

The 10 most baffling UFO cases of the last 30 years

TEN of the most baffling cases ever reported provide new evidence that UFOs not only exist — but defy capture by even the most sophisticated U.S. defense forces.

Raymond E. Fowler, the renowned investigator for the Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., whose book *The Andreasson Affair* stunned even the most hard-nosed skeptics, says: "We have documents that show UFOs are able to penetrate air space over highly-classified military bases, and perform in these restricted areas with seemingly no hindrance or defense against them."

"On occasion, our craft have tried to catch these things and were in no way able to catch or down them."

In his new book, *Casebook Of A UFO Investigator* (Prentice-Hall, \$10.95), Fowler describes 10 incidents which he learned of through the Freedom of Information Act and other sources, that support his theory. Here are the details:

- During routine missile tests over a NATO base near Italy, the missiles exploded almost immediately after being launched, as if they "were hitting an invisible barrier in the sky."

When films of the test were developed, officials discovered a distinct disc-shaped object with a domed top hovering near the path of the missiles.

As soon as the missiles drew near, a laser-like ray shot out of the craft and disintegrated them. Missiles launched in a different direction were unharmed.

- In August, 1973, the Air Force launched a Minuteman missile from the Vandenberg Air Force Base in Northern California. As the nosecone separated from the third stage of the missile and zeroed in on its target, radar picked up an inverted saucer-shaped object to the right and above the nosecone, appearing to observe it.

- In the spring of 1966, a missile combat crew commander and his fellow operator at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont., were stunned to see that 10 lights on the underground command console indicated a fault in 10 separate missiles.

Double-checking the situation, they confirmed that each of their 10 missiles was in a no-go fault condition, meaning none could be launched. Nothing like that had ever happened before.

Telephone communication revealed that above-ground personnel reported seeing UFOs precisely at the moment the missiles failed.

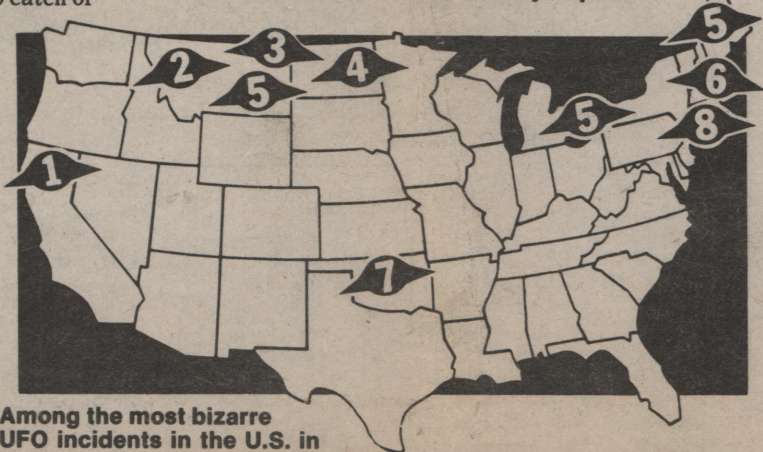
- Less than a year later, in March, 1967, a full flight of 10 different missiles at the Malmstrom AFB again became inoperative. Radar again confirmed the presence of a UFO.

- Only 15 days before the second Malmstrom incident, the 91st Strategic Missile Wing of the Minot AFB in North Dakota appeared to be invaded by a UFO when Aero-

Top investigator unearths close encounters that pierce U.S. defense system



Raymond E. Fowler: Renowned investigator says UFOs defy capture.



Among the most bizarre UFO incidents in the U.S. in the last 30 years, 1 occurred in Northern California; 2 and 3 in Montana; 4 in North Dakota; 5 in Maine, Montana and near Lake Huron; 6 in Massachusetts; 7 in Oklahoma; and 8 in Connecticut.

space Defense Command radar tracked an unknown target descending on Minuteman missile installations.

Strike teams were alerted and sighted a metallic disc-shaped craft ringed with bright flashing lights moving slowly over the super-sensitive area. Three armed teams in trucks pursued the alien vehicle as it maneuvered, stopped and hovered 500 ft. off the ground. The strike teams had orders to capture it undamaged should it land.

F-106 fighter planes were awaiting orders to launch an attack and base operations decided to scramble the jets when suddenly the UFO climbed straight up and streaked away at incredible speed.

- During October and November 1975, several major Air Force bases were easily penetrated by UFOs, including Loring AFB in Maine, Wurtsmith AFB near Lake Huron and the 24th NORAD (North American Air Defense Command) near Great Falls, Mont.

During these sightings, the "unknown" objects were tracked by the Air Force and after at least one of the sightings in the 24th NORAD region, two F-106 jet fighters scrambled out of Great Falls, Mont., to intercept the objects but were unable to do so.

- A retired Air Force master sergeant who was chief investigator of a UFO incident in June 1953, waited 20 years before telling of a F-94C jet that attempted to

intercept unknown objects near Otis AFB in Massachusetts.

"According to the pilot's sworn testimony his engine quit functioning and his entire electrical system failed at 1,500 ft. The pilot ordered his radar operator to bail out and then jettisoned the canopy and bailed out himself."

Although the crippled plane should have crashed, neither it nor the radar operator were ever found — the jettisoned canopy was.

- In August, 1974, UFOs interrupted a key missile test at Kwajalein atoll, an island in the Pacific Ocean.

A cluster of UFOs appeared on the meteorologist's radarscope. The countdown was put on hold until the UFOs left the impact area.

- Flying from St. Louis to Dallas, the a commercial DC-8 cargo plane was near McAlester, Okla., when the pilot spotted another craft 5,000 feet to his right. Suddenly, it shot straight up like an elevator, turned toward the DC-8, and took a position slightly above it 900 feet away.

Then it descended straight down and took up a position just below the plane's left wing. The captain and his crew looked down into the dimly-lit transparent dome on top of the UFO and saw several shadowy figures moving inside the canopy. Then the object suddenly moved out from under the plane and sped away.

- On June 18, 1981, there was a sighting by a pilot and co-pilot flying a private plane near New Haven, Conn. As it passed the private plane, the object looked like a highly-polished, stainless steel disc with its outside perimeter rotating. The pilot gave chase at 200 mph but the object easily outdistanced them and quickly disappeared as a speck over the horizon.

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