

## THE BRATISLAVA EVENT

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In Slovakian *UFO Magazine* # 2/02 quarterly magazine, I found a very interesting article titled *The UFO and Czechoslovakian Army* by **Ing. Miroslav Karlik** of Trnava, which says about the UFO-sightings made by the CS AA-troops in years 1980s and 1990s. The most interesting event was described by **Capt. Ret. Ludovit Matula**, who in an afternoon of the last day of the year 1983 had seen the giant, cigar-shaped UFO (CUFO) together with his friend **Mrs. Sonia Macakova**. They were seeing that CUFO, when they stood at the TV antenna array in Kamzík – a part of the Bratislava town. The CUFO was very big – it measured over 300 meters in its length and it moved quickly above the SNP Nový Most bridge on the Danube river, between Petržalka and Bratislava. It went on an altitude of almost 60 meters above the river's level – see a reconstruction. The CUFO was silver in color and bore some details on its surface. It made itself faster and faster and finally disappeared behind the Bratislavský Hrad castle.

The CUFO was watched also by radar operators of the CS AA radar post in Zohor – almost 26 km N-NW from Bratislava. Capt. Matula says:

*The CUFO moved so quickly that our AA could not react on its presence! This object was seen also in Poland, where ones tried to shut it down with the AA rocket missile. But the CUFO changed its trajectory sharply under a right angle and the missile did not hit it.*

This case attracted my attention, because I have never read about this in books by **Bronisław Rzepecki** and **Krzysztof Piechota**, there is no word about that in the work by **Col. Pilot Ryszard Grundman**. There is no note in the *UFO-sightings Catalogue in Slovakia from 1925 to 1995* by **Dr Milos Jesensky**.

I contacted immediately with my friends, who could tell me anything about fates of the Bratislavian CUFO. I phoned to such Polish ufologists like: **Mr. Bronisław Rzepecki**, **Mr. Krzysztof Piechota**, **Mr. Marcin Mioduszewski**, **Mr. Arkadiusz Miazga**, **Miss Maja Kowalska**, and **Mr. Janusz Zagorski**. I contacted also with my school-mate **Capt. Ret. Karol Sentysz**, who is a former officer of the Polish AA-troops. Unfortunately, they have not heard anything about such event.

I think that the CUFO went from Slovakia towards Poland along the 17<sup>th</sup> meridian, it had to cross the Polish border in the Lower Silesia region – see a map. I think that the CUFO in fact went into the Polish airspace, but Poles did not open fire to it. I suspect Soviets opened fire to the object, because there had been a lot of Soviet military bases on the Lower Silesia areas at that time. In the Legnica town was placed a Staff and the HQ of the Northern Group of the Soviet Troops in Poland and other European communistic countries. Unfortunately

my friends had not any sign of that incident. It is quite understandable, because Russians have not used to explain their actions to Poles, Slovaks, Czechs, etc. etc.

So than it is possible that that CUFO went away and Russians said that Poles had fired to it. Capt. Matula heart about it, when he had served in the HQ of the CS AA-troops in Prague. It was so called 'maskirovka' made by the GRU or KGB.

On the other hand, I think that that 'giant silver flying cucumber' flew exactly like the another one, which has been seen by Swedes in Umea on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1991. Exactly like that CUFO – the Bratislavian object flew above almost unmanned parts of the Czechoslovakia: the Male Karpaty Mts., Bile Karpaty Mts. and Hodonin, Prostějov, Šumperk towns towards the border. Next it moved towards Wrocław in Poland. It could be seen in Stronie Śląskie and Zabkowice Śląskie towns. Ant finally it was attacked somewhere over that area.

I contacted with a witness, but Capt. Matula took water in his mouth... - and have not answered me to a present day! Is he still tied with the state secret and can not to say more? It is quite possible, because there are a lot of mysteries, which are buried in the MoDs' files and archives. The Bratislava incident remains still unexplained.

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