 1944                           | Prior to January 1945          | Prior to January 1945 (implied)                  | 1944  | 1944   | ~November 1944  |
| <b>Test location</b>            |   | Near Auschwitz  | Somewhere in Poland                      | Associated with Auschwitz      | Somewhere in Poland (implied)                    | Near Auschwitz  | Near Auschwitz   | Location would provoke negative public reaction [war crimes]  |
| <b>People who were involved</b> | German-run industry in Poland                   | SS  | SS (implied)                             | SS                             | SS, I.G. Farben, German-run industry in Poland   | SS  | SS   | SS, Himmler, Kammler, Gerlach, Post Office, Diebner, Flügge   |
| <b>Blast</b>                    |   | Immediately vaporized entire test village with 400-500°C [4000-5000°C?] | Like Hiroshima but smaller               |                                |  | Single burst of 6000°C incinerated entire test village        | Explosion, heat of 6000°C incinerated entire test village in a flash | Highly explosive, ~3 kilotons?, detonated in air over test site   |
| <b>Radio-activity</b>           | Atomic  | Atomic  | Like Hiroshima but smaller               | Atomic                         | Nuclear fission                                  | Atomic  | Atomic   | Nuclear fission   |
| <b>Casualties</b>               |   | 20,000 Jewish prisoners in specially constructed test village           | Like Hiroshima but smaller               |                                |  | 20,000 Jewish prisoners in specially constructed test village | 20,000 Jewish prisoners in specially constructed test village        |   |
| <b>Device design</b>            | Atomic bomb with a layer of cadmium in the case | Newly invented atomic weapon of mass destruction                        | Atomic bomb                              | Atomic bomb                    | Atomic bomb with a 1-5 kg pit of U-235 or Pu-239 | Atomic bomb detonated above the test site                     | Atomic bomb detonated above the test site                            | > 1 m dia. sphere<br>Very heavy Aluminum case<br>Larger amount of U-235 than other tests<br>Ignition by special system<br>Dropped over the test site on a parachute |

Details

For more information, see *Forgotten Creators D.11*



# 11. Possible ~November 1944 Test Explosion in Poland

Robert Jackson (chief U.S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials), cross-examination of Albert Speer, 21 June 1946, [avalon.law.yale.edu/imt/06-21-46.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/imt/06-21-46.asp):

**MR. JUSTICE JACKSON:** And certain experiments were also conducted and **certain researches conducted in atomic energy**, were they not? [...] Now, I have certain information, which was placed in my hands, of an experiment which was carried out near Auschwitz and I would like to ask you if you heard about it or knew about it. The purpose of the experiment was to find a quick and complete way of destroying people without the delay and trouble of shooting and gassing and burning, as it had been carried out, and this is the experiment, as I am advised. A village, a small village was provisionally erected, with temporary structures, and in it approximately 20,000 Jews were put. **By means of this newly invented weapon of destruction, these 20,000 people were eradicated almost instantaneously, and in such a way that there was no trace left of them; that it developed, the explosive developed, temperatures of from 400 to 500 [4000 to 5000?] centigrade and destroyed them without leaving any trace at all. Do you know about that experiment?**

Letter of Prof. Dr. Gezo Mansfeldt, Professor of Physiological Institute of the University of Budapest (former inmate of the Rajsko camp) to Dr. Hans Münch (during the war at the SS-Hygiene Institute in Rajsko), 5 December 1946, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, RG-15.169M (1998.A.0247) microfilm reel 8:

The next day was uneventful, and on 27 January [1945], 4:00 in the afternoon the first Russian vanguard marched through the Auschwitz camp. Thus we approximately 3,000 men—physicians, nurses, and patients—were free. [...] I was the only living witness who knew about the Hygiene Institute information and so I was at least 2–3 times weekly interviewed and had to drive to Rajsko several times, but now in the fine car, and show everything there. **The various scientific commissions were difficult to convince that poison gas and the like was not produced there, and what was actually suspected was clear to me only much later, when I learned of the atomic bomb tests.**



# 11. Possible ~November 1944 Test Explosion in Poland





# 12. Possible March 1945 Test Explosions in Thuringia

## Primary sources for March 1945 test

|                                 | Ilyichev<br>11/1944  | Ilyichev<br>3/1945  | Kurchatov<br>3/1945  | Flerov<br>5/1945                | Döpel<br>1946                     | Werner<br>1962                                    | Wachsmut<br>1962  | Rundnagel<br>1966  | Koch<br>1960s  | Grothmann<br>2000-2002   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Test date</b>                | Preparations at fastest pace                                   | Two in ~March 1945  | ~March 1945  | Recent months                   | Prior to end of war               | Evenings of 4 & 12 March 1945                     | 4 March 1945  | Work from 1944 to end of war   | Early March 1945   | 4 March 1945   |
| <b>Test location</b>            | Thuringia Wooded area Very remote                              | Thuringia Wooded area Very remote   | Remote area (implied)  | Wooded area Very remote         | Truppenübungsplatz military base  | Behind Röhrensee from Wachsenburg                 | Near Ringhofen estate                                       | Thuringia near Diebner lab, possibly other installations   | Thuringia Wooded area Near research installation                     | Thuringia near Ohrdruf base, SS lab, Diebner lab, bomb production  |
| <b>People who were involved</b> | SS   | SS  |  |                                 | SS (implied) scientists (implied) | SS, Post Office, Research Council                 | SS, Kammler, Post Office, Research Council, special doctors | Diebner's scientists, SS (implied)   | SS (implied), scientists (implied)                                   | SS, Himmler, Kammler, Gerlach, Post Office, Diebner, Flügge, special doctors   |
| <b>Blast</b>                    | Large destructive power  | High temp., large blast, buildings/trees in 500-600 m radius  | Several hundred meter radius   |                                 | Atomic bomb test                  | Bright flash and strong wind from kilometers away | Stinging flame to edge of forest                            |  | Far larger than normal bomb, destroyed test site, knocked down trees | Deployed: ≥ 3 kt<br>Tested: ≥ 0.13 kt but << 3 kt, larger than expected  |
| <b>Radio-activity</b>           | Probably atomic  | Massive radioactive effect  | Probably atomic  | Test for residual radioactivity | Atomic bomb test                  | Radiation sickness in surrounding towns           | Protective gear, decon., radiation sickness                 |  |  | On-site production<br>Horrible test effects<br>Doctors had to help surrounding areas   |
| <b>Casualties</b>               | Rapid SS construction → many POWs likely present               | Many POWs vaporized, killed, and burned   |  | POWs present                    |                                   | Many bodies to be collected                       | ~450-700 POWs killed or burned; more than expected          |  | People in the area would have been killed                            | Many workers at test site killed, doctors had to help surrounding areas  |
| <b>Device design</b>            | Probably atomic, 1.5 m diameter, several nested hollow spheres | 1.3 m dia. 2 tons Al case U-235 fuel Ignition by neutrons Detailed implosion design Designed for rocket Used LOX to reduce weight | Spherical U-235 fuel Ignition by neutrons Implosion design Designed for rocket Used LOX to reduce weight | Probably atomic bomb            | Uranium bomb                      | Something new that will make world history        | Something new of which the whole world will speak           | Atomic bomb capable of killing >100,000 people. At least two bombs. 8 kg fuel each, small enough to store in safe. | New and unusual weapon   | > 1 m dia. sphere Very heavy Aluminum case A little U for test More U-235 for deployment Ignition by special system Designed for rocket Integrated design to minimize weight Tested on a stand |

Details

The provenance of the 1962 Werner and Wachsmut sources is unknown and open to question.

