

Today's Weather: Cloudy with rain and showers, possibly a few thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s. Tonight, lows in mid-50s. Tomorrow, more rain with a 50 percent chance of showers. High in mid-60s.

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Queens UFO Investigator Takes Reagan's Speculations on 'Alien Invasion' Seriously

Second in a two-part series.

In our previous column we discussed what appears to be something President Reagan thinks often about: how an alien invasion from outer space could unite the nations of Earth in a common front. The idea had been postulated earlier by General Douglas MacArthur, yet almost nobody has paid attention to it. Colman von Keviczky, a retired Major with the Royal Hungarian Army and the founder and director of ICUFON, a small UFO research organization based in Queens, is the exception to this rule. The Hungarian-American military ufologist believes both Reagan and MacArthur didn't pose a rhetorical or hypothetical question with their alien invasion scenario, but actually issued a veiled warning to the public that this indeed was the case.

Von Keviczky received his Master of Military Science and Engineering (MMSE) at the historical Ludovica University in Budapest. As a Captain and then Major with the Royal Hungarian Army, he created the Audio-Visual Department of the Hungarian General Staff before World War II. After the war he worked for the U.S. occupation forces in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1952, the year his interest in UFOs began. Von Keviczky is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA) and his biography appears in *Who's Who in Aviation & Aerospace*.

In the mid-60s, von Keviczky worked with the United Nations staff audio-visual department, where he became involved in a controversy over UFOs and the UN. In 1966, von Keviczky was actually commissioned by Secretary General U Thant to work on a preliminary memo on how the UFO problem could be inserted in the U.N. agenda. However, the Major found he no longer had a job at the U.N. after he leaked news of this assignment to the press. Yet U Thant confided around that time that "he considers UFOs the most important problem facing the U.N. next to the war in Vietnam," as reported in Drew Pearson's syndicated column.

Out of the U.N. in 1966, von Keviczky has pursued this "UFO Crusade" on his own and through ICUFON



COLMAN VON KEVICZKY (standing) briefs Austrian officials including President Rudolph Kirchler (not in picture) at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, October 17, 1983.

from his home in Queens. Through countless contacts in Europe, Japan, Brazil, and many other countries, he has amassed a remarkable collection of UFO photographs and documents from around the world. The best of the documents have been presented recently in his latest massive memoranda filed with the Secretary General and several U.N. Missions.

The Memorandum consists of four "Dossiers," divided in: A) "The UFOs Potential Threat Syndrome;" B) "Military Disposals on Armed Defense against the Extraterrestrial Intruders (UFOs);" C) "Undeclared Warfare against the UFO-Galactic Forces;" and D) "Road to the Star War and the Question of Survival." Altogether, they contain about 300 declassified documents, which describe some 140 "classic cases."

The first dossier deals with a number of UFO incidents over atomic installations, oil fields, and other power sources, close encounters with commercial airliners, vessels, and motor vehicles, and finally the mystery of so-called cattle mutilations. The documentation includes CIA, FBI, USAF, and other U.S.

government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act, as well as report forms from commercial airline companies, scientific sources, and the news media.

The Major has not always been successful in retrieving documents to prove his point. For instance, on June 14 and on July 24, 1984, "a huge elongated solid structure" was seen by security guards at Reactor No. 3 of the Indian Point Atomic Power Plants in Buchanan, upstate New York. Although investigator Phillip Imbrogno personally interviewed the witnesses and published an account of the case in his book about the Hudson Valley UFO flap, *Night Siege*, neither Imbrogno nor von Keviczky were able to obtain under the FOIA a single official document about this incident. In what the Major nicknamed a "rolling FOIA ball," he was given a complete run-around by the N.Y. Power Authority, the NRC, DOE, the USAF and NASA. Since we know that something potentially serious took place at Indian Point, we must conclude that these agencies are either incompetent or are engaged in a cover-up regarding this incident.

The following dossiers in a similar fashion produce whole lists of UFO incidents at various war fronts, military bases, leaks by military personnel, etc. Some cases, like the 1976 dogfight between Iranian F-4 "Phantom" jets and a UFO over Teheran, or the disappearance in 1978 of a Cessna plane in Australia, are well known in the UFO literature. Others are certainly not, and the author must be congratulated for making these known. A case in point is a July 1985 "restricted" report from the UN Military Forces in Cyprus.

The document's "ITEM 2" was titled, "Observation of UFO's in the Area of Famagusta." It informed the UN about UFO sightings in Famagusta, describing them as

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"bright lights changing from white to red and green," and adding to "ask UN to give information if UN would have recognized the incidents. UN promise to investigate." Yet when von Keviczky inquired about this report with the UN Military Staff Committee, he was told that such report didn't exist, and that "the United Nations has no organization that follows the sightings of UFO's."

A significant portion of the dossiers contain political and diplomatic documents about space agreements between the super powers. Of particular interest is a little known clause of an "Agreement On Measures to Reduce the Risk of Outbreak of Nuclear War" between the USA and the USSR, signed by Secretary of State William Rogers and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on September 30, 1971. "Article 3" reads, "The Parties undertake to notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems of unidentified objects, or in the event of signs of interference with these systems or with related communications facilities, if such occurrences could create a risk of outbreak of nuclear war between the two countries." Furthermore, "Article 8" tells us that, "This Agreement shall be of unlimited duration."

The Major believes that the super powers are well aware of this UFO threat, and that SDI should really be called "Star Wars," since its real target are the "UFO Forces" and not the Soviets. The rest, he says, is a propaganda campaign launched both by Washington and Moscow to deceive world attention about the purpose of this and other space weapons. Although this will sound preposterous to many, the whole collection of documents released by ICUFON must be read before one can pass judgment on the Major's theory.

In any case, whether you become convinced or not that Earth is facing a potential alien invasion, Colman von Keviczky has certainly produced a valuable package of UFO-related documents that should be of interest to anyone who wants to study this contemporary problem. Even Robert Sheaffer, a prominent UFO skeptic, once commended von Keviczky for preserving for posterity a number of classic UFO documents.

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