

REPORT FROM THE IGC HISTORY SUB-COMMITTEE

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The sub-committee for IGC history consists now of Fred Weinholtz, Angela Sheard, John Roake, Peter Selinger and Tor Johannessen. Wolfgang Weinreich, Loek Boermans, Ian Strachan, Wally Kahn, Manfred Reinhardt and Art Greenfield (NAA) have all been very helpful, as well as Theo Rack, the manager of the museum in Wasserkuppe.

The search for the early part of the commission's history goes on. The archives of the late Hein Schwing in Amsterdam, the Rhön Segelflugmuseum on the Wasserkuppe, the Royal Aero Club at Hendon, and Wally Kahn's big library in his home have all been searched for relevant information. The results were somewhat disappointing.

It has also proven more difficult than anticipated to locate the whereabouts of the papers confiscated in 1945. We have been in contact with the National Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, with the Library of Congress and the National Archives in Washington DC, and are now in contact with the German Bundesarchiv in Freiburg where we hope to find the papers or microfilm of them after the IGC meeting.

The time that our work will take has been greatly underestimated. My guess now is that we might have a product in two years' time from now. We intend to have both an English and a German version of the history.

As also mentioned in my last year's report we are still missing the IGC (CIVV) minutes from 1956 (St Yan) and 1958 (Leszno). Any help from the delegates in finding these minutes in their NAC's archive will be highly appreciated!