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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: --but you were evacuated to Oberammergau.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Yes.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: In that area. You stayed there for how long?

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<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Oberammergau, out there not more than four or five, six weeks or so, before I gladly took that job going back. [[laughter]]

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Mmm-hmm. Why were you glad to take the job going back?

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<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Instead of hanging around doing nothing. Somehow, [[laughter]] I didn't like that.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Mmm-hmm. That's what you did basically after you got to Oberammergau, just hang around.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Yes, that's right.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Mmm-hmm. So you weren't connected to von Braun and Dornberger, the group that gave up on May the 2nd. They were farther away.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: No. Again, this is a question you can ask Tessmann too. Tessmann was at the same place as von Braun, when the Americans came in, and uh

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<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Tessmann was uh sent out to conceal files in the Harz Mountains.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Yeah, but that was even before the surrender.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: That was before the surrender.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Tessmann and Hutzel, because of course, Hutzel

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Yeah you're right

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Hutzel, Hutzel wrote his book about, I've read Hutzel's book about that.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh.

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: But the thing that mystifies me about your story is, um you, at least von Braun and some of the others had wanted to save the central files of Peenemunde.

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<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Yeah, that is so.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: You know, because these are the ones that were buried by Hutzel and Tessmann.

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Hutzel and Tessman, Yeah

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<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Uh, why were you, why was Riedel and so forth, why was he out to make sure that the files had been destroyed, at Lehesten?

<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: Uh you know, each, each group had its own files,

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<i>Karl Heimbürg</i>: and only the central filing system was to be protected, as I understood it, and separate filing systems should be destroyed. This is how I see it.

<i>Michael Neufeld</i>: Why was that the case? I mean, I'm not quite sure what it would gain you, one way or the other, from doing it that way.



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