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## Charlie Battery Launching Area Construction Photographs - 1958

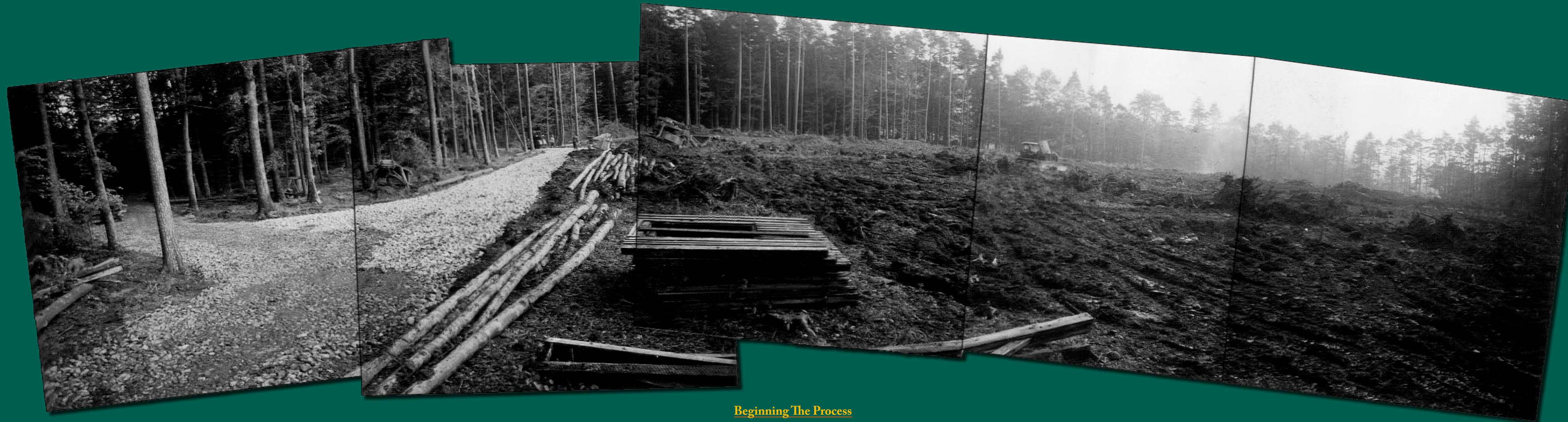


Is this possible...? I can't believe we have been provided with actual photographs of the construction of the launching area. These images were taken in 1958 and 1959 by workers of the construction firm Gruen & Bilfinger, who built the 3rd 71st Nike sites at Kleingartach and Grosssachsenheim. They were found in the archives of their successor firm of Gruen & Bilfinger, and have been provided by Thomas Schulz of Heilbronn.

Thomas has done extensive research on the Kleingartach site, and his discovery of these images are a real find, as well as an important addition to our Archives. The image on the following page was the first one given and previously presented. Since then he has sent new images and they appear in the successive pages. They are not as large as the first one, so I decided to make several montage pages. The viewer can use the magnification tool in Acrobat Reader to enlarge each image for closer inspection.







### Beginning The Process

This image appears to be the very beginning of the construction process. The clearing of the land, the salvaging of the trees, and starting the access roads.

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### Charlie Battery Launching Area Construction Panorama

This composite image really shows the breadth of the construction area. The far left image appears to be the start of Charlie Section, with the background row of trees being those that

separated Charlie and Bravo Sections. And maybe the tripod in the middle of that image is plumbing the corner point of a missile hanger. The middle image is possibly the graded surface

of the launching pad, with face of the revetment beginning to be formed at the rear. It also appears the graded road in the foreground is the inner-perimeter road around each section.





The Clearing Continues



Alpha Section Emerges



OK Let's Get Started



Getting Organized



Charlie Section Emerges



Bravo Section Emerges

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