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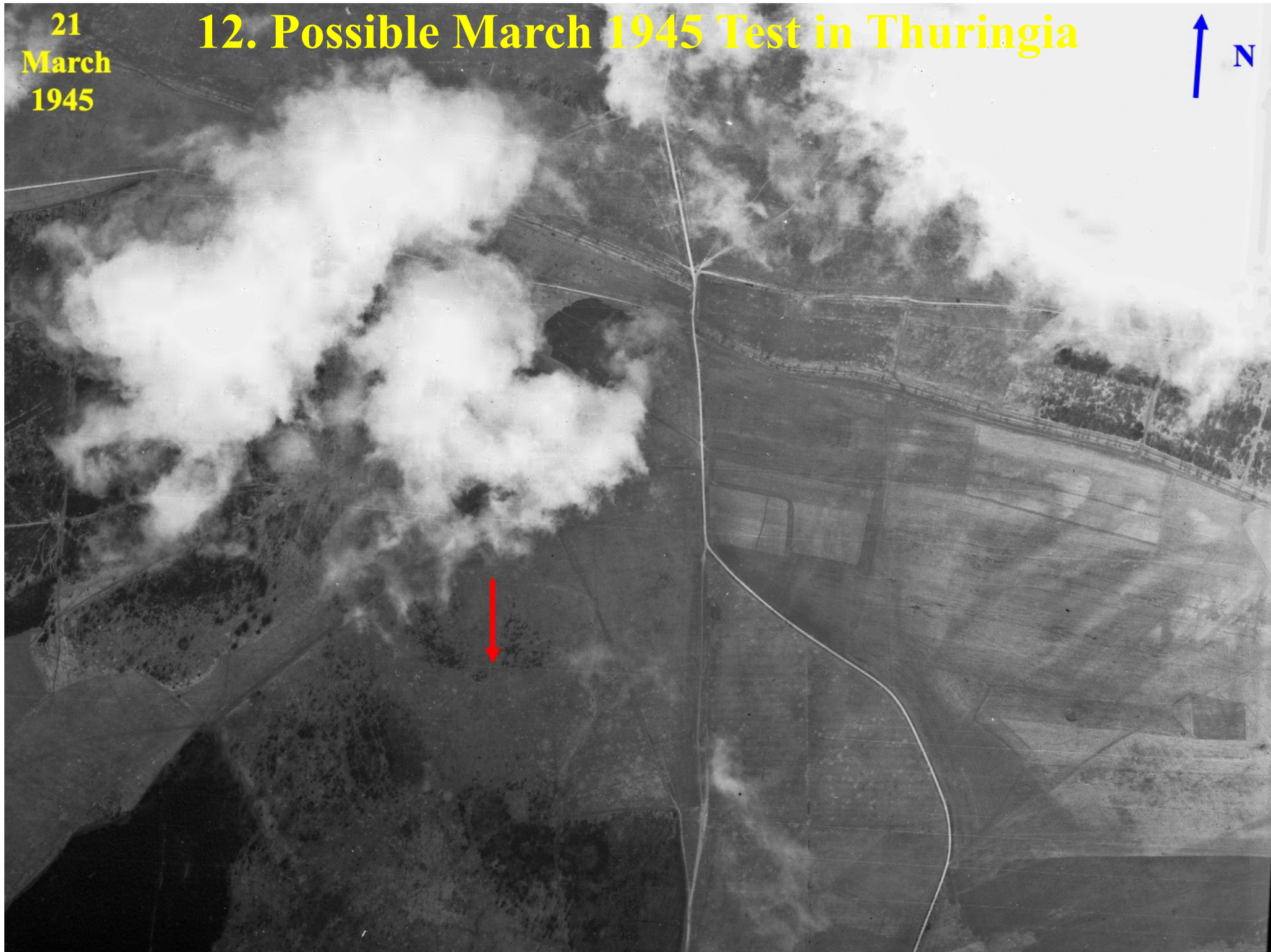
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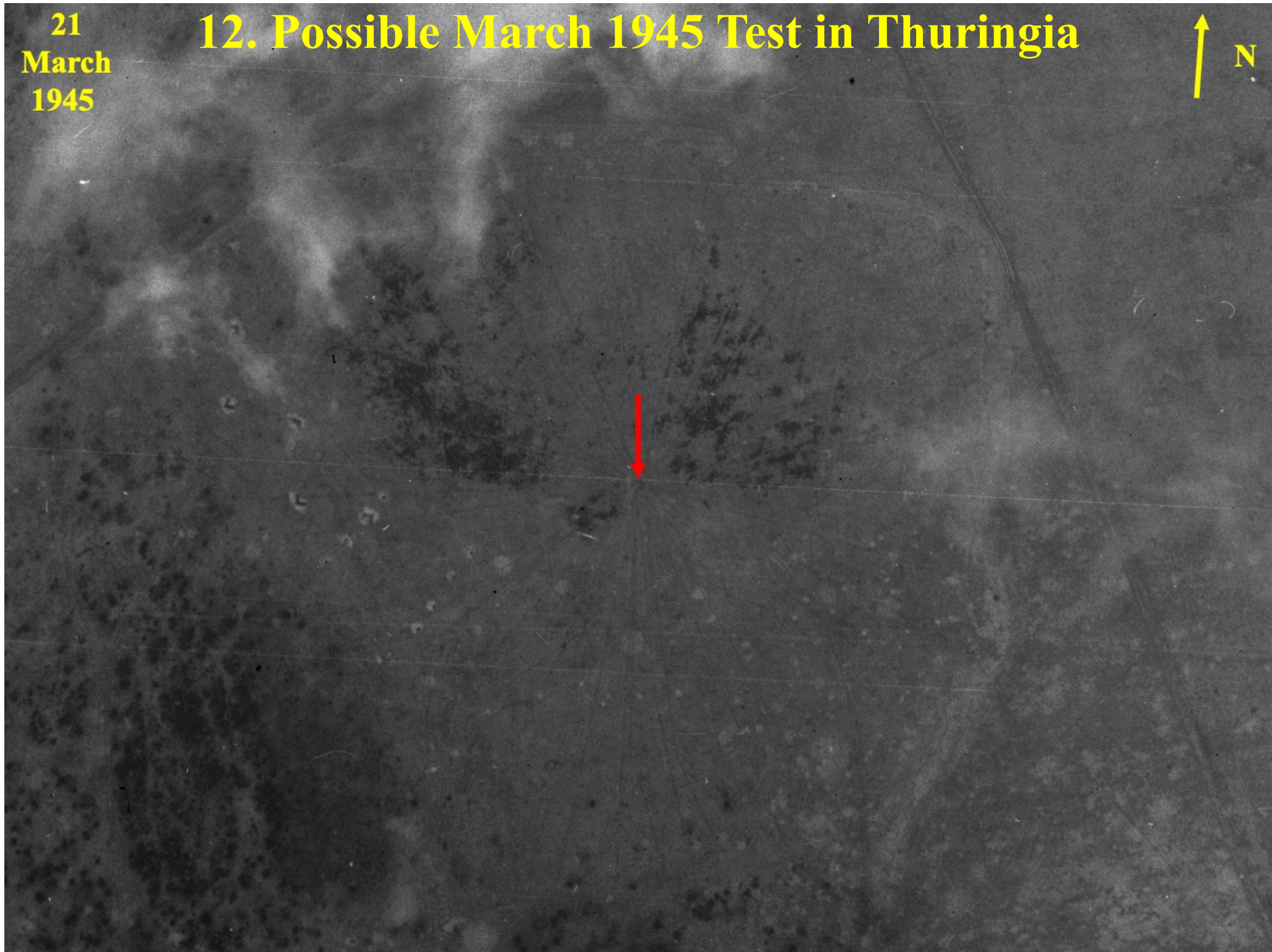
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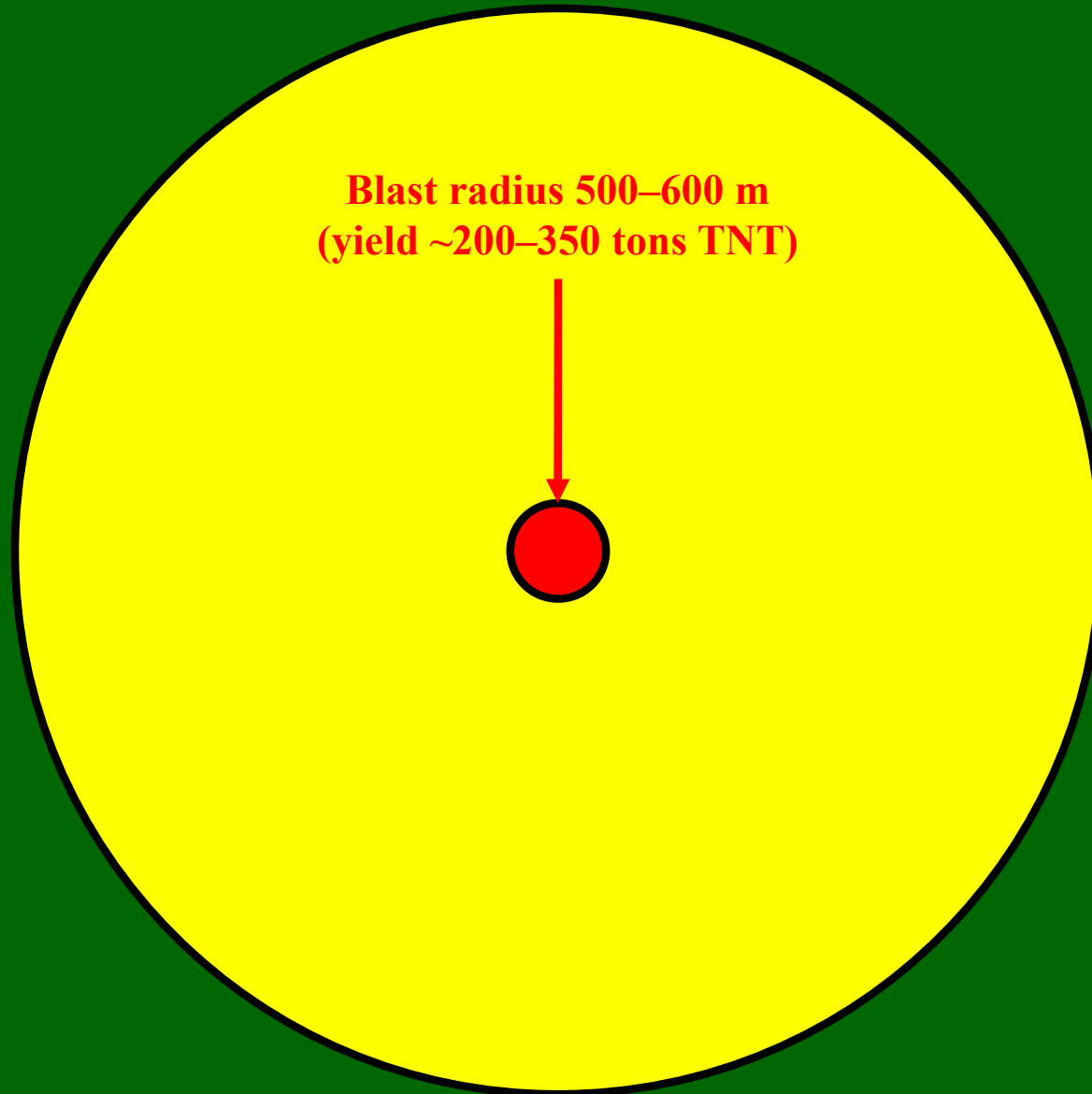
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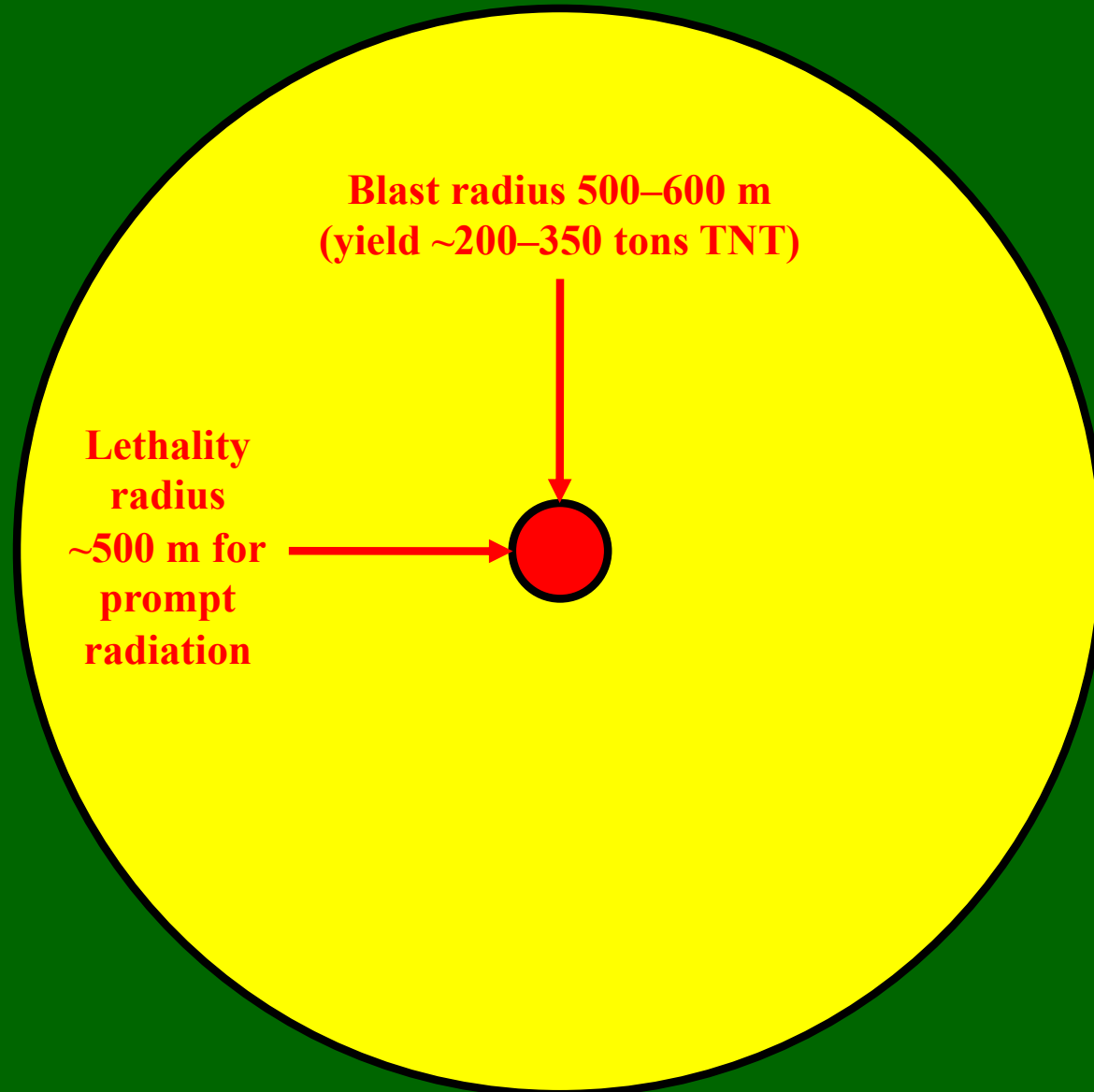
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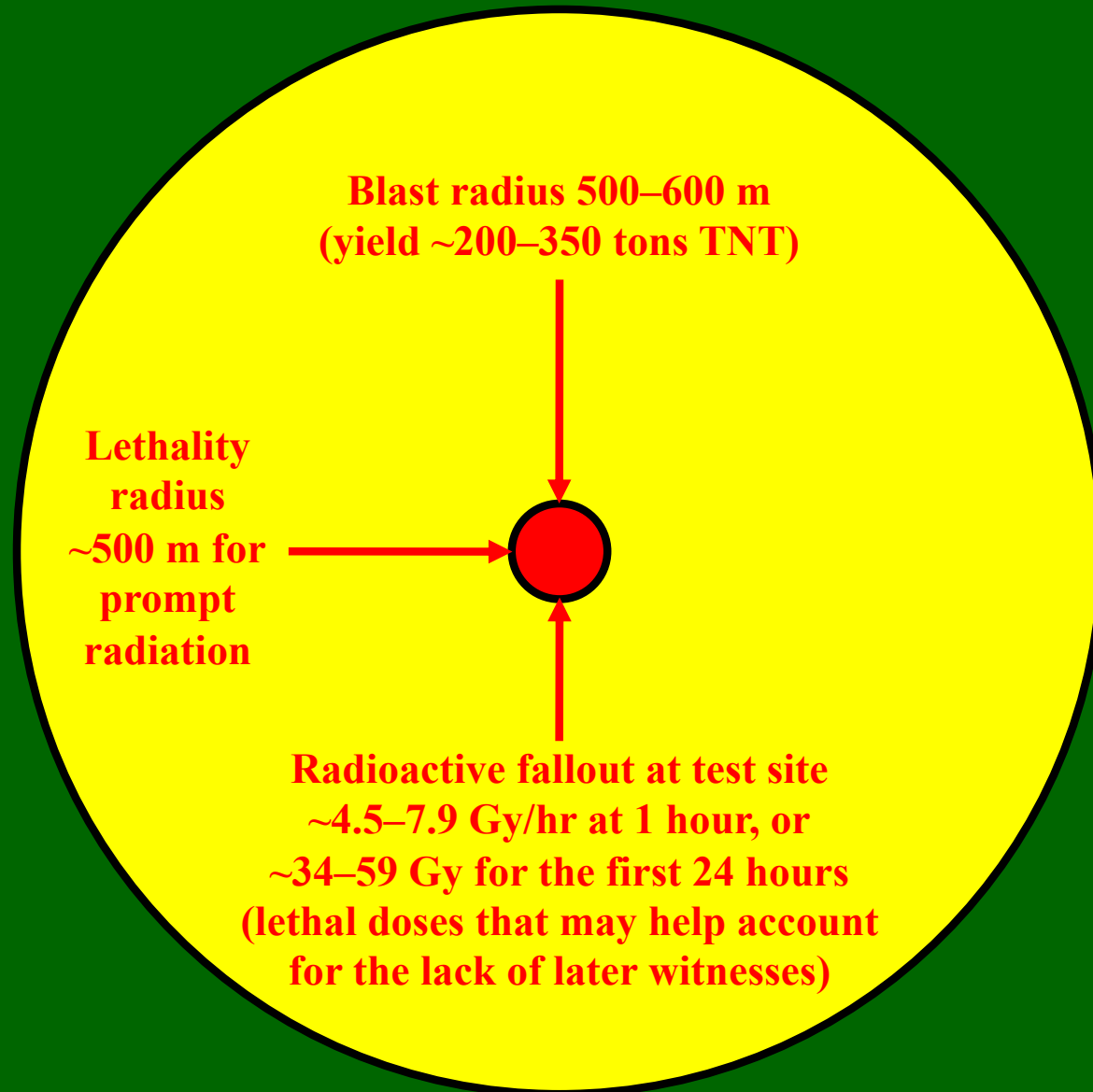




