Werhner von Braun is arguably the most influential rocket engineer in history. His complex life story involves both the widely-condemned and the truly inspirational. von Braun led development of the first long-range ballistic missiles for the Nazi-German military, the infamous V-2 rockets. After being captured by Allied forces towards the end of the second World War, he went on to a second career in the United States with the Army and NASA. von Braun is credited with the popularization of human spaceflight during the 1950s, and was closely involved with development of first United States satellite and the Saturn-5 booster rockets for the Apollo moon-landing program.