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<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: And with other people they named, such and such people. There were about 50. We left in motor vehicles to go to the south, and there were quite a few from the different groups of Peenemunde.

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They came from different places. And this was an order of the SS. The SS probably tried to use us as an argument with the Americans or the British. This is what I believe. I'm not sure.

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And while I was there, they found out that our design group - they were not too far off from Lehesten - they had found out the papers were not burned. And Riedel had stated --

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Which Riedel is this?

<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: This was Riedel III,

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Yeah, Riedel 3

<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: Riedel III who came here to the United States, too.

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<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: And uh, we were three. And we got three new bicycles, and all bicycles looked alike, and I could only say, "How in the hell can you do that? You have three new bicycles and we go on the same trip. Everybody will see that. That it's very strange." And at that time you know, Lehesten and the other place were already occupied by the Americans.

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<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: So we had to go through the lines. And then we were held at one place for about two weeks, and then we left again. And uh, when I arrived at Lehesten, I was told that, "An American colonel is waiting for you." And I went. Believe I mentioned that to you before.

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<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: I visited him and said, "I am so and so," and he was really surprised when I mentioned that, and said, "Where do you stay?" I said I stayed in the local hotel. "Would you please stay there so that I can call you when I need you for questioning?" I said, "Sure. I'll do that."

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<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: And then I checked and found out the papers were burned. That was not correct, that the papers were not burned. They were burned.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Which papers were burned?

<i>Karl Heimborg</i>: Drawings and eh..



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