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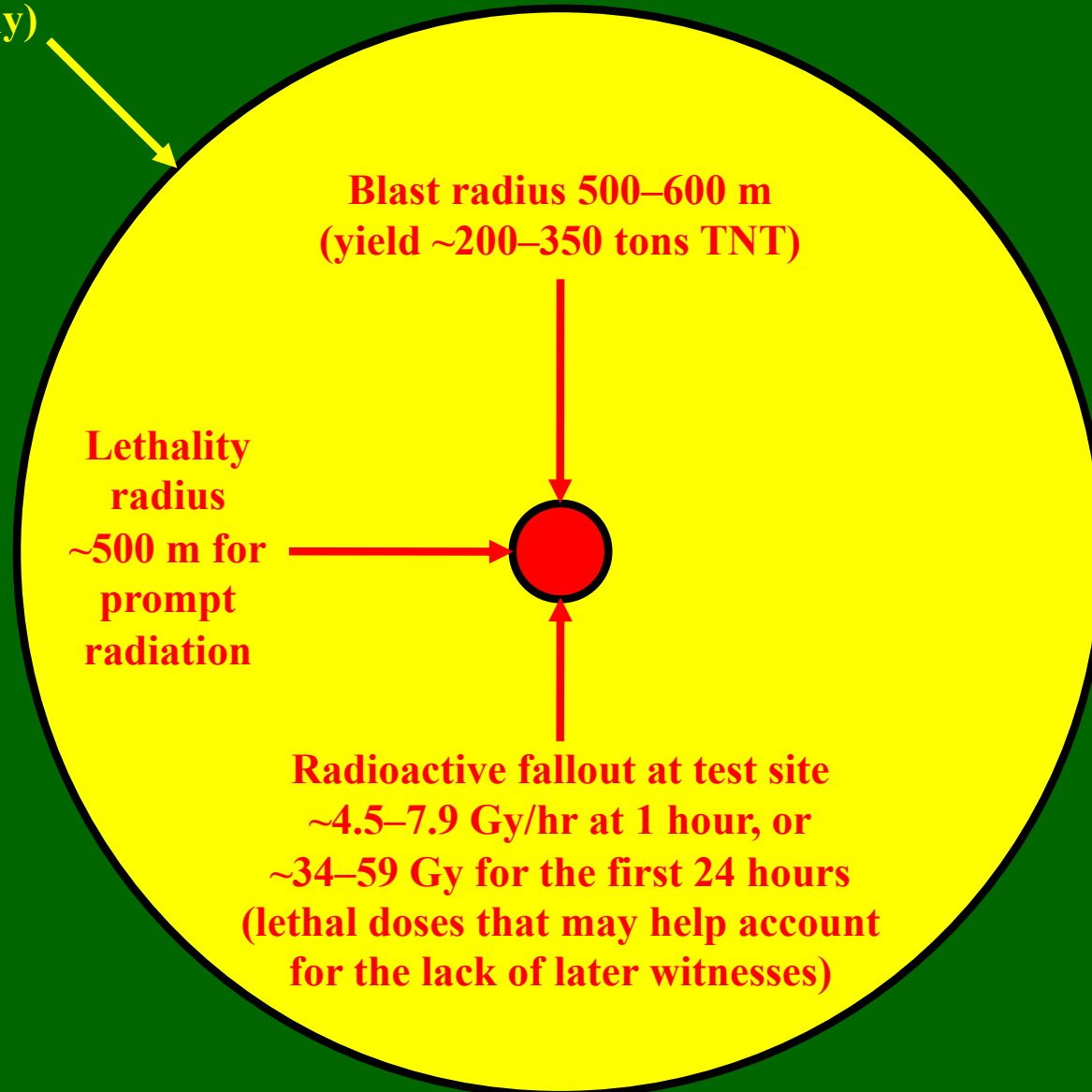
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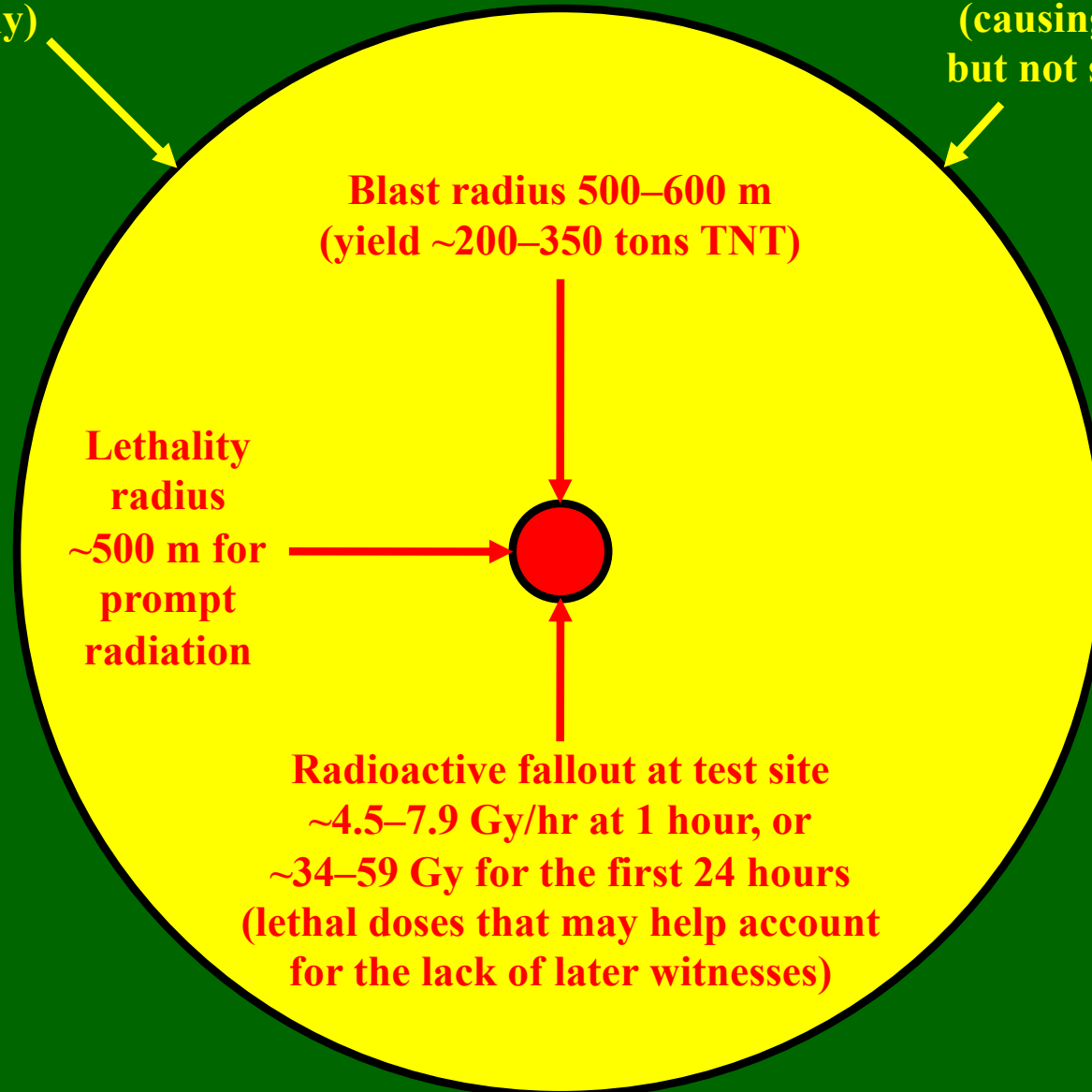
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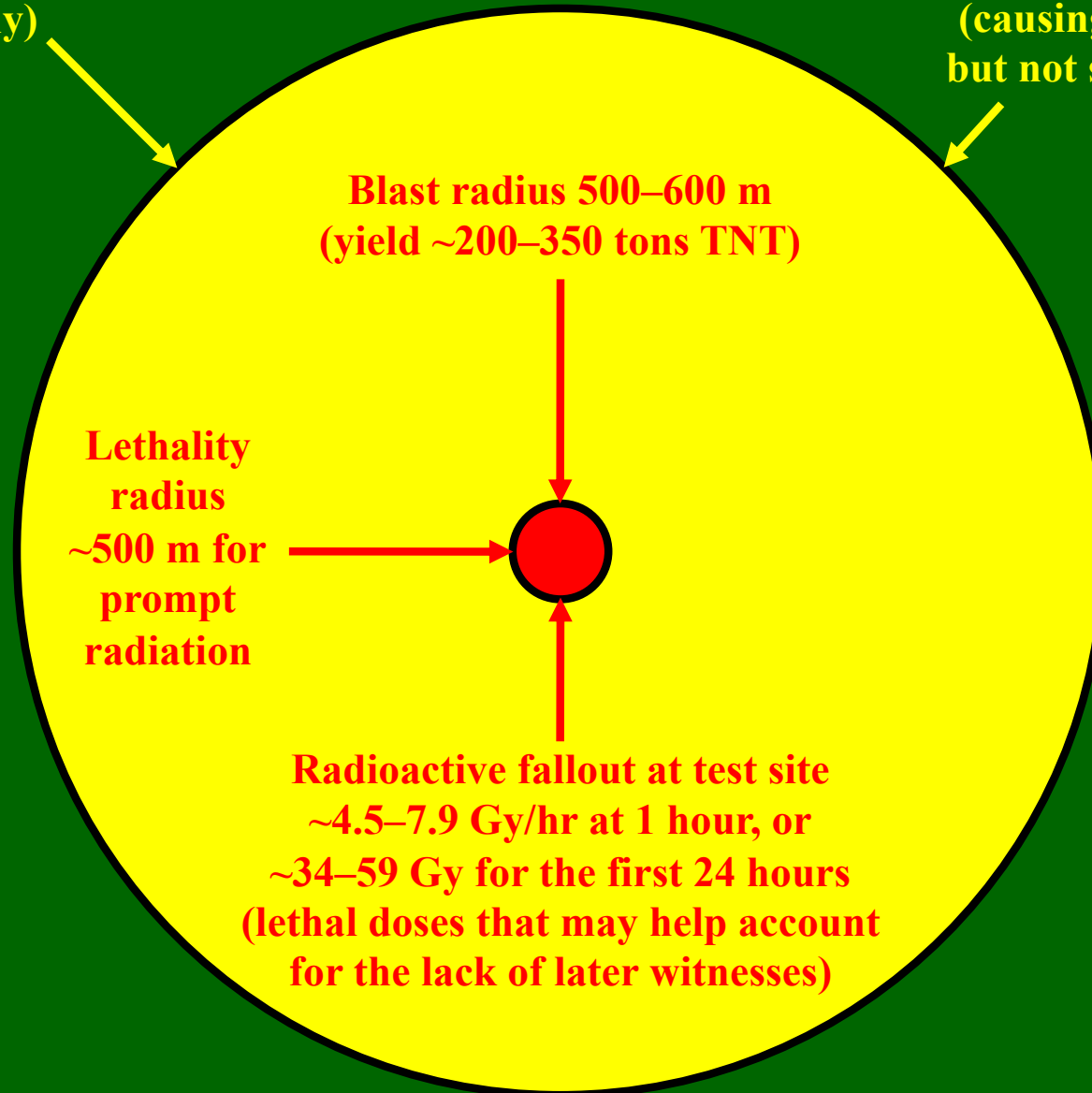




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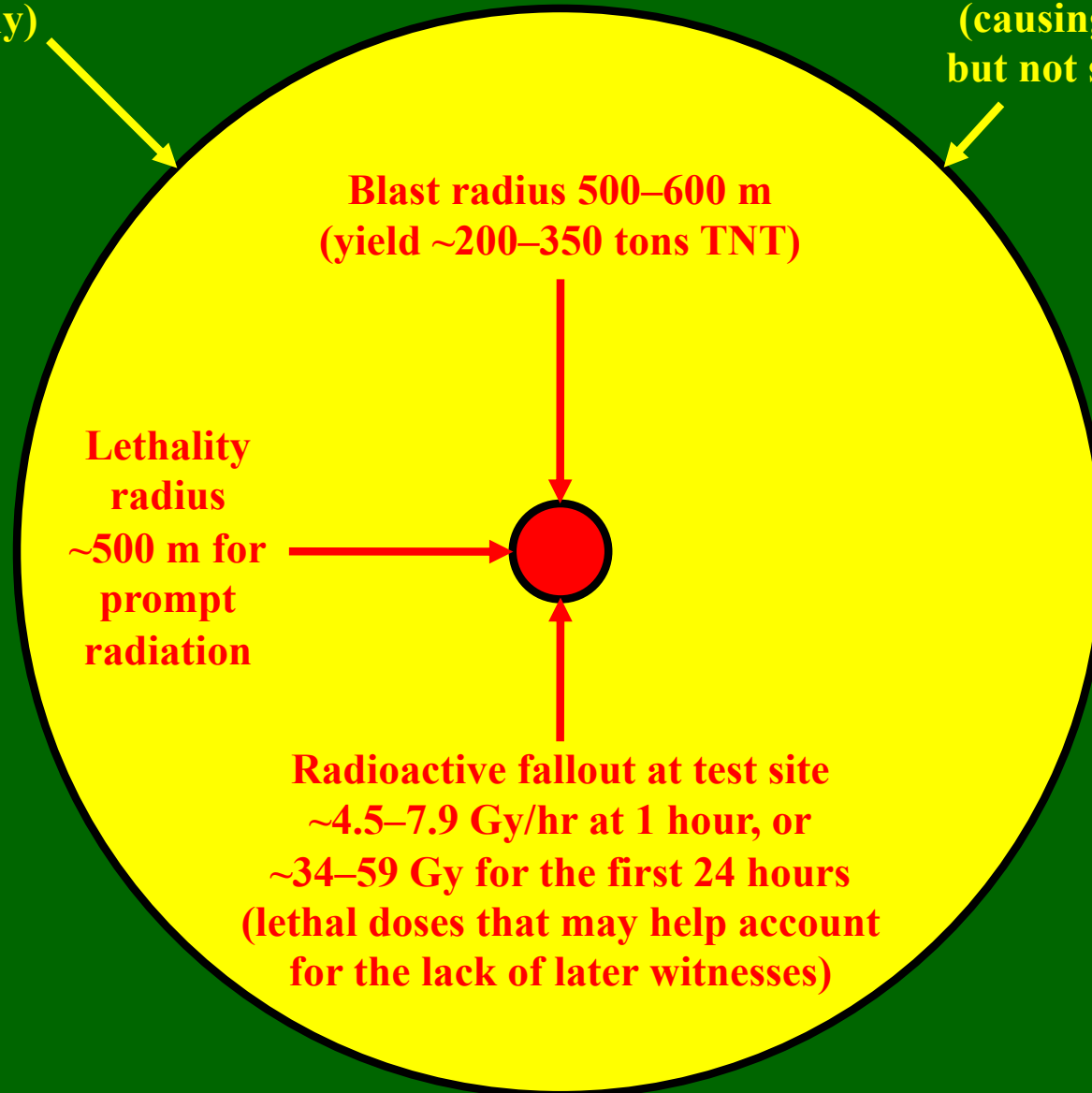


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Prompt radiation at the test site and the radioactive fallout at the test site and in nearby towns within 24 hours fit Ilyichev's description that a "massive radioactive effect was observed"



## 12. Possible March 1945 Test Explosions: Radioactivity Now

After 79+ years, the radioactivity of the fallout would have dropped to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-9}$  of its radioactivity 1 hour after the explosion [Glasstone and Dolan 1977, p. 393], or  $\sim 2.6\text{--}4.6 \times 10^{-6}$  Gy/yr averaged over the region and  $\sim 7\text{--}14 \times 10^{-5}$  Gy/year right at the test site.

