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Re: The X-mas Files

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> *Subject: The XMas Files*

Thank you, Rebecca. Another entry. This one originated in the
skunk-works mailing list last year.

Enjoy,

Ed Stewart

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the skys Air defenses
were up, with electronic eyes. Combat pilots were nestled in ready-room
beds As enemy silhouettes danced in their heads.

Every jet on the apron, each SAM in its tube Was triply-redundant linked
to the Blue Cube, And ElInt and AWACS gave coverage so dense That
nothing that flew could slip through our defense.

When out of the klaxon arose such a clatter I turned to the screen to
see what was the matter; I dialed up the gain and then quick as a flash
Fine-adjusted the filters to damp out the hash.

And there found the source of the warning we'd heeded: An incoming blip,
by eight escorts preceded. "Alert status red!" went the word down the
wire, As we gave every system the codes that meant "FIRE"!

On Aegis! Up Patriot, Phalanx and Hawk! And scramble our fighters --
let's send the whole flock! Launch decoys and missiles! Use chaff by the
yard! Get the kitchen sink up! Call the National Guard!

They turned toward the target, moved toward it, converged. Then the
tracks on the radar all finally merged, And the sky was lit up with a
demonic light As the foe met his fate in the high arctic night.

So we sent out some recon to look for debris, Yet all that they found,
both on land and on sea Were some toys, a red hat, a charred left
leather boot, Broken sleighbells, white hair, and a deer's parachute.

Now it isn't quite Christmas, with Saint Nick shot down. There are
unhappy kids in each village and town. For the Spirit of Christmas can't
hope to evade All the web of defenses we've carefully made.

For look how the gadgets we use to protect us In other ways alter,
transform and affect us. They keep us from things that make life more
worth living Like love for each other, and thoughts of just giving.

But a crash program's on: Working hard, night and day, All the elves are
constructing a radar-proof sleigh. So let's wait for next Christmas, in
cheer and in health, For the future has hope: Santa's coming by stealth!

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-- Jay Freeman
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Ed Stewart - egs@netcom.com - │ So Man, who here seems principal alone,
"There is                     │ Perhaps acts second to some sphere
unknown.
 Something Going On!" ,>'?'<, │ Touches some wheel, or verges to some
goal,
 -Salvador Freixedo-  ( O O ) │ 'Tis but a part we see, and not a whole.
-----------------ooOO-(_)-OOoo------- Alexander Pope, Essay on Man------
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