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An A-10 pilot decides to fly to Colorado. With 4 500 lb bombs. Why?

The pilot was going to "take out" The Denver Federal Courthouse, and
Timothy McVeigh. However, the Air Force, to prevent such a renegade
act, shot him down.

The pilot, Button, was single. He was normally stationed in Texas,
which is very close to Oklahoma City, OK. Perhaps Lt. Button had a
relation in the Alfred Murro Federal Building (which was blown up by
McVeigh last year) and he is just now enacting his revenge. The Fed.
Courthouse in Colorado has been "hardened" from attack on or
underground. But from the air?

The A-10 flew almost a dirct route towards Vail. I doubt the pilot had
the necessary sectional charts with him for that portion of Denver,
since his OPS were supposed to be at the Goldwater Bombing Range near
Gila Bend. In a moment of silence, he aimed his plane in an
approximate NNE direction and set autopilot for the long haul.

Now consider that the airplane, flying at a decent altitude, was
painting radar screens all over the southwest! Especially since it did
not have its transponder or IFF equipment activated. Don't you think
the ATCs at Sky Harbor and Albuquerque were pulling their hair out
with this craft?!?! Especially since it was going way too fast for a
civilian joy-pilot. However, the Air Force has been rather silent
about THEIR capability to track! Luke AFB, Yuma MCAS, Davis-Montham
AFB would have been tracking him with their own powerful radars (plus
any associated with bases in NewMexico like Holloman or White Sands;
Colorado; and Wyoming).

After about half an hour of flight, (which puts the A-10 in NE
Arizona) the Air Force finally figures out they have a renegade. Sure,
they probably tried to talk him down, but he is commited! They finally
scramble either F-15s, F-16s, or FB-111s from either Luke, or bases in
Wyoming or Nebraska to intercept.

Now we know the pilot had to have been flying due to circling
manuevers outside of Vail. He was either getting his bearings for an
attack run on Denver (remember..it's after lunch recess at the Jury
selection) or he is aware of the interceptors, and is now defending
himself through stealth means (since he has no air-air capability).

All aircraft are outfitted with ELTs (Emergency Locator Transmitters)
that are quite capable of withstanding crashes, and activate during
one emitting a radio beacon that can be picked up by searchers or a
satellite. If the A-10 merely crashed, where is the ELT? The fighters
shot down the A-10, utilizing missiles to create a secondary explosion
onboard the craft with the 500 lb bombs. Even though the bombs may not
have been "armed", they are still packed with explosives!

This enormous explosion probably went unnoticed due to the unusual
snowstorm and terrain of the Rocky Mountains. If the wreckage is
exentually found, but scattered, then it was shot down. Localized
wreckage will indicate a mere collision mid-air with a mountain.

Why would the Air Force do such a thing? Consider the embarrassment!
The nation would be outraged, and the Air Force en masse would be
grounded pending hearings and investigations. Also the potential
"cover-up" would only involve a small group of pilots, controllers,
and officers.

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