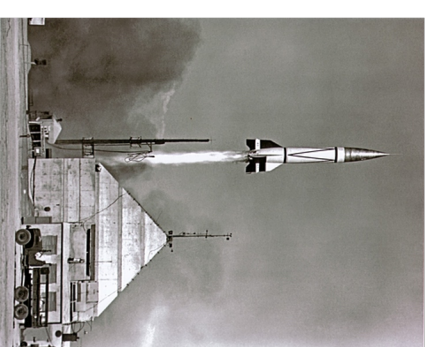


Albert II flew in the second of four V2 rocket launches in the series featuring monkeys, following Albert I, who asphyxiated before launch. On June 14th, 1949, Albert II was the first monkey to cross the Kármán line 100 kilometers above the planet's surface which designates the beginning of space. He reached an apogee of 143 kilometers and died on impact after a parachute failure.

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