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Mr Stephanus, from Hannover, now residing in ELDAGSEN, and a member of a committee, appointed by the English MG in Hannover, for the reconstruction of industry and commerce, volunteered the following information on Hitler's V-3 weapon.

January 1943 a new gas mask was ordered, but only in August its production came in full swing. The gas mask was to secure German soldiers against the effects of a new gas, lethal in its smallest parts, and being produced in Czecho-Slovakia. This gas is, according to our informant, Hitler's V-3 weapon.

The production of this gas is such that any worker working in the factories for a week would have to take off for two weeks. Only Jews had to stay on steadily and would die after 2 weeks. Jews of the concentration camp Theresienstadt were used for this.

The gas mask, whose most important part, the filter, is unknown to our informant, was to be very tight, and a new rubber compound was used to tighten the seams. Samples of this compound are available in Mr. Stephanus' factory in ELDAGSEN, and each mask was exposed to severe tests.

The gas itself seems to be the same referred to in an ~~earlier~~ earlier report as having been issued to S/S and some Panzer div. as being called after its external marking Blue Cross.

Our informant also corroborates previous reports concerning disagreements about the employment of the gas, the party pressing for its employment, Reichswehr and industry objecting. Certain tactics taken by the German industry indicate a dilatory intention motivated by the suicidal nature of any German gasing attempt. For example, after several months of producing the new type rubber parts an order was issued to scrap this model and wait for machines to produce another type of mask. Several more months passed before these new machines arrived.