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<i>WERNER KARL DAHM</i>: -- early '46, I was contacted by an American officer with an offer, and I imposed a condition: yes, but I wanted to finish my diploma first.

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So I went back to Aachen, which was not open at that time, and did some studying on my own [[coughs]] under the guidance of some professors and finished my diploma. And two weeks later, I was on my way to Fort Bliss.

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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: So, you were able to get a diploma from Aachen [[crosstalk]] even though it hadn't been open at that time?

<i>WERNER KARL DAHM</i>: Yes, yes.

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A diploma in mechanical engineering, not aeronautical. Aeronautical was verboten - at that time.

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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: OK. But I'm just curious how could you get a diploma from a university that, officially, wasn't open? - [[cross]] - How, how--

<i>WERNER KARL DAHM</i>: Well, the professors were still there, the organization was cranking up again.

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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: So, it was restarting at the time.

<i>WERNER KARL DAHM</i>: Yes, it was restarting. But there were no lectures. There were few students.

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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: Just people hanging around on their own money, I suppose.

<i>WERNER KARL DAHM</i>: Yes, yes.

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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: OK, great, well I - it's late and I don't want to start on a whole career, a whole American period, but I enjoyed very much doing it.

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