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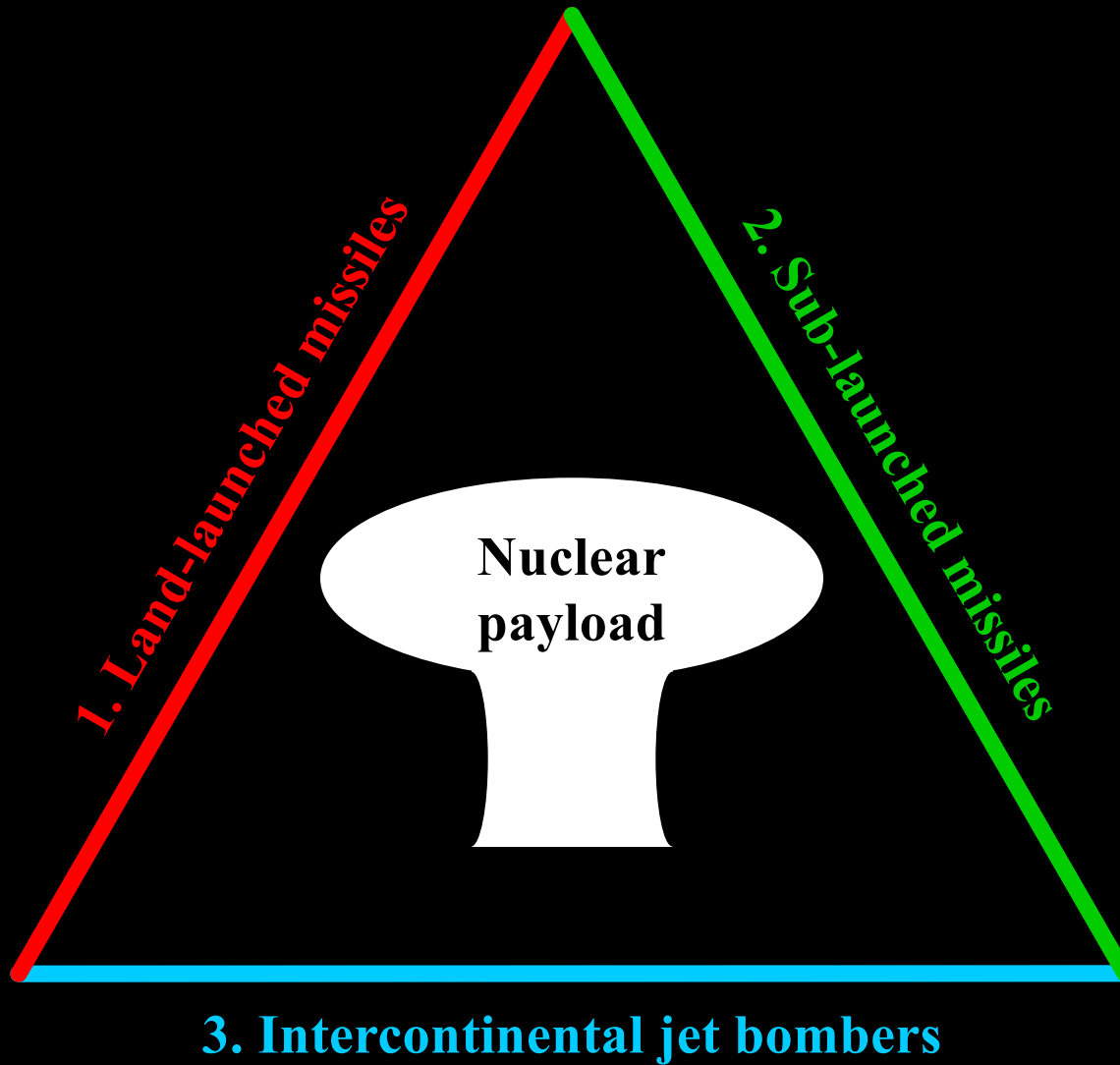
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Werner Grothmann, 2002 interview, Jonastalverein Archive, pp. 31–32:

It is known to me that **there were four atomic tests.** The first still in 1943 in the autumn in the North Sea, which failed. Then two in 1944 in the autumn and the late autumn. One of them on the ground, that is on a small stand, the later one in the atmosphere on a parachute. That one in winter 1944 in the air was highly explosive and the charge [fuel] was also larger. That could have been in November. The last test was then again with a small charge in March 1945. [...] I can definitely declare that I was told of **six atomic bombs that came from three different research installations.** All were prototypes. In addition, there were some very small devices that were intended for laboratory experiments.



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For more information, see *Forgotten Creators* Appendix E.

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# 9 Dec. 1944 Diary of Margaret Suckley, Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary

He [FDR] spoke very seriously at dinner about the German menace. **He has just had a secret report from a German source which has been quite reliable in the past, to the effect that the Germans have a V3 bomb which will kill by concussion everything within a mile. They are planning to use it on New York for morale purposes—again, not seeming to realize that it will have the exact opposite effect to that which they expect. The entire Atlantic seaboard has relaxed all its dim-outs and air-raid precautions, etc. & the Pres. sent word to the Gen. staff that all previous preparations of that sort should be reviewed on the chance that the report about the V3 may be true. He said that in the next war, the side which first uses these new explosives will undoubtedly win. The Germans are way ahead of us in that direction, though we are doing a lot of research trying to catch up to them.**

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flying off - He may be the one we have heard but not been -

The day was much like other days except that the mail plane was grounded by the weather at Greenville S.C. & the pouch came on by rail & so did it get here until after noon, so the routine was a little upset - After lunch, the Pres. took us for an open air drive in a n-w direction. Going, we were on the dirt road, & going slowly - so one could enjoy the air & sun; but returning, we went on the concrete & it was almost too cold. A quiet evening by the fire. I think the Pres. looks a little better but he needs a lot of quiet and sun. Just one week more.

He spoke very seriously at dinner about the German menace. He has just had a secret report from a German source which has been quite reliable in the past, to the effect that the Germans have a V3 bomb which will kill by concussion everything within a mile. They are planning to use it on New York for morale purposes - again, not seeming to realize that it will have the exact opposite effect to that which they expect. The entire Atlantic seaboard has relaxed all its dim-outs and air-raid precautions, etc. & the Pres. sent word to the Gen. staff that all previous preparations of that sort should be reviewed on the chance that the report about the V3 may be true. He said that in the next war, the side which first uses these new explosives will undoubtedly win. The Germans are way ahead of us in that direction, though we are doing a lot of research trying to catch up to them. We found one of their V1 robots unexploded & are improving on it. How unbelievably horrible it all is. In those mysterious books & reports about "Shangri-Lao" in the Himalayas mts, it is all prophesied.

I keep wondering if they may not be entirely true, these reports, and that the human race is out to destroy itself. Only the few in live in isolated places may survive.

Dec. 10 Saturday. A beautiful day, and Polly has to leave tomorrow. She is such a vital person, so alive and attractive, we will miss her terribly - I think the holiday here, has done her a great deal of good, in forcing her to be quiet at times. This is such a lovely place, on the hillside, with



# Big Projectile Reported New Hitler Weapon

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Sept. 23 (Delayed.) (AP)—American and Army troops have obtained information indicating that a 14-ton projectile with an explosive radius of three kilometers—almost two miles—is scheduled as the third in Hitler's series of vengeance weapons.

**Metal of the Millennium:** German scientists nearly succeeded in solving it. Since the surrender of the Nazi armies, Allied officers have revealed that Germany would have been able to strike with atomic bombs by January 1945, if the invasion had not come six months before. The highest Allied officials knew that such explosives could have won the war for the Axis.

## 14. Allied Belief in German Nuclear Weapons: Wartime Intel

George C. Marshall, 1 Sept. 1945, p. 132.  
[history.army.mil/html/books/070/70-57/CMH\\_Pub\\_70-57.pdf](http://history.army.mil/html/books/070/70-57/CMH_Pub_70-57.pdf)

Victory in this global war depended on the successful execution of OVERLORD. That must not fail. Yet the Japanese could not be permitted meanwhile to entrench in their stolen empire, and China must not be allowed to fall victim to further Japanese assaults. Allied resources were searched through again and again, and strategy reconsidered in the light of the deficiencies. These conclusions seemed inescapable: France must be invaded in 1944, to shorten the war by facilitating the advance westward of the Soviet forces. At the same time German technological advances such as in the development of atomic explosives made it imperative that we attack before these terrible weapons could be turned against us. In addition, the pressure on the Japanese in the Pacific must not be relaxed. Communications with China must be reopened. Resources were allocated accordingly. The balance was extremely delicate but we had to go ahead.

**Where are the official Allied reports???**

# Major Robert Furman to LTC John Lansdale, 22 May 1945

Alsos position here now is complex. I might write you what I see happening, but it all results in confirming our present policy of hands off and no participation in their re-organization. Boris left here for home to try to convince authorities that the Alsos job is over. But in this theater, Betts, Conrad and Bowles are not agreeing that the job for which Alsos was set up to do is in any way completed. More scientists have now arrived. <sup>Proximity</sup> Precision fuzes, BW and NACA investigations are now absorbing the energies of Tarryton equipment and personnel.

**Boris = Boris Pash**

A great many TA reports still remain in Germany, as you know. Therefore, reports on installations are received weekly about which we do very little. We always try to pick up papers that are reported to exist, to remove them from circulation but it is impossible to keep other agencies from finding out about the German effort. For instance, in Osenberg's files, was found some of the essential reports which you had taken back to the states.

**TA =  
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**Betts and Linstead. 15 September 1945. *The Intelligence Exploitation of Germany. Report of Combined Intelligence Objectives Subcommittee.* AFHRA A5186, pp. 904-1026.**

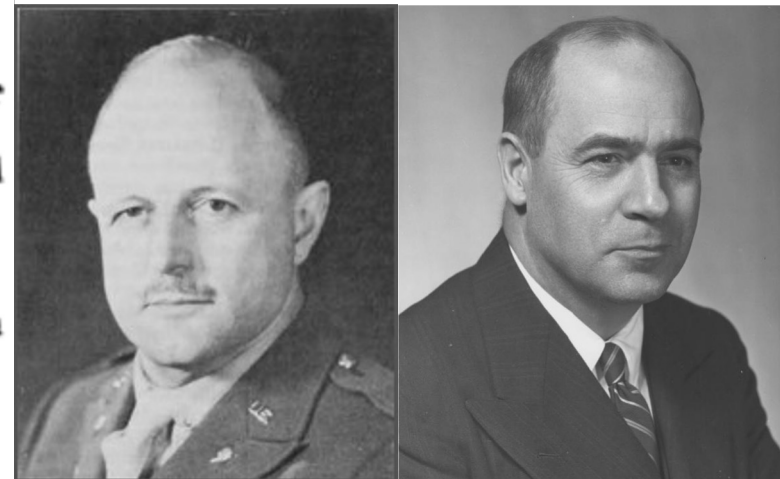
**General  
Thomas  
J. Betts,  
SHAEF G-2**

**General  
George  
Bryan Conrad,  
SHAEF G-2**

**MIT Professor  
Edward L. Bowles,  
Advisor for AAF  
Gen. Henry Arnold**

Of particular significance were the statements, made by German experts in the rocket and controlled missile field, that much of the priority accorded their work by the German High Command was in anticipation of the use of atomic explosives. These authorities stated that KWI had repeatedly assured Hitler that an atomic explosive would be available for use within a comparatively short time. During the last months of work by the Peenemunde staff, V-weapons were designed with much smaller war-heads. Quite possibly this trend was in anticipation of the successful development of a German atomic explosive.

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APR 45--Dec. '45

From: Supreme Headquarters, Allied  
Expeditionary Forces, Forward, Frankfurt,  
Germany

To: War Department

Nr: 422 31 May 1945

Multiple address. 3112000 May  
COSITINTREP nr 422, Part 1---Land, Section  
B. From HQ 12th Army Group from **Bradley  
signed Eisenhower**, ref nr QX 21736.

F. Uncovering of new or improved enemy  
weapons and equipment:

**A laboratory containing equipment and  
documents related to experimental work on  
atomic bombs** and AA rockets was located  
near Lofer, E 7399 by Third US Army.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps. October 1946.  
*R.A.O.C. Gazette* 28:5:150. U.K. Imperial War  
Museum LBY E. 14449. [www.rlcarchive.org](http://www.rlcarchive.org)

Many interesting discoveries were made by  
Ordnance representatives *en route*. **D.D.O.S.  
of 8 Corps found a factory engaged in  
production work for the German atomic  
bomb**. The ammunition for Germany's largest  
gun was also located. Two of these massive  
guns had been captured by the Russians, but  
this was the first time their ammunition had  
been seen. At Belsen, the Ordnance service  
found itself faced with an unprecedented task.

# Where Are the Reports???

AFHRA C5094 frames 0957-0958

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE (MAIN)  
Berlin Intelligence Party

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APO 755, U.S. Army.  
31 August 1945.

SUBJECT: German V-1 and V-2 Personnel.

TO : Lt.Col. W.F. Heimlich, Executive, G-2, Berlin District  
Command, APO 755, U.S. Army.

1. In view of the fact that the wants of USAFE on V-1 and V-2  
personnel have been satisfied, I am inclosing information on those  
men whose evacuation we have recommended. My memory of the convers-  
ation which we had a few weeks ago is to the effect that USFET was  
still anxious to either exploit or to know the exact location of  
these individuals. The list follows:

- g. Gerald Klein (Dr.), Dipl.-Eng., Manager of LGW.  
Address: Berlin-Dahlem, Hohe Ahren 10b.  
Specialty: Electrical flying control, V-2 control.  
A very efficient electrical engineer. Developed  
V-2 control devices. Worked at Peenemunde and later  
became group director of atomic devices in RLM. At  
present being used by the British. Evacuated by "T"  
Force.

CHARLES A. CROWLEY,  
Major, AC.

