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<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: OK, this is, uhh, interview with Konrad Dannenberg on November 7, 1989, in Huntsville, Alabama; interview by Michael Neufeld --

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-- um, OK, I want to start with the, we always start these interviews with a general biographical background information -- could you give your birth date, birth place, occupation of your parents, and so forth, (that) kind of information --

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<i>KONRAD DANNENBERG</i>: Well I was born in Weißenfels, which is just south of Leipzig, which is now pretty much in the news these days. So, today, of course, it's eastern Germany, in those days, of course, there was just one Germany.

<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: It was Saxony --

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<i>KONRAD DANNENBERG</i>: Yeah -- My dad was in the army and he moved pretty soon after my birth, on the 5th of August 1912, he moved pretty soon to Hanover and I really spent most of my youth years in Hanover. I went to school there, I visited the university in Hanover --

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-- and in the late 1920s we had some rocket tests taking place in the vicinity of Hanover. You may have heard about Burgwedel where some Opel cars were being tested with -- [[crosstalk]] --

<i>MICHAEL NEUFELD</i>: --on the rail tracks --

<i>KONRAD DANNENBERG</i>: -- solid-propellant motors strapped to it? And we had a suitable racetrack, so they came to Hanover, and I participated in these tests. I understand they made three of them, and I seem to recall that I saw two of them --

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-- and that interested me and some other people I worked with, some of my comrades at that time, to really become interested in rocketry. So I started relatively early -- in fact, we were thinking about rocketry already before we saw these tests, and these tests just provided some additional initiative, and uh --



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