

Army Maj. Gen. (Ret.) JOHN G. ZIERDT -- interview 10-21-98 (tape

(main story he had to tell is in his 'v.B 60th' letter -- copy attache
-- abt. meeting in Wash. involving v.B)

at th time of above, Army & AF were fighting over IRBM jurisdiction
& control. Zierdt was a colonel & chief of ABMA Control Office. With
them were Ted Hardiman, chief of financial planning part of tht office.

v.Braun made a "beautiful" presentation to Dr. Herb York. v.B & Zierdt
had been sent there to "sell it" to DoD.

Zierdt worked more closely w/ Eberhard Rees -- after v.B & Medaris
decided on something. Rees helped bring v.B down to practical realities
& didn't get all th credit he deserved.

"The problem w/ Wernher sometimes was getting him to shut up."

v.B was "an enthusiastic supporter of th Hsv. Symphony."

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• add ^{John} Zierdt comments
to chap.
on "Coming
to America"
1st days
w/ U.S. Captors
in Germany
? on
screening,
oking out
v.B team
mem's
in Germany

• he told me in '99 (at Rotary):
"If people only knew the
screening v.B & his team
mem's went through. Believe me,
they were checked out ^{v-2} thoroughly"