RLM = Reichsluftfahrtministerium  
(Ministry of Aviation)

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# 14. Allied Belief in German Nuclear Weapons: Postwar Intel

## THE CHEMICAL PROBLEM IN GERMANY

The picture in scientific and chemical fields of development has long been very competitive and often retarded by the lack of financial assistance. Many of the industries of the United States while progressive on the production line have been quite willing to accept the benefit of the research and development of others, but not bothering to maintain research units of their own.

Many of the chemical achievements now in use are the result of the research and development accomplished in other countries. While the United States enjoys the privilege of a school system that can and does provide numbers of young scientists, well versed in their particular fields, few are employed by industry at salaries commensurate with their skill. Consequently, the young scientific mind resolves the problem as one of miss-selection, so therefore, seeks and obtains more remunerative positions outside of their field causing a complete dislocation of their academic achievements.

The German government and German industry had an entirely different attitude toward their scientifically trained men. The research and development work accomplished in the past decade will attest the value of subsidizing the scientists in the form of annuities and awards, not only for completed work but generous support of an idea from its embryonic imaginary state, through the laboratories, pilot plant, to the final production stage.

Spectacular accomplishment in uranium, nitrogen, oxygen recovery, plastics, nuclear physics and many other fields, have been uncovered in the investigation of the chemicals field alone.

Sulphonated oil fat liquors, comprising a complete range of oils: including animal, vegetable and synthetic were developed successfully. These

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By JB NARA Date 8-10-05

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7 P.M., EWT, Sunday, August 26, 1945

Germany's inner war secrets ranged from experiments with the atomic bomb,

anti-radar devices, and piloted rocket missiles that they expected to cross the Atlantic in 17 minutes, to butter made from coal, the Office of War Information reported today.

How these German war secrets began to be unlocked by American and British experts long before V-E Day was officially revealed today. The announcement included a statement on the scope and value of some of the secrets disclosed. Many of them were being adapted by United States and British technologists for use against the Japanese when the war ended, OWI reported. The thoroughness of the search for German war secrets foreshadows a similar probe for the secrets now locked in Japan, OWI added.

Some of the more startling of the secrets that may be disclosed at this time, show that not only had the Germans made significant progress in the development of an atomic bomb and in the production of "heavy water" but they:

1. Had contemplated a piloted missile with a possible range of 3,000 miles. The designer envisaged commercial applications for trans-Atlantic passenger crossing in 17 minutes.
2. Were working on a formula for new war gases that they hoped would prove more deadly than any chemical agent yet developed.
3. Had specifications and construction details for naval vessels of advanced design, including submarines with high underwater speeds and apparatus for sustained underwater operations.
4. Had developed a system of radar camouflage consisting of anti-radar coverings and coatings to be employed on submarines and other weapons.
5. Had highly advanced jet engine, rocket assisted take-off and aero-dynamics designs.
6. Had found new uses for many staples, as for example, coal. From coal the Germans were making a synthetic butter as well as alcohol of both beverage and industrial types, aviation lubricants, soap, and gasoline.
7. Had designs for various secret types of guns and gun sights, novel gear and transmission construction and air-cooled diesel engines.

Other German war secrets ranged from records on the location of German capital in neutral countries, and the status and composition of German cartels, to specifications of long-range rocket developments that scientists describe as "sensational". In addition to the missile that they expected to have a range of 3,000 miles, the Germans had plans for V-type weapons much more advanced than those which they directed against the British Isles last year.

NARA RG 40, Entry UD-75, Box 3, Folder  
Press Releases, The Chemical Problem in Germany

NARA RG 40,  
Entry UD-75, Box 62

Where are the reports???



# 14. Allied Belief in German Nuclear Weapons: Postwar Intel

**Col. George Bryant Woods [Intelligence, Air Technical Services Command during WWII; Assistant to the Undersecretary of the Air Force 1947–1950], 1946, *The Aircraft Manufacturing Industry*, p. 32.**

## Germany's Plans for the "A-9" with Atomic Bomb

The range of the V-2 was only something over 200 miles but this was sufficient to reach all intended targets at that time. The German scientists, however, had not stopped with the V-2. During 1945 they had already built at Peenemunde (in the hands of the Russians since that time) several "A-9's". This was a winged V-2, either manned or unmanned, and intended for a range of around 3,000 miles with the aid of a large auxiliary launching rocket. Together the launching rocket and the A-9 weighed 110 tons, as compared with 13½ tons for the V-2. After the auxiliary launching rocket had accomplished its purpose and dropped off, the A-9 was designed to continue under its own power wholly outside the earth's atmosphere at an altitude of approximately 150 miles, and at an estimated speed of 5,800 miles per hour. This obviously would mean an Atlantic crossing in well under an hour's time, and a launching ramp had already been constructed in Normandy prior to the Allied invasion.

In captured scientific German documents there are diagrams of the city of New York showing anticipated areas of destruction to be expected after perfection of such a weapon to carry an atomic war head, and it is well known that the Germans originally had hoped to have their atomic bomb developments completed by the end of 1944. The Germans had many other advanced developments in guided missiles, but the V-2 was an actual accomplishment and its further development for long range was just a matter of time. Meanwhile all the allied nations have recourse to the captured German documents describing their future plans for these weapons and many of the former German scientists responsible for these developments are known to be continuing their work in each of the allied countries. Adequate defense against such weapons as the V-2 and the A-9 will require highly ingenious and supersonic defensive weapons, and no country can afford to forego the necessary expense for basic and applied research to that end.

**German Rocketeers: German Rockets and Guided Missiles Almost Won the War for the Nazis. *AAF Review* July 1946. Based heavily on information from Col. Donald Putt.**

Also understandable now on the basis of our present knowledge is Germany's almost suicidal last-ditch stand after Allied forces had crossed the Rhine in overwhelming numbers. Assuming that the Nazis were completely whipped, the Allied populace could not understand why they would not give up and put an end to senseless, wholesale slaughter. But German commanders, it now appears, were aware that if they could hold out for just a short time longer they could very well effect at least a stalemate, if not a short-cut victory, on the European battlefield.

It is now also fairly generally known that the atomic bomb race was close—again, closer than we care to think about. And paralleling the Nazis' research on atomic explosives was their accelerated development of the V-2 program. Linking these two projects together makes credible another theory which is current among Allied guided missile groups: namely, that it was the intention of Nazi technicians to put some sort of atomic device in the warhead of the V-2.

This, they point out, would then have made the V-2s economical beyond question. One of the facts which has puzzled observers is that the V-2, with its small-sized warhead permitting only one ton of conventional explosives, did not justify the tremendous cost of each missile. The damage achieved—actually less than that of the V-1 which was many times cheaper and took only 800 man-hours to make—did not begin to compensate for the 12,950 man-hours required for the manufacture of every V-2. But if, as they now believe it had been originally planned, even a few of these supersonic V-2s could have carried atomic warheads, there is little doubt that they could have wiped our invasion ports off the map and reduced England to the shambles that are Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Allied bombings of the Nazi heavy-water plants in Norway quite obviously retarded her atomic development, as did also the consistent sabotage on the part of many Norwegian scientists. But it is still a matter of scientific conjecture just how many weeks—or days—it might have taken Germany to be ready with her atomic devices for the V-2s.

**Where are the reports???**



Roy Fedden. German Plans to Revolutionise Air Warfare.  
*Daily Telegraph & Morning Post*, 1 Oct. 1945, p. 4.

In these respects they were not entirely lying. In the course of two recent visits to Germany, as leader of a technical mission for the Minister of Aircraft Production, I have seen enough of their designs and production plans to realise that if they had managed to prolong the war some months longer, we might have been confronted with a set of entirely new and deadly developments in air warfare.

## Atomic Explosives

There is some reason to believe that Hitler had been promised atomic explosives by October of this year, and if Germany had been first to use them the idea of changing the whole course of the war from a small base in the South German mountains is by no means so far-fetched.

A new range of very high-speed German fighters and jet bombers was already flying, or within a few weeks of flying when the war ended. Immense developments were under way with robot rocket weapons, some of which had already started in production. They were simple and

cheap to make, and with atomic explosives even a few such devices could have placed air warfare on a new nightmare plane of impersonal long-distance annihilation such as we have not so far contemplated.

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*Indianapolis Times*, 2 Aug. 1947, p. 4.

# Reveal Nazis Planned Rocket To Blast N. Y. at 6000 MPH

## A-9 Was Designed to Employ Booster Weighing 190,000 Pounds for Acceleration

By Science Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The Germans planned a bomb to cross the Atlantic and blast New York. It was a rocket to be started on its long journey by another rocket which detached itself when its job was done.

This was revealed today by Brig. Gen. William L. Richardson of the U. S. army air forces.

Gen. Richardson, chief of the A. A. F. guided missiles and air defense division, spoke as a guest

of Watson Davis, director of Science Service, on "Adventures in Science," heard over the Columbia network.

The Germans, he said, developed several rockets known as the "A" series. The V-2, used against London, was one of these. Although it was the only one of this series to be used operationally in the last war, it is not hard to visualize what might have been in store for the allies had the Germans been given sufficient time to complete developments.

### Acid Used in Fuel

Each of the "A" series was developed primarily for research, with the exception of A-4, later known as the V-2. The A-10 was the end result toward which this whole program was directed. This is the weapon which the Germans expected to use in bombing New York.

The A-10 was described by him as a booster rocket placed behind the A-9, giving it two-step co-operation to secure ranges of 3000 miles. The A-9 was much like the A-4 more familiarly called the V-2, with wings added to give increased range and using acid as an oxidizer in its fuel.

The A-10 was never actually constructed. However, all design studies and computations had been completed. It appears that it could have been built and used if the Germans had been given another year of development and production.

### Speed Put at 6000 M. P. H.

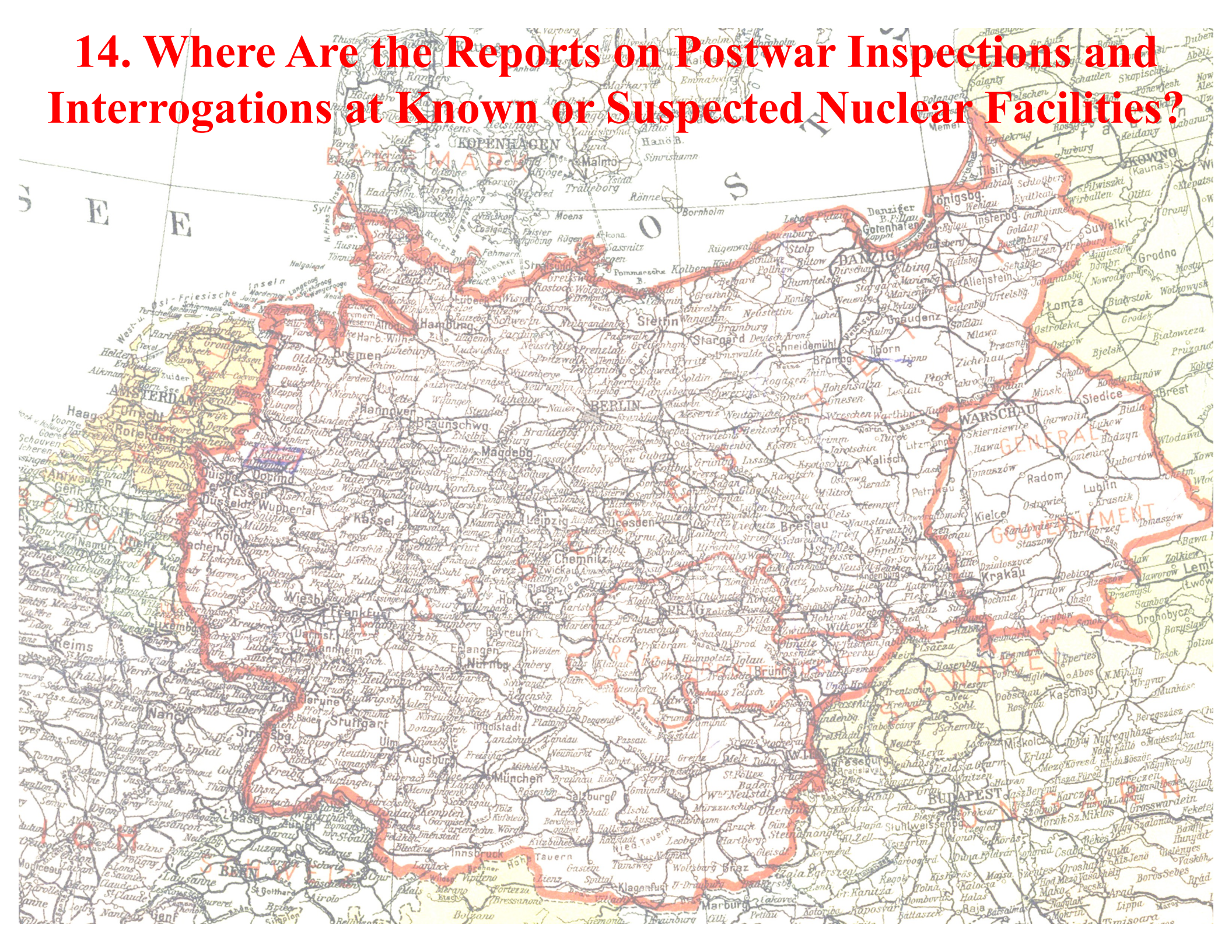
The total weight of the A-10 was to have been 190,000 pounds. The weapon was nearly 12 feet in diameter and 25 feet long. The 29,000-pound A-9 was to have been accelerated to a speed of 2500 miles per hour by the use of the A-10 as a launching rocket, which detached itself and would drop free after serving its purpose.

It was the A-9 that would reach the target. Its rocket motor would be turned on when the A-10 dropped. This would increase its speed to about 6000 miles an hour. It would have carried a warhead of about 2000 pounds. This is a payload of only 1 per cent of the starting

weight of the weapon, but there is evidence to believe, he stated, that the Germans intended to utilize an atomic warhead which would have made this weapon extremely deadly.

