



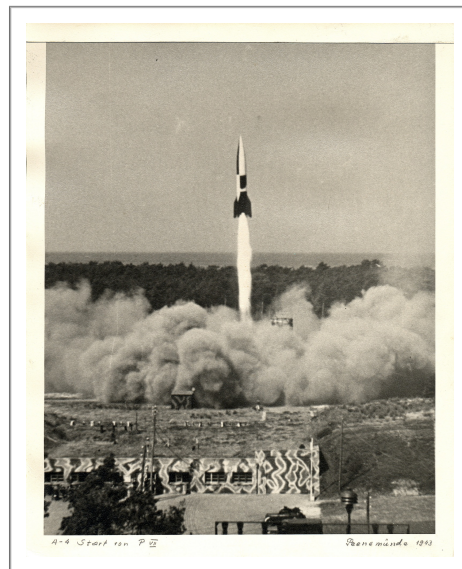
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### Peenemünde Interviews Project

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Peenemünde Interviews Project
<b>Date:</b>	1985-1990
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1999.0038
<b>Creator:</b>	Neufeld, Michael J., 1951-
<b>Extent:</b>	2.51 Cubic feet (4 records center boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	The transcripts and recordings are in English, with the exception of one interview that was conducted in German.
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of the oral history recordings and transcripts for the Peenemünde Interviews Project, which examined the development of the German Peenemünde complex from the early 1930s through World War II.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Space History, NASM, Transfer, 1999, 1999-0038, Varies

### Processing Information

This collection was arranged and described by Mark Kahn in 2006. It was Encoded by Brittany Dunton in 2011.

### Preferred Citation

Peenemünde Interviews Project, Acc. 1999.0038, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

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## Historical

The collection consists of the oral history recordings and transcripts for the Peenemünde Interviews Project, which examined the development of the German Peenemünde complex from the early 1930s through World War II. This project constitutes one of several oral history projects conducted within the Department of Space History, NASM.

The principal investigator for this project was Michael Neufeld and the following individuals were interviewed: Werner Dahm; Konrad Danneberg; Walter Haeussermann; Karl Heimberg; Helmut Hoelzer; Fritz Mueller; Herman Oberth; Eberhard Rees (with Mrs. Rees); Gerhard Reisig; Arthur Rudolph; Bernhard Tessman (with Karl Heimburg); Georg von Tiesenhausen; and Walter Wiesman.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 39 hours of interviews with 13 individuals (in both audio cassette and transcript formats).

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## Arrangement

The Peenemünde Interviews Project is arranged alphabetically by interviewee. Boxes 1, 2 and 3 contain the interviews on cassette tapes; box 4 contains the edited transcripts of the audio.

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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
- Aeronautics, Military
- Airplanes -- Germany
- Airplanes -- Rocket engines
- Rocketry
- Rockets (Aeronautics)
- V-1 rocket
- V-2 rocket
- World War, 1939-1945

### Types of Materials:

- Oral history
- Transcripts

### Names:

- Dahm, Werner
- Danneberg, Konrad
- Haeussermann, Walter
- Heimberg, Karl
- Hoelzer, Helmut
- Mueller, Fritz
- Neufeld, Michael J., 1951-
- Oberth, Hermann, 1894-1989
- Peenemunde Research and Development Station
- Rees, Eberhard
- Reisig, Gerhard
- Rudolph, Arthur
- Tessman, Bernhard

Wiesman, Walter  
von Tiesenhausen, Georg

Preferred Titles:

*Peenemunde Interviews Project (NASM)*

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Cassettes

- Box 1                      Dahm, Werner Karl, 1990-01-25  
1 Cassette tape  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Werner Karl Dahm 1/25/1990 \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Werner Karl Dahm 1/25/1990 \(Side-B\)](#)
- Box 1                      Dannenberg, Konrad D., 1989-11-07  
2 Cassette tapes  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Konrad D. Dannenberg 11/7/1989 \(Tape 1 of 2\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Konrad D. Dannenberg 11/7/1989 \(Tape 1 of 2\) \(Side-B\)](#)
- Box 1                      Haeussermann, Walter, 1990-01-24  
2 Cassette tapes  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Walter Haeussermann 1/24/1990 \(Tape 1 of 2\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Walter Haeussermann 1/24/1990 \(Tape 1 of 2\) \(Side-B\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Walter Haeussermann 1/24/1990 \(Tape 2 of 2\) \(Side-A\)](#)
- Box 1                      Heimburg, Karl, 1989-11-09  
3 Cassette tapes  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 1 of 3\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 1 of 3\) \(Side-B\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 2 of 3\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 2 of 3\) \(Side-B\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 3 of 3\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989 \(Tape 3 of 3\) \(Side-B\)](#)
- Box 1                      Hoelzer, Helmut, 1989-11-10  
3 Cassette tapes  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989 \(Tape 1 of 3\) \(Side-A\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989 \(Tape 1 of 3\) \(Side-B\)](#)  
[Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989 \(Tape 2 of 3\) \(Side-A\)](#)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989 (Tape 2 of 3) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989 (Tape 3 of 3) (Side-A)

