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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Naval Research Laboratory, with the use of captured German V-2 rockets, conducted in the 1940s and 1950s a long series of experiments which sought to further our understanding of the upper atmosphere and the nature of solar radiation. The technology utilized in the V-2 itself was also a focus of research.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of reports, both original and photocopied, from the NRL and other entities. Some correspondence, scientific abstracts and articles are also included.

General

These reports were gathered by David DeVorkin from a variety of sources in research for his book, *Science with a Vengeance*, which documents rocket research from the 1940s onward.

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Atmosphere, Upper -- Rocket observations
- Rocketry
- Rockets (Aeronautics)
- Solar radiation
- V-2 rocket

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Correspondence
- Publications
- Reports

Names:

- DeVorkin, David H., 1944-
- Naval Research Laboratory (U.S.)