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Reference (a) M.A. Stockhola's Top Secret Report R334-46 of 13 August 1946 Reference 1 Manual Defense Staff, Chief Defense Reschief of the Fitting 11 to 1813 of the Staff of the Staff

Subject SMEDEN Rocket sightings over Sweder "BREEL COM

No tangible evidence to date as to nature or origin of

rockets reported over Sweden, although Swedish Defense. Staff insists that they are rockets. Swedish press and public aroused, but Swedish in Force officers still on summer leave, aircraft warning set not mobilized, and no attempts made to intercept missiles with jet fighters; attempts made to intercept missiles with jet fighters; improbable that rockets, if any, are Russian or British, but possible that they are Swedish. Swedish Defense Staff evasive and their communiques contradictory and confusing. Sweden may be experimenting with rockets, but its concealing the fact and encouraging the belief that rockets of foreign origin are being laubohad over Sweden with the the civilian observers repairing jet fighters contrains, and to due meteors as rockets.

(A) Copy of M.A. Sthm Top Searet Report R334-46 of 13 August 1946.
(B) Translation of Miscellaneous Swedish Newspaper Articles.

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2. To date no U.S. military or naval personnel in Sweden have seen any fragments, photographs, radar tracks; points of impact, or other evidence of any kind to prove that guided niesiles have notually been seen over Swedish territory.

3. On 12 August the reporting officer asked three Swedish Air Force officers what they thought of the reported sightings. They answered that they believed definitely that these were rookets. On 13 August the reporting officer and the Assistant U.S. Military Attache were permitted to talk to three Swedish Air Force officers from the Defense Staff, who stated in answer to direct questions that while they had no definite evidence to back their believed that the reported phenomena were rockets. This way therefore be accepted as the official Swedish military expression as to the nature of the reported of the reported of the official Swedish military expression as to the nature of the reported of the official Swedish military expression as to the nature of the reported of the officers.

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4. Although eightings of brilliant light phenomena over Stockholm on 11 August created a great furors in the Swedish press and considerable concern among the Swedish public, the Swedish Air Force has not called back its officers from their summer, leave, and the Swedish aircraft warning net has not been mobilized to spot reported missiles. Considering the fact that hundreds of reports from all over the country have described sigar-shaped missiles with first talls at altitudes to make the special property of the property

Sand allow, the Swedish Defense Staff obviously wishes us to believe that the reported objects are rockets, yet is taking no defensive precentions, and since they cannot or will not show us any evidence to support their declared belief, there are several possible explanations which should be considered. Each of these hypotheses will be presented in turn, together with any considerations which might past any light on the subject. Each of the subject with any considerations which might past any light on the subject. Each of this, their lock of action (Case L. Rockets of Russian Origins, 214 to a schemely several

The Russians night be launching rockets over Sweden in order to pressurize the Swedes in connection with the proposed Russian-Swedish trade agreement, or to frighten them away from any consideration of joining a Western Blod. Another notive would be the demonstration of a new weapon to answer our atomic bond demonstrations. A leaser consideration would be the testing of rockets over a senior country, as Germany did with the V-2 rockets. Arguments against this theory are that the reported ranges (1000 km) are far in excess of those for any known rocket to date for the flat trajectories described (two or three hundred meters for a cigar-shaped rocket thirty feet long over central Sweden.) This would indicate a new propellant and a far more afficient control system than the best German rockets. It is therefore doubtful that Russia would risk giving away such a secret by launching it over Sweden at altitudes low enough for it to be shot down by Swedish jet fighters. The Swedish communist press ridiculed this idea, pointing out that no evidence of any kind had been found, and that Russia had all of Siberia to test her rockets. The Russian Military Attache in Stockholm also asked the British Assistant RAF Attache for information on the subject. (Paragraph 5, Enclosure (A)). The main reason against the theory of Russian origin is the lack of any tangible evidence. However, the Swedes may be concealing any such evidence which they say have, even though they attached suphatically that they have no such evidence. The Action of the profession origin is the lack of any tangible evidence. Such conduct would be to avoid trouble with Russian reason accountry. However, base and accountry, the conduct would be to avoid trouble with Russian reason of accountry.

The pritish Assistant RAF Attache stated that he believed the reported objects were rockets, and has made a financial wager that tangible evidence will be found. He also stated that he would like to "plant" a false olde to worry the Russians, giving a purported course indicating that rockets had been launched from Denmark or hitish-positivity.