**Box 1**

**Mueller, Fritz, 1989-11-06 - 1989-11-08**

**3 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 1 of 3) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 1 of 3) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 2 of 3) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 2 of 3) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 3 of 3) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/6/1989 (Tape 3 of 3) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/7/1989 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/7/1989 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/7/1989 (Tape 2 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Fritz Mueller 11/7/1989 (Tape 2 of 2) (Side-B)

**Box 1**

**Oberth, Hermann, 1987-11-14**

**2 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Hermann Oberth 11/15/1987 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Hermann Oberth 11/15/1987 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-B)

**Box 2**

**Oberth, Hermann, continued, 1987-11-14**

**2 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Hermann Oberth 11/15/1987 (Tape 2 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Hermann Oberth 11/15/1987 (Tape 2 of 2) (Side-B)

**Box 2**

**Rees, Eberhard, 1989-11-11**

**2 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Eberhard Rees (Mrs. Rees) 11/8/1989 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Eberhard Rees (Mrs. Rees) 11/8/1989 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Eberhard Rees (Mrs. Rees) 11/8/1989  
(Tape 2 of 2) (Side-A)

**Box 2**

**Reisig, Gerhard, 1985-06-27**

**3 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/27/1985 (Interview #1)  
(Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/27/1985 (Interview #1)  
(Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig (Interview #2) 6/27/1985  
(Tape 1 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig (Interview #2) 6/27/1985  
(Tape 1 of 2) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig (Interview #2) 6/27/1985  
(Tape 2 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig (Interview #2) 6/27/1985  
(Tape 2 of 2) (Side-B)

**Box 2**

**Reisig, Gerhard, 1989-06-05 - 1989-06-07**

**4 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 1 of 4) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 1 of 4) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 2 of 4) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 2 of 4) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 3 of 4) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 3 of 4) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig 6/5/1989; 6/6/1989;  
6/7/1989 (Tape 4 of 4) (Side-A)

**Box 2**

**Rudolph, Arthur, 1989-08-04**

**4 Cassette tapes**

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 1 of 4)  
(Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 1 of 4)  
(Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 2 of 4)  
(Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 2 of 4)  
(Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 3 of 4)  
(Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 3 of 4)  
(Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 4 of 4)  
(Side-A)



Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Arthur Rudolph 8/4/1989 (Tape 4 of 4) B (Side-B)

Box 2

Tessmann, Bernhard, 1990-01-23

2 Cassette tapes

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Bernhard Tessmann and Karl Heimburg 1/23/1990 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Bernhard Tessmann and Karl Heimburg 1/23/1990 (Tape 1 of 2) (Side-B)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Bernhard Tessmann and Karl Heimburg 1/23/1990 (Tape 2 of 2) (Side-A)

Box 2

von Tiesenhausen, Georg, 1990-01-22

1 Cassette tape

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Georg von Tiesenhausen 1/22/1990 (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Georg von Tiesenhausen 1/22/1990 (Side-B)

Box 3

Wiesman, Walter, 1990-01-24

1 Cassette tape

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Walter Wiesman 1/24/1990 (Side-A)

Audio: Peenemünde Interviews Project: Walter Wiesman 1/24/1990 (Side-B)

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Box 4, Folder 2	Dannenberg, Konrad D., 1989-11-07 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Konrad D. Dannenberg 11/7/1989</a>
Box 4, Folder 3	Haeussermann, Walter, 1990-01-24 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Walter Haeussermann 1/24/1990</a>
Box 4, Folder 4	Heimburg, Karl, 1989-11-09 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Karl Heimburg 11/9/1989</a>
Box 4, Folder 5	Hoelzer, Helmut, 1989-11-10 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Helmut Hoelzer 11/10/1989</a>
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Box 4, Folder 8	Rees, Eberhard, 1989-11-11 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Eberhard Rees (Mrs. Rees) 11/8/1989</a>
Box 4, Folder 9	Reisig, Gerhard, 1985-06-27 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Gerhard Reisig (Interview #2) 6/27/1985</a>
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Box 4, Folder 12	Tessman, Bernhard, 1990-01-23 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Bernhard Tessmann and Karl Heimburg 1/23/1990</a>
Box 4, Folder 13	von Tiesenhausen, Georg, 1990-01-22 <a href="#">Digital Content: Peenemunde Interviews Project: Georg von Tiesenhausen 1/22/1990</a>
Box 4, Folder 14	Wiesman, Walter, 1990-01-24

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