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CONTEXT: Klaus Peter Feigl was born March 1, 1929, in Berlin, Germany, to Ernst and Agnes (Bornstein) Feigl. Peter's father, a mechanical engineer, was always elegantly dressed and carried a Swiss Doxa pocket watch with a black silk fob from which a small golden Buddha hung. Agnes (nicknamed Aga) was born in 1904 in a German [Silesian](#) town called Ottmachau. Her mother died after childbirth and her father, George Bornstein, later married Flora (Klezcewer), whom Peter called "Alala."

Peter's memory of his mother Agnes: "Mother was a vivacious woman, beautiful, strong physically and intellectually." He also vividly remembered he and his father went aboard the [Hindenburg Zeppelin](#) once for a tour in 1935 or 1936. Ernst, who had many international contacts, was pressured by the Nazi government to import aircraft components which were prohibited under the [Treaty of Versailles](#). He refused to comply.

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