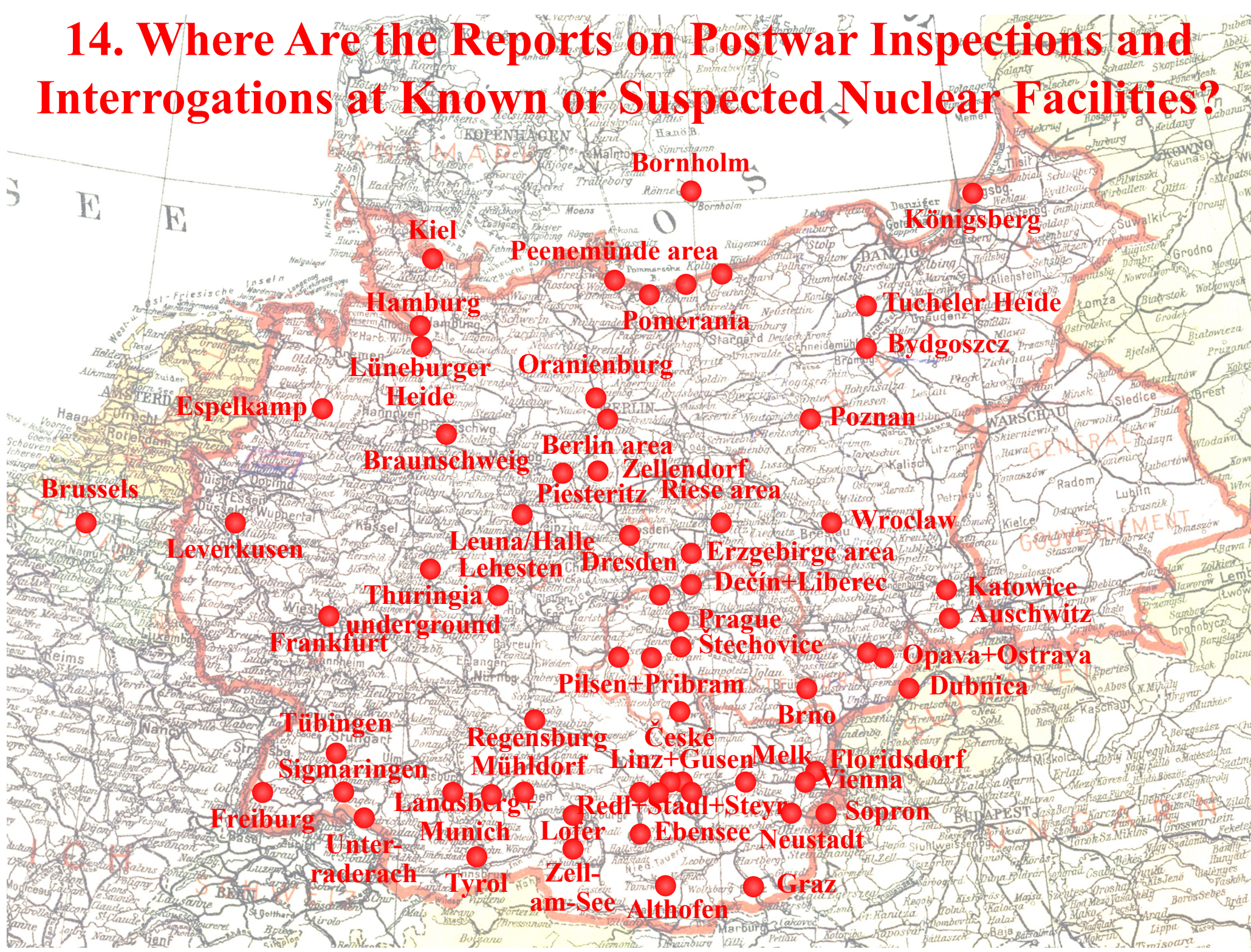


# 14. Where Are the Reports on Postwar Inspections and Interrogations at Known or Suspected Nuclear Facilities?





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# 14. Allied Belief in German Nuclear Weapons: Inspections



Montgomery at Lüneburger Heide



Patton at Pilsen

Where are the reports on postwar inspections/interrogations at these suspected nuclear sites?



Eisenhower at Ohrdruf 445273



U.S. troops at Gusen



About 50 to 60 tons of strongly radioactive "tarnsand" was delivered to the German Army, according to Mr. Futterknecht of the firm Geophysikalische Gerätebau. The "tarnsand" was used to activate artificially the soil covering non-metallic mines, so that presence of a mine could be indicated with a mine detector sensitive to radioactivity. The detector and its use has been reported on by Mr. C. A. Hachemeister, Civ., OCE, and therefore will not be discussed in this report, but the nature of the "tarnsand" is of interest. The "tarnsand" was said to have been supplied by Auergesellschaft, to be the residue from the extraction of radium from pitchblende ore, and to have the same radioactivity as ore containing about 10 percent pitchblende. Preliminary tests made by R. P. Fischer show that the "tarnsand" has the equivalent radioactivity of ore containing 5 to 10 percent uranium in equilibrium with its disintegration products, confirming the last part of the above statement. Until the "tarnsand" is analyzed chemically, its exact nature cannot be determined. It is unlikely, however, that the "tarnsand" is actually the residue from the extraction of radium from ore, as reported, for such material should be only slightly radioactive. It also seems unlikely that the "tarnsand" is prepared directly from St. Joachimsthal crude ore, even though its radioactivity is about the same as the ore, for it is believed that the German requirements for radium and uranium were too important to use and dissipate the ore in the form of "tarnsand". More likely the "tarnsand" was prepared from material in which the radioactivity has been artificially induced. On the other hand, it is possible that the radioactivity of the "tarnsand" is derived from the thorium series rather than from the uranium series or from artificially induced radioactivity, for it is reported that Auergesellschaft treated monazite sands for rare earths and thus would obtain thorium as a by-product. The problem is of interest mainly in attempting to account for the quantity of radioactive materials available to Germany.

## "Tarnsand"

**Dr. Richard P. Fischer, a U.S. Geological Survey expert on radioactive minerals, wrote this report in June 1945.**

**If Fischer was correct, wartime Germany had a working fission reactor capable of irradiating at least 50-60 tons of "tarnsand."**

**Fischer's report was promptly confiscated by the office of General Leslie Groves and never published.**

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# The U.S. Army Discovered Some Very Special Uranium Oxide in Germany

**TOP SECRET**

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HEADQUARTERS  
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
APO 403

4 March 1946

Subject: Additional Supply of Uranium Oxide.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, United States Forces  
European Theater (Main), APO 757, US Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter from US Military Attache, London, 14 December 1945, subject: "Materials in Laboratory of Dr. KIRCHENER, Garmisch", and letter your office same subject, dated 21 February 1945.

2. Additional quantities of Uranium Oxide have been located in the amount of approximately five and one-half tons at Bad Tolz and Munich. This material was found in the custody of Dr. Fritz REHBEIN, formerly part of the investigation group of the State Investigation Council (Reichsforschungsrat). It was inspected and left in his charge by Professor Charles P. SYMTH, Princeton University in June, 1945. Professor SYMTH also inspected the materials now located in Garmisch. This is the second occurrence in which like material was located in the custody of German scientific groups inspected by Professor SYMTH at which inspection he told the custodians to hold the material for further instructions. In view of this, request that Professor SYMTH be contacted to determine if other such material can be located or is in the custody of any other groups.

3. Dr. Fritz REHBEIN stated during investigation that the Uranium Oxide is very active and can be extremely injurious to personnel not qualified in its handling. This is contrary to instructions for shipping material at Garmisch to the United States as given in paragraph 3 of your letter of 21 February 1946. By reason of such danger, request that specialist personnel be provided to prepare and supervise shipment. Routine of actual movement will be handled by G-4 Section, this headquarters.

4. Request authority to ship all material now located at one time.

EDWARD M. FICKETT  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

EPD/sk

Manhattan Engineer District  
Office of the Military Attache  
American Embassy, London  
1 April 1946

SUBJECT: Shipment of Uranium Compounds.

TO: Colonel W. R. Shuler, Room 4181, War Department  
Building, Washington, D. C.

1. Reference our cable 70400 of 28 March 1946.  
The following are the facts behind this shipment of uranium.

2. Early in the winter, we learned of the existence of 1½ tons of uranium compounds at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. G-2 USFET was alerted to move the stuff. Actually, G-2 moved very slowly and we had to prod them on three successive occasions.

3. On the other hand, G-2 moved extremely quickly re the five tons of uranium oxide recently discovered at Bad Tolz. (See letter this office "Professor Smyth and Uranium Oxide in Germany", dated 15 March 1946.)

4. The two lots were consolidated into one at Bremerhaven and put aboard the Hagerstown Victory. This ship sailed on 19 March and should arrive in New York about 6 April.

EDGAR P. DEAN  
Lt. Colonel, AUS

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# 14. Submarines—Where Are the Reports???

## "OPERATION LUSTY"

At a mediaeval inn near Thumersbach near Berchtesgaden, early in May 1945, the German General Air Staff patiently awaited the outcome of surrender negotiations taking place in the North. They had arrived by car and plane during the past weeks, when the fall of Berlin was imminent, and had kept in contact by radio with Admiral Doenitz at Flensburg. Through the interception of one of these messages, their location, which had previously been unknown, was discovered. Within twenty-four hours Lt Col. O'Brien and his small party, representing the Exploitation Division of the Directorate of Intelligence, USAFE, had arrived, located the party and conducted the first of a series of discussions with General Koller, who was then in command. All documents and records that had been brought by the High Command were immediately turned over, and the first unearthing of buried records and documents, in and around Berchtesgaden, as well as the initial interrogation of the staff officers present, took place.

A casual remark made by a technical engineer, who stated that he had recently been offered a position in Japan, led to his being thoroughly interrogated for significant technical information. As an aside, and what he probably considered a relatively unimportant incident, he stated that less than a month ago, about the middle of April, ten submarines heavily loaded with the latest German equipment relative to aerial warfare, were dispatched from Kiel to Japan. When Lt Col. O'Brien was thus informed he immediately advised the Directorate of Intelligence, USAFE, who in turn notified the Japanese Intelligence Section of SHAEF. A cable was then dispatched to all commands in every theater of war. All vessels in ports and at sea were notified, and one of the biggest searches ever undertaken during the war for submarines was initiated. What route they had taken, whether they had gone alone or together, no one knew. But so extensive was the search and so carefully was it executed by warships of all Allied nations, that by the end of June, six of these ten submarines had been captured intact, some a relatively short distance away from their bases, others perilously close to Japan.

In a mountain side near the camp of the German Staff officers, an air raid shelter had been blocked up and then carefully covered and concealed with dirt. Its presence was eventually revealed by the officer who had directed this concealment, but only after he had noticed that a hole, large enough for a man to crawl through, had appeared in one of the sides. Thinking that the cache had been discovered, he explained to the USAFE party the

Operation LUSTY. Jan 1946. -1-  
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NARA Boston RG 181. 1st Naval District. Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. Formerly Security Classified General Correspondence 1944-1945. Box 26. Folder U-Boats, Surrender of.

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27 MAY

FROM: CNO

TO: NYPORT

INFO: COMONE

SUBJECT: MINE TUBES, UNLOADING OF

INTERROGATION LT PFAFF SECOND WATCH OFFICER U-234 DISCLOSES HE WAS IN CHARGE OF CARGO AND PERSONALLY SUPERVISED LOADING ALL MINE TUBES.

PFAFF PREPARED MANIFEST LIST AND KNOWS KIND DOCUMENTS AND CARGO IN EACH TUBE.

PFAFF STATES LONG CONTAINERS SHOULD BE UNPACKED IN HORIZONTAL POSITION AND SHORT CONTAINERS IN VERTICAL POSITION.

URANIUM OXIDE LOADED IN GOLD LINED CYLINDERS AND AS LONG AS CYLINDERS NOT OPENED CAN BE HANDLED LIKE CRUDE TNT.

THESE CONTAINERS SHOULD NOT BE OPENED AS SUBSTANCE WILL BECOME SENSITIVE AND DANGEROUS.

PFAFF IS AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO AID UNLOADING IF RNETD DESIRES. ADVISE.

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# 14. Allied Belief in German Nuclear Weapons: Personnel

## Dr. Ing. Hans Kammler, the SS general in charge of almost all secret weapons by the end of the war

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Documents from which ALSOS reports were made

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Berlin

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Gruppenführer!

Habe versucht, Stand obiger Angelegenheit zu klären. Vorgang bei W-Obersturmbannführer Dr. Brandt. Schreiben des Reichsministers Ohnesorge vom 10.2.1933 zur Zeit durch Standortwechsel Hochwald - Bergwald nicht greifbar.

Heil Hitler!  
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und Adjutant RF-W

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Werner Grothmann, 2002 interview, Jonastalverein Archive, pp. 6-8, 18.

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# Postwar U.S. Interrogations of Hans Kammler

Lloyd K. Pepple. 30 May 1945.

Memorandum: Summary of Activities, Operations Section, Exploitation Division. AFHRA folder 570.605 1944-46, Misc. Documents G-2 Miscellaneous Data.

Louis D. Caplane and William G. Magee.

Undated but apparently ca. August 1949. Subject: Source of certain funds held for Sammelkonto Accounts by the Austrian National Bank at Linz, Upper Austria. NARA RG 260, DN1929, Roll 0126, pp. 26 ff.

George C. McDonald to Ernst Englander.

2 November 1945. Subject: German Underground Installations. AFHRA folder 570.6501A 1945-46, Special Projects—Current.

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UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE  
Office of Asst. Chief of Staff A-2  
Exploitation Division, Operations Section

A-2

30 May, 1945

MEMORANDUM: Summary of Activities, Operations Section, Exploitation Division.  
TO : Colonel Sheldon.

To date the intelligence exploitation of the German Air Force and of German technical facilities has yielded a vast amount of materiel and documents. Briefly to evaluate at this time the worth of such materiel and documents is made difficult due to the fact that the emphasis has necessarily been upon the speed of collection rather than upon concise evaluation. However enough progress has already been made to indicate that a proximately half of the category "one" items assigned for evacuation by Wright Field have been secured. Much of the materiel for the longer term research into all aspects of the German Air Force as required by "Air Staff Post Hostilities Intelligence Requirements" prepared by AC/AS, Intelligence, Hq, AAF, is presently being gathered.

