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Agents raid UFO group's hideout

Treasury officials, health inspectors discover nearly a dozen weapons.

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WESLACO — Treasury agents and local authorities yesterday raided the headquarters of a group calling itself Outer Dimensional Forces and reportedly confiscated almost a dozen weapons.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents led the first wave of officers who executed a federal search warrant.

They were the first uninvited guests known to have entered the property in years.

A second team of Weslaco health and building code inspectors followed, looking for violations at the weather-beaten, two-story house that for more than 20 years has been an eyesore next to Expressway 83 in this Rio Grande Valley city.

Several ODF members kept news reporters away from the secret, fenced site during the raid and the agents declined to say what they

were looking for or what they found.

However, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Guerra said besides weapons, the ATF agents also were looking for any "threatening" literature.

Previous ODF literature had referred to President Reagan and others as "bloodsuckers."

White-bearded Nodrog (Gordon spelled backwards), the recluse who has claimed to house an "Armageddon Time Ark" space vehicle in Weslaco, was present during the raid and spent time "insulting the officers," Weslaco police Sgt. Enrique Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez, who has kept Nodrog's old dilapidated house under surveillance since April, revealed that "maybe six or seven rifles and four or five handguns" were confiscated during the raid.

In May, a federal judge held three ODF members in contempt and ordered them jailed for refusing to testify, give handwriting samples or fingerprints. Two of them remain

imprisoned.

Authorities said in May they feared that survivalists from the North, some perhaps affiliated with the activist anti-government, anti-tax Posse Comitatus, had associated themselves with Nodrog's otherwise harmless UFO group in the past year.

Gonzalez said no one was arrested during yesterday's raid and any charges would be filed later.

Guerra said it would be two weeks before another federal grand jury meets.

Nodrog for years has sold literature and space on his Time Ark to people who wanted to fly off into space the day before Armageddon.

The literature claims Armageddon will occur when 4,001 ODF space craft will "Tmarkulize all space junk, including Ronnie's Star Wars Toys' ... out of Time Station Earth's Buffer Zone."