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SNARK MISSILE

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The Air Force's intercontinental guided missile -- the jet-powered Northrop Snark -- is poised for launching at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

With rocket boosters blasting, the Snark streaks skyward in seconds. Guided by a built-in brain, the mighty missile can deliver an atomic punch -- with deadly accuracy -- against a distant target.

Dropping its boosters, the Snark speeds on.

The rocket boosters -- one on each side of the tail -- are clearly visible in this slow-motion close-up of