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SUBJ*SUBJ: German Daily Suspects US of Arming Against 'UFO Attacks by
* Extraterrestrials'

SOUR SOURCE: Hamburg Bild in German 15 Jun 01 pp 1,2

TEXT TEXT:

* [Report by Martin S. Lambeck: "Is NATO Afraid of UFOs?"]
 [FBIS Translated Text] What does the United States really
 plan with its new antimissile shield in space? In an interview
 with ZDF television, NATO Secretary General Robertson now seems to
 have revealed more than the United States and its allies actually
 wanted to admit. Mysteriously, he spoke of "new dangers" against
 which the defense system is aimed -- "be it terrorism or a threat
 from space." What do the politicians know that we do not know?
 *Is the United States arming itself against potential UFO attacks by
 *extraterrestrials?

Is there really a threat from space?

In fact, not only NATO Secretary General George Robertson
 implied potential attacks from space, but also US President George
 Bush warned the NATO partners in Brussels of "new threats."
 However, he did not say what kind of threats -- whether a meteorite
 *storm or even UFO attacks.

Speaking with Bild, Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping (Social
 Democratic Party of Germany) clearly commented on the insinuations
 by NATO Secretary General Robertson about a "threat from space,"
 which could be understood all too easily as panic-mongering against
 *extraterrestrial attacks.

Scharping: "There is worldwide agreement that the proliferation
 of mass destruction weapons creates new threats. This requires a
 common and political response -- with clear realism."

The Defense Ministry says warningly: "We do not think anything
 of horror scenarios."

Officially, the space shield is supposed to shoot down incoming

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missiles from "rogue states" (Libya, Iran) with laser or antimissile missiles.

Now, however, there is the question: does the United States intend to use its antimissile missiles also against meteorites that threaten Earth? The Max Planck Institute for Astronomy (Heidelberg) warns: a total of 200,000 metric tons of mini-meteorites crash into earth every year.

The issue also caused disturbances at the summit of the EU heads of government with Bush in Goteborg. A total of 500 demonstrators protested against the US missile plans and against Bush's refusal to ratify the Kyoto climate protection protocol. [Description of Source: Hamburg Bild in German -- popular tabloid daily leaning right of center]

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