

Declaration of
John Padgett II,
Videographer

1. I am over eighteen years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Washington State. If called upon to do so, I will testify, in person, of my knowledge to the facts contained within this declaration.

2. In May 1996, I began producing a documentary on biological weapons of mass destruction. Pursuant to reading, *The Secret Man*, a non-fiction book written by Frank Dux, and published by Regan Books, a division of Harper Collins, I accompanied Frank Dux to Russia and the Ukraine to investigate the claims he makes in that book. Attached are photocopies of my passport, bearing the Russian and Ukranian visas from that time.

3. In those countries, I interviewed numerous people. These include: ex-Soviet government officials, ex-KGB operatives, ex-Soviet military commanders, current Russian and Ukrainian military officers, and current Ukrainian government officials of the highest level.

4. Amongst the individuals interviewed were: the Deputy Minister of Defense for the Ukraine, the Deputy Minister of Health (who commanded the medical

response team for the lost bio-weapons, involving Dux's recovery of same), and a Spetnaz (Special Forces) Colonel whom, identified for me on film, Frank Dux as being a former covert operative sent by the United States to take part in a secret joint American-Soviet mission to recover stolen biological weapons of mass destruction. Attached is a photo of one of my interviews with the Deputy Minister of Health and the Spetnaz Colonel. The Spetnaz Colonel was identified and vouched for by the Deputy Minister of Defense, and on camera, by the Deputy Minister of Health. [As required by the Ministry of Defense, The Spetnaz Colonel (as seen in the attached photo) is masked to protect his identity from retaliation and to prevent any compromise of his operational status. Dux stands center, the Deputy Minister of Health is to his left].

5. All these individuals interviewed were provided to me and identified by the Press Secretary for the President of the Ukraine, who I also interviewed on film.
6. Frank Dux was identified to me as being conferred the rank of a military colonel in the Ukranian anti-terror unit, bERKYT, by its Commanding Officer. This unit reports directly to the President of the Ukraine. I was able to document Frank Dux, on film, in uniform, at their headquarters. He was there actively training their elite response team, and those charged with their training and tactics.

7. Attached are two video capture photo stills, documenting Dux in uniform, taken in a highly secured area reserved only for bERKYT personnel, with the exception of myself being granted permission by the President of the Ukraine to conduct my documentary. The entire time Dux and I were in their headquarters, I had to be accompanied by no less than three intelligence officers, with security being so stringent I was accompanied to the restroom, the door to the stall having to remain open at all times. In contrast, Dux was allowed to move about freely, even being issued an automatic machine pistol, by the Commanding Officer, as a personal side-arm, in preparation for Dux's arranged 'ride-along' with a bERKYT patrol and an anticipated raid on an organized crime cell, all of which I was allowed to document on film.
8. Even out of uniform, Dux was afforded all the rights and privileges of a high ranking military officer. This included being housed in Kiev's finest accommodations, reserved only for the highest of military officials. It became common place for me to be sharing breakfast with Dux and several Russian and Ukrainian generals.
9. All the identities of those I interviewed were independently confirmed by the publisher of Kiev's largest newspapers.

I, John Padgett II, do hereby declare the aforementioned statements to be factually correct, under penalty of perjury, this 22nd day of September, 1998, and will testify, in person, if asked to do so.

x *John Padgett II*



State of Washington

County of Franklin

Signed or attested before me

on 9/22/98 by *John Padgett II*

Robert M. [Signature]

my appointment expires: 1-19-99