The U.S. Kilitary Attache in Stockholm reported that the British are extremely worried about the European situation, and that after a recent visit to his former bosher base in England he found it fully operational, even to the fire-tricks. It is known that the British are worried about our demobilization and would like to keep us aread for the blowup which they expect to occur with the Russians. This would be one may to alact us. It would be possible for the British to launch airborns rockets over the Kattegat, set to cross over Sweden and fall into the Baltic. However, it is doubtful if the British would embark on such an undertaking because of the risk of disclosure either to us or to the Russians. Furtherwore, a strong protest dould be expected from Sweden. Again there is the fact that the Swedish Defense Staff is peculiarly inactive and unconcerned, while the British are reported by reserved by M.A. Stockholm to be extremely worried about the matter, and to have offered, or are offering, two of their best search radar sets to help the Swedes track down the rockets.

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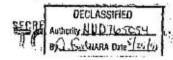
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While there are no known examples, it is probable that Sweden, which recovered the first V-2 rocket and has personnel and resources capable of designing and producing rockets, is engaged in a thorough development program of guided missiles, which are the most outstanding defensive reservo recently developed. It is possible that experimental Swedish rockets have been seen and reported by Weiled observers, but that the Defense Staff wishes to conceal the details of its om rockets. Since Sweden has no other proving ground than its om country and adjacent waters, it would be hard to keep any long-range, rocket flights from being observers. It has been confirmed that civil an observers have mistakenly reported Smedish Vampire jet-propelled Fighters as rockets, and that meteors to have similarly been mistaken for rockets by Swedish observers ... The August ..... intendic showers and jet airplanes might account for most of these reports, if it were not for the Defense Staff's insistence that they believe part of the been tracked both by redar and range-finders. In view of this, their lack of action is extraordinary. They know that the British are extremely worried and that we are exceedingly interested in varifying these reported sightings, and that we are exceedingly interested in varifying these reported sightings, and they insist that they have no tangible evidence. No matter whether the reported objects are Swedish rockets, jet fighters, or mateurin showers, the Defense Staff is encouraging the belief that they are rockets and is issuing swaqtwe reports which are in many mays contradictory. (Enclosure #1 to 700 Enclosure (A)). One possible notive is that they wish to influence public # opinion to back their request for increased defense appropriations # Another is that they wish to alert the Mest against the Russian expansion mensoe which they rear so attempty and which they believe will make Sweden a battleground in any new war. They know how the British fear guided missiles, and that a very inexpensive way to keep Britain mobilized and to alert us would be to create the suspicion that the Russians were launching rockets over Sweden. Their insistance that the objects are reckets, in spite of their admission of a lack of any tangible evidence, is suspicious, as is their failure to cancel Air Force leaves or to use their aircraft to track these missiles. The Defense Staff's memorandum (Paragraph 6 of Enclosure #1 to Enclosure (A)) tends to criticise the Finnish reports, implying that they have been suppressed. Faragraph 12 discourages the hope of finding any evidence, as have most of the press reports, indicating that while the Defense Staff does not want to tell what it knows, it still will not discourage the rocket theory. If the Defense Staff is withholding or suppressing any information of Swedish rocket tests, this could be justified later to the Swedish public on the grounds of national security. However, it should be remembered that it is a national characteristic of the Swedish people to avoid facing unplement facts and to avoid stirring up international trouble. The deliberate creation of these incidents would arouse the strong antagonism of Russia as well as the U.S. and Great Britain. This is burne out by the strong reaction in the Swedish press to the article by Marquis Childs, vehemently denying his implications that the Russians were using rockets over Sweden to intimidate them into a Swedish-Russian trade agreement. In spite of this, the Swedish press now agrees almost unanimously that there is no longer may doubt that a foreign power is testing rockets over Swedish Trine Minister stated on August 15th that up to now it was not possible to protest to any foreign power, as it had not yet been proved what the objects are or where they come from.

In connection with the Swedish hypothesis, the reporting officer has gained the impression that the Swedish Defense Staff officers and the Air Force officers he has interviewed are evasive in their replies and are holding backdinformation on orders from higher authority. Their contradictory and confusing tooms diffuses are not typical of those which an alarmed and alort military staff would immediate in the event of an enemy threat. The reporting officer feels that there is a possibility of the following:



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there are Russian Rockets over Sweden.

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Staff, Proce, Asnt. Fr. RAY Attache: B-3 and sireraft sightings, and that the reports are mostly inaginary and the result of public hysteria.

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4. That the "ghost bombs" are of foreign origin other than Russian.

There is no unanimity of opinion even in this diffice Comments believes there is a 50% possibility of premise 1, a 40% possibility StypeSmide 3; and a 10% possibility of premise 2. On the other hand, the repetiting difficult believes the possibility of premise 1 is 70%, 20% possibility of premise 2; and 2% of premise 4.

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