There follows a brief outline of recapitulation of the accomplishments to date divided into technical and non-technical exploitation.

**GERMAN NON-TECHNICAL PERSONNEL**

47. The following is a list of key German Air Force non-technical personnel presently being held for interrogation.

|                                   |  |
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| Reichsmarschall Hermann Goering   | Commander in Chief of Luftwaffe.   |
| Generalfeldmarschall Erhard Milch | Secretary of State for Air and Inspector General of the GAF-Director General of Equipment. |
| General der Flieger Koller        | Chief of General Staff of Luftwaffe.   |
| Dr. Albert Speer                  | Minister for Armament and War Production.  |
| General Martini                   | Director General of GAF Signals.   |
| General von Criegern              | General Quartermaster of Luftwaffe.  |

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| Generaloberst Weise             | Specially detailed officer for defense against enemy long-range arms.                |
| SS-Obergruppenführer Kammler    | Inspector of all units of the Luftwaffe working with rocket-propelled arms.          |
| General der Flieger Bodenschätz | In the office of the Air Minister (also political representative for party affairs.) |

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NND Project Number: NND 785009 By: NND Date: 1978

Ebensee and about \$ 2,400,000 were authorized for payment to creditors. Payment, however, was stopped and this accounts for the large balance. Had this sum been paid the balance would have been 1,100,000. On the other hand some additional 3,000,000 was forwarded to this account by the Reichsbank in München but the sum was not credited to the account because it was stopped by the Military authorities before it left München.

Shortly after the occupation, Hans Kammler appeared before the CIC in Gmünden and made a detailed statement on the operations and activities of the Baustelle Ebensee, as well as on the account, and his own authority and authority of Karl Englehardt. None of the present American Officers at the CIC, Gmünden, is familiar with his statement but it should be in the files there. Mr. Morrison of the CIC, Gmünden was requested by the team to send a copy of this statement to Mr. Loehr.

**CONCLUSIONS :**

1. Sammelkonto was established by the Financial Division of the Military Government on 31 July 1945. ←
2. Sammelkonto received monies belonging to the German Wehrmacht and its affiliated organizations.
3. The details of the account show that some of the funds could not be classified as direct Wehrmacht funds without a more thorough investigation. <sup>There</sup> ~~It~~ could be other funds which were erroneously classified as Wehrmacht funds.

~~Although the subsidiary organizations such as~~

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE  
Office of Asst. Chief of Staff A-2  
APO 633

AAF Station 179  
2 November 1945

SUBJECT: German Underground Installations.  
TO: Major ERNST ENGLANDER, A.C., Headquarters USAFE, APO 633.

1. I have been instructed by the AC of S A-2, Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., to furnish detailed information from many aspects on enemy underground installations, technique, etc.
2. In view of recent scientific developments, it is considered of the utmost importance for future planning and of the highest priority that we obtain all the benefit of the experience of German industry regarding the use of such facilities.
3. To implement the required study, you are directed to make the necessary arrangements to personally interrogate Speer, Kammler and Sauer and report your findings to me as soon as possible. ←

GEORGE C. McDONALD,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Asst. Chief of Staff A-2.

*by hand to Maj. Englander  
2 Nov 45*

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- Where are the transcripts of Kammler's interrogations?
- Where are the German documents he brought with him or directed investigators to?
- Where are the reports on his postwar work, life, and death?



Siegfried Flügge appears to have been the top physicist of the German nuclear program. Edward Teller brought him to the U.S. to "be of marked assistance in carrying out" a "physics... program... of interest and importance to the national security." When not in the U.S., Flügge was placed on the Top Secret JIOA K "hot list" and constantly monitored/detained for at least a decade after the war, on the direct orders of CIC Lt. Col. George R. Eckman, formerly of Alsos. **Where are the reports on Flügge's interrogations and on his postwar work?**

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NARA RG 330, Entry A1-1B,  
Box 43, Folder Flügge, Siegfried

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NARA RG 319, Entry A1-134B, Box 202,  
Folder XE196681 Siegfried Fluegge

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Serial No. 14654

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
Office of Naval Research  
Washington 25, D.C.

July 18, 1947

From: Chief of Naval Research  
To: Chief of Naval Intelligence  
Subj: Foreign Scientists, Request for assistance  
on.

1. Professor Edward Teller, Physics Department, University of Chicago, is supervising under contract to this Office a research program on various phases of research in physics of the solid state. This program is of interest and importance to the national security. Professor Teller is very desirous to obtain the services of the German physicist, Dr. Siegfried Flügge, who can be of marked assistance in carrying out the aforementioned program.

2. Professor Teller has requested the Office of Technical Services, Department of Commerce, to obtain Dr. Flügge from Germany. It is requested that the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency be informed of the Navy's interest in this case, and asked to provide such assistance as is possible to Professor Teller in aiding Dr. Flügge to come to this country.

/s/ C.M. Bolster  
Capt., USN  
Acting Chief of Naval Research

cc: Mr. Robert Frye, OTS, Dept. of Commerce  
Professor Edward Teller, Physics Dept.  
University of Chicago

FLUEGGE, Siegfried Wilhelm (Dr.)

25 April 1952

Res: MARBURG, Wilhelm Roserstrasse 33a

Priority 1, (JIOA Personality on the "K" List)

REF: D-137899 Secret ltr dtd 31 Jan 52 file X-272

SUB: Custodial Detention

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FLUEGGE, S. (Professor)

4 Nov 54

Employed by subject. Now in MARBURG.



Ref: D-284237 BfV Report dtd 26 Aug 53 File: BR53-11-91  
Sub: German Academy of Sciences of BERLIN F-3  
Re: Nuclear Physics Institute

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# Dozens of experts with knowledge of German nuclear program (including H-bombs) were brought to U.S./U.K. after WWII


Where are the interrogation transcripts and reports???

- Karl-Friedrich Bonhoeffer
- Wernher von Braun
- Rudolf Brill
- Adolf Busemann
- Walter Dornberger
- Rudolf Edse
- Krafft Ehrlicke
- Gerhard Falck
- Karl Fiebinger
- Wolfgang Finkelburg
- Rudolf Fleischmann
- Siegfried Flügge
- Wilhelm Groth
- Gottfried Guderley
- Paul Harteck
- Otto Haxel
- Richard Herzog
- Johannes Hans Jensen
- Willibald Jentschke
- Ulrich Jetter
- Georg Joos
- Hartmut Kallmann
- Hans Kammler
- Gerald Klein
- Stanley Kronenberg
- Heinz Maier-Leibnitz
- Werner Maurer
- Walter Nielsch (?)
- Edgar Petersen
- Heinz Schlicke
- Erich Schumann
- Otto Schwede
- Edmung Sorg
- Kurt Starke
- Ernst Stuhlinger
- Hans Suess
- Herbert Wagner
- Wilhelm Westphal
- Friedwardt Winterberg
- Karl Wirtz
- Gernot Zippe
- Etc.

Name EUSEMANN, Adolf  
 Address Saarbrueckener Str. 180  
 City Bragunschweig  
 Place of Birth Luebeck, Germany  
 Date of Birth 20 April 1901  
 Nationality German



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Name PIERINGER Karl  
 Address Kapellenweg 16  
 City Salzburg/Austria  
 Place of Birth Vienna  
 Date of Birth 20 January 1913  
 Nationality Austrian




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**BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD**  
 (Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

(Internment serial number) \_\_\_\_\_  
GUDEHLEY, Karl Gottfried  
 (Name of internee)  
Male  
 (Sex)

Height 6 ft. 0 in.  
 Weight 168  
 Eyes Gray  
 Skin Ruddy  
 Hair Dark Brown  
 Age 36  
 Distinguishing marks or characteristics:  
Operation scar on right upper thigh.



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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.


APPLICANT

Name of contributor Police Department City Troy State New York  
 (State whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or other official designation)

Applicant for Visiting Research Professor of  
 (Specify position)  
Physical Chemistry

Name of company Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Date June 28, 1951  
 Address 1801 Tibbitts Avenue, Troy, N. Y.  
 Birthplace Vienna, Austria Citizenship Austrian-German  
 Age 48 Date of birth July 20, 1902  
 Height 6 ft. - 1 1/2 in. Weight 280  
 Hair dark Eyes gray  
 Complexion ruddy Build large

Scars and marks none



Name JENTSCHKE, Willibald  
 Address Thomarsbach 2  
 City Ziell am See  
 Place of Birth Wien, Austria  
 Date of Birth 6 December 1911  
 Nationality Austrian



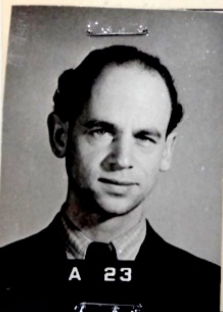
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**BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD**  
 (Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

(Internment serial number) \_\_\_\_\_  
STUHLINGER, Ernst  
 (Name of internee)  
Male  
 (Sex)

Height 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.  
 Weight 151 lbs.  
 Eyes blue gray  
 Skin medium  
 Hair dark brown  
 Age 32  
 Distinguishing marks or characteristics:  
none



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NARA RG 330, Entry A1-1B, Boxes 1—186.  
 JIOA Foreign Scientist Case Files [Paperclip].

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Virtually the entire "Paperclip" file on German nuclear physicist Otto Haxel remains classified, with the documents removed or completely blanked out [NARA RG 330, Entry A1-1B, Box 66]

Photo of Otto Haxel from Wikipedia



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Date 20 May 58  
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By Agent Sgt

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AGENT REPORT  
24077 By: HANLON, Cynthia "Coco"  
Date: 07-26-2012

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT  
HAXEL, Otto (T)  
RE: DEPSIP

2. DATE SUBMITTED  
20 May 1958

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OF FILE NUMBER  
XS-301420

4. REPORT OF EPISODES

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5. TYPE, MAKE AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT  
66th CIC Group

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SUBJECT HAXEL, Otto (T)

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Date 8-23-44

From Furman

To Smith

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From Donovan

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From Perin

To -

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From Calvert

To Speer

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From Dix

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MSG 66080

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MSG 70376

Date 3-18-46

From USMA, London

To War Dept.

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MSG 70456

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MSG 7561

Date 2-25-46

From USMA

To WAR Dept.

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MSG 70475

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From USA, London

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Date 11-12-46

From Campbell

To Seaman

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Date 1-3-46  
From Mikins  
To Groves

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File Designation 202-3-2 London Office: Combined Oper Sec Group  
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Date 11-6-45  
From Calvert  
To Britt

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Date 11-8-45  
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Date 2-2-46  
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To Groves

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Date 10-22-47  
From Langguth  
To Griffiths

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Date 2-14-46  
From Welsh  
To Gattiker

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File Designation 202.3-1 London Office - Combined Intbl Rpts.  
Memo

Date 3-13-46  
From Gattiker  
To Skuler

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File Designation 202.3-1 London Office - Combined Intbl Rpts.  
Memo

Date 3-22-46  
From London Office of Joint TA Intbl Sec.  
To Wash. Office

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 32.7003-1 Germ-US wartime July 42-June 44  
Partial Folder

Date June 1944  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_

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File Designation 32.60-2 Germany - Summary 1945-46  
Summary

Date 7-31-44  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_

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File Designation Report

Date 09/20/45  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_

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File Designation Postal Folder

Date 1945  
From \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_

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File Designation 32.7003-2 Germ-US wartime July-Oct 44  
ltr AA-118

Date 9-11-44  
From Dix  
To Eveman

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File Designation 32.7003-2 Germ-US wartime July-Oct 44  
Rpt FF-83

Date 10-21-44  
From Paris  
To \_\_\_\_\_

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 32 7003-3-Germ US wartime Nov 41-June 45  
Rpt

Date 11-20-44

From OSS Bern

To \_\_\_\_\_

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 32 60-2-Germany Summary 1945-46  
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Date 1944

From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 10-10 Austria Misc  
Memo

Date 29 October 1945

From Britt

To Graves

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 10-10 Austria Personnel  
Memo

Date 13 June 1946

From Schmitt

To Free

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 32 7003-3-Germ US wartime Nov 41-June 45  
Dist. al Folder

Date April 1945

From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation 10-10 Austria Personnel  
Rpt

Date 27 June 1946

From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:

File Designation \_\_\_\_\_

Date letter

From 08/08/46

To Howar

To Schmitt

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The item identified below has been withdrawn from this file:  
File Designation ALSO'S (Historian's Inventory Cardinal)  
1044 folders 6

Date 24 June 1944  
From SANU G.  
To Waterman

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Authority NND 933079 Date 06 October 1993  
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Date 24 JUNE 1944  
From SEIBER  
To OIC

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Authority NND 933079 Date 6 OCT 1993  
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File Designation FROM: PASH MISSION RELATED  
MEMO W/ATT

Date 17 OCT 1944  
From ARRAS  
To HAM

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Authority NND 933079 Date 6 OCT 1993  
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ENTRY: *Goetzmann Papers*  
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Date 22 JUNE 1944  
From HAM  
To SMITH, M.C.

