

Sample Interview Questions
For Mark Morgan and Mark Berhow
Authors of *Rings of Supersonic Steel*

1. What motivated the government to design the Nike missile system?
2. In June 1945, Bell Lab and the manufacturing arm of Western Electric began researching and developing the Nike-Ajax system. Where were the missiles manufactured and tested? How long before they became active?
3. Why was the Nike missile system exceptional?
4. Was there ever dissension between the military branches about which one would have sovereignty over the missiles?
5. Where were most of the missile sites concentrated?
6. What was the difference between a Nike-Ajax and a Nike-Hercules?
7. How did launch facilities for the Ajax missile and the Hercules missile differ?
8. Did the US ever come close to firing a Nike missile?
9. What did the public know about the Nike missiles? Could they see them in the open? Were they aware that the Nike-Hercules could carry nuclear warheads?
10. What were the other surface-to-air missile systems developed by the Army, Air Force, and Navy?
11. What brought about the decommissioning of the Nike missile system?
12. What has become of the Nike missile sites?