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Date 10/6/44  
From Fisher  
To Colby

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W/ memo w/ att

Date 4/3/45  
From Kemble  
To Winton

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*LTR 4/2 JARLS*  
 Date *27 April 1945*  
 From *WOODDY*  
 To *BURMAN*

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*Memo 4/attach*  
 Date *18 July 1945*  
 From *Goerdans*  
 To *Eckman*

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*LTR*  
 Date *03 September 1945*  
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 To *Eckman*

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*Enclosing Paper 4/attach*  
 Date *03 September 1945*  
 From *SAUTH*  
*No Subj: Removal to Review of Uranium*

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*Memo*  
 Date *07 August 1945*  
 From *Goerdans*  
*Subj: Dissemination of Energy Scientific*

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 Date *10 August 1945*  
 From *Goerdans*  
 To *HANI*

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To Goedschit

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From Goedschit  
To SWIDGE

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To Bush

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To Lindaloren

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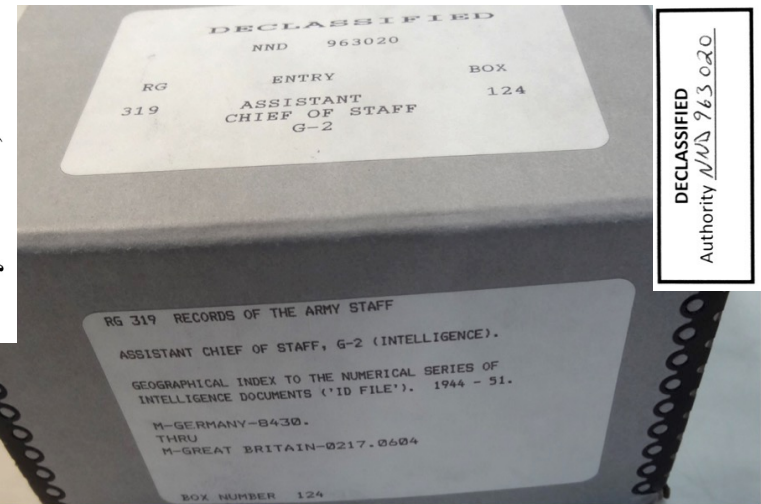
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| 28 Mar 46               | ONI                 | (TOP-23-P25-1/46) Atom Bomb-Research in Germany & Influence on Developments in Soviet Russia |              | SD 3249      |
| 5 Aug 46                | FN                  | Spanish atomic program   |              | 293192       |
| 25 Jul 46               | State               | C-Estimate of German Atomic Research in Spain  |              | 293402       |
| 15 Aug 46               | USFA                | 8-Application of Atomic Energy   |              | 300164       |
| 24 Aug 46               | USFA                | C-Interrogation of Franz Focher  |              | 301522       |
| 19 Aug 46               | R-187-46-8          | 8-Researchers of Atomic Energy   |              | 304481       |
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| 23 Oct 45               | Navy                | S-Unusual Developments   |              | 226512       |
| 2 Jan 46                | ind/c               | @Blueprints of Atomic Bomb   |              | 229196       |
| M - GERMANY             | 8600.0713           | Nuclear Physics and Atomic Energy Uses - Bombs.  |              |              |
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| 1947 NEW BID-NEW NUMBER |                     |  |              |              |
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# Some Allied Officials Whose Files May Hold Insights

Commander Herbert Agar (1897-1980), assistant to U.S. ambassador to U.K.

Jack H. Alberti (??-??), U.S. Navy intelligence civilian investigator

Col. Robert S. Allen (1900-1981), U.S. Army

Dr. Luis Walter Alvarez (1911-1988), Manhattan

Gen. Henry H. Arnold (1886-1950), U.S. Army Air Forces

Col. Peter Beasley (1884-1957), U.S. Army Air Force, Strategic Bombing Survey

Dr. Hans Bethe (1906-2005), Manhattan

Gen. Clayton L. Bissell (1896-1972), U.S. Army Air Forces intelligence

A. E. Britt (??-??), affiliation?

Dr. Vannevar Bush (1890-1974), Director of OSRD/NDRC

Maj. Horace K. Calvert (1915-2006), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Dr. Karl P. Cohen (1913-2012), Manhattan

Dr. James B. Conant (1893-1978), Assistant Director of OSRD/NDRC

Captain George C. Davis (??-??), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Col. Howard W. Dix (??-??), Office of Strategic Services

Gen. William Donovan (1883-1959), Office of Strategic Services Director

Allen Dulles (1893-1969), Office of Strategic Services, later CIA Director

Col. George R. Eckman (??-1971), U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps, Alsos

G. Verner Edlund (??-??), U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps

Maj. Ernst Englander (??-??), U.S. Army Air Forces

Dr. Richard Fischer (1910-1991), U.S. Geological Survey

Dr. Victor H. Fraenckel (1908-1998), Scientific Intelligence Advisory Section (SIAS) for Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF)

Maj. Robert R. Furman (1915-2008), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Col. Dale M. Garvey (1914-2002), U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps

David Gattiker (??-1993), U.K. Atomic Energy Office

Dr. Samuel Goudsmit (1902-1978), Alsos scientific head

Gen. Leslie Groves (1896-1970), U.S. Army/Manhattan commanding officer

Caperton Horsley (1903-1988), CIOS

Gen. John Edwin Hull (1895-1975), U.S. Army

Justice Robert H. Jackson (1892-1954), U.S. Prosecutor, Nuremberg trials

Dr. Theodore von Kármán (1881-1963), chief scientific advisor for Henry Arnold

Col. John A. Keck (??-??), U.S. Army Ordnance

Col. Oscar Koch (1897-1970), U.S. Army intelligence

Gen. Egmont F. Koenig (1892-1974), U.S. military attaché in Czechoslovakia

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper (1905-1973), Alsos

Col. John Lansdale, Jr. (1912-2003), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Gen. John Magruder (1887-1958), Office of Strategic Services Deputy Director

Gen. George C. McDonald (1892-1969), U.S. Army Air Forces intelligence

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney (1893-1972), U.S. Army Air Forces

Dr. Philip Morrison (1915-2005), Manhattan

Dr. John von Neumann (1903-1957), Manhattan

Dr. Todos M. Odarenko (1900-1975), AT&T Bell Laboratories

Lt. Col. John A. O'Mara (19??-19??), U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Office of the Director of Intelligence

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967), Manhattan

Dr. Richard W. Porter (1913-1996), General Electric rocket programs

Gen. Donald Putt (1905-1988), U.S. (Army) Air Force

Gen. William L. Richardson (1901-1973), U.S. (Army) Air Force

Dr. Howard P. Robertson (1903-1961), Chief of the Scientific Intelligence

Advisory Section (SIAS), SHAEF; Eisenhower's highest-level science advisor

Lt. Vladimir L. Rychly (1909-1992), U.S. Navy attaché in Czechoslovakia

A. J. Saxon (??-??), Manhattan

Whitney Shepardson (1890-1966), Office of Strategic Services

Col. W. R. Shuler (??-??), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Gen. Edwin L. Sibert (1897-1977), U.S. Army intell, Central Intelligence Group

Col. Leslie E. Simon (1900-1983), U.S. Army

Maj. Francis J. Smith (??-??), U.S. Army/Manhattan intelligence

Dr. Charles P. Smyth (1895-1990), Alsos

Gen. George Strong (1880-1946), U.S. Army, Military Intelligence Corps head

Dr. Edward Teller (1908-2003), Manhattan

Maj. Edmund Tilley (1892-1966), U.K. military intelligence

Dr. Richard C. Tolman (1881-1948), Manhattan

Maj. H. S. Traynor (??-??), Manhattan

Dr. Maj. John E. Vance (1905-1975), U.S. Army/Manhattan

Joseph Volpe, Jr. (1914-2002), U.S. Army/Manhattan

Frederic A. C. Wardenburg III (1905-1997), Alsos

Col. Lowell P. Weicker (1903-1978), U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Office of the Director of Intelligence

Maj. P. M. Wilson (??-??), Dustbin interrogation center

Col. George Bryant Woods (1896-1954), U.S. Air Technical Services Command (ATSC)/Air Materiel Command (AMC) intelligence

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If you saw some random modern country that suddenly started doing all of those things, would you conclude that that country clearly had no significant nuclear weapons program, or would you decide that all of that evidence raises real concerns and warrants a more detailed investigation?



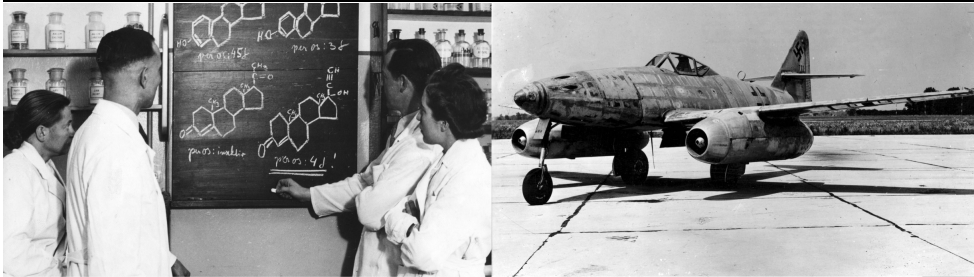
## **15. Further Work**

**The true, detailed, complete history of the German nuclear program has not yet been publicly written by anyone (including me).**

**To do that, we must first:**

- Search for relevant documents in archives and personal collections around the world, and lobby to have all files declassified and released.**
- Conduct industrial archaeology digs (carefully!) and laboratory analyses at sites suspected to have been involved in the German nuclear program.**

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## 8.8 Nuclear Engineering in the Third Reich

This section presents evidence which suggests that the World War II German nuclear program was much larger and much more advanced than has previously been generally understood. While this claim may seem controversial, much of the relevant archival evidence has only been declassified and discovered in recent years, and was not publicly available when earlier historical assessments were made. The evidence presented here covers:

8.8.1. Flaws in the conventional historical view of the German program.

8.8.2. The fundamental scientific knowledge and planning of the program.

8.8.3. Sources of uranium and thorium.

8.8.4. Enrichment of uranium-235.

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8.8.7. The production of other potentially nuclear-related materials.

8.8.8. Fission bomb designs.

8.8.9. Hydrogen bomb designs.

8.8.10. An October 1944 test explosion on the Baltic coast.

8.8.11. A circa November 1944 test explosion in Poland.

8.8.12. March 1945 test explosions in Thuringia.

8.8.13. Axis belief in the reality of German nuclear weapons.

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8.8.15. Further research that is needed.

For a far more detailed presentation of the currently available evidence, see Appendix [D](#). As explained in Section [8.8.15](#), much more work is needed to uncover and evaluate evidence regarding the true history and extent of the wartime nuclear program.

### 8.8.1 Flaws in the Conventional Historical View of the German Program

The conventional historical view that has been held from 1945 to the present is that the World War II German nuclear program was very small and poorly funded, that Germany was still trying to complete its first prototype fission reactor when the war ended, and that Germany never even made a serious attempt to develop nuclear weapons.<sup>6</sup> This view is based on three categories of evidence, although each category has its own limitations as summarized below and in Section [D.1](#):

<sup>6</sup>E.g., [Goudsmit 1945](#), [Goudsmit 1947](#), [Groves 1962](#), [Hentschel and Hentschel 1996](#), [Hoffmann 2023](#), [Irving 1967](#), [Pash 1969](#), [Popp 2016](#), [2021](#), [Powers 1993](#), [Rhodes 1986](#), [Rose 1998](#), [Walker 1989](#), [1995](#), [2020](#), [2024](#).

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## Appendix D

# Advanced Creations in Nuclear Engineering

Der Welt Erbe gewänne zu eigen,  
wer aus dem Rheingold schüfe den Ring,  
der maßlose Macht ihm verlieh’.

The whole world can be possessed by one  
who from the Rhinegold forges the Ring,  
which can bestow immeasurable power.

Richard Wagner. 1854. *Das Rheingold*. Scene I. Wellgunde.

As discussed in Chapter [8](#), contributions by the German-speaking research world to fundamental nuclear science are very well documented.<sup>1</sup> Wilhelm Röntgen discovered X-rays in 1895, and Ludwig Zehnder was making detailed whole-body X-ray photos of humans by 1896. Hans Geiger and Walther Müller developed accurate radiation meter designs (Geiger counters or Geiger-Müller tubes) during the period 1908–1928 that are still in use today. Nuclear fission reactions were first proposed by Ida Noddack in 1934, and discovered and explained by Otto Hahn, Fritz Strassmann, Lise Meitner, and Otto Frisch in 1938–1939. Nuclear fusion reactions were proposed by Fritz Houtermans and his student Robert Atkinson in 1928–1929, and refined by Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker and Hans Bethe in 1938. Detailed mathematical models of the nucleus, essential for accurately predicting nuclear decays and reactions, were first developed by von Weizsäcker in 1935 and ultimately finalized by Otto Haxel, Johannes Hans Jensen, Maria Goeppert Mayer, Hans Suess, and Eugene Wigner by 1949.

<sup>1</sup>See for example: [Bethe 1991](#), [1997](#), [Blatt and Weisskopf 1952](#), [Brown and Lee 2006](#), [Otto Hahn 1968](#), [Irving 1967](#), [L’Annunziata 2016](#), [Nachmansohn 1979](#), [Rife 1999](#), [Schweber 2012](#), [Sime 1996](#), [Szanton 1992](#), [Wigner 1967](#).

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**István Hargittai, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, author of *Buried Glory, Candid Science, Drive and Curiosity, Great Minds, Judging Edward Teller, Martians of Science, and The Road to Stockholm***

"The book *Forgotten Creators* is a really impressive book, as Todd H. Rider tries to mention all relevant German-speaking scientists and engineers and their scientific fields up to 1945 in this mammoth project. In this form, nobody has dared to do this before. The author deserves my full respect for this. I am pleased that we were able to support him in his research."

**Thomas Köhler, Peenemünde Historical-Technical Museum historian and head of the archive**

"*Forgotten Creators* is an examination of mid-twentieth-century German science and technology, studying the question of how this era came to be so productive. Using extensive reproduction of original materials and source accounts, the author is not only able to provide an overview of what is known about wartime activities, but is also able to indicate avenues for future historical research. The careful and comprehensive referencing permits the materials presented to be used in academic studies. A notable feature of this work is the fluid format provided by online publication, allowing revisions and new materials to be added. An especially important emphasis of the book is what can be learned from both the German-speaking scientists and the World War II era in general that could improve scientific productivity and creativity now."

**Thomas Kunkle, Los Alamos National Laboratory, retired**

"With his work, based on very comprehensive, thoroughly researched sources, Todd Rider has presented an astonishing study of the history of German science, especially in the first half of the twentieth century, which also reveals many connections that have been unjustly forgotten or little noticed. This also applies to numerous persons whose achievements are hardly known."

**Günter Nagel, author of *Wissenschaft für den Krieg, Himmlers Waffenforscher, Atomversuche in Deutschland, and Das geheime deutsche Uranprojekt 1939-1945***

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**Matthias Uhl, Deutsches Historisches Institut, Moscow, author of *Stalins V-2: Der Technologietransfer der deutschen Fernlenkwaffentechnik* and *Die Organisation des Terrors: Der Dienstkalender Heinrich Himmlers 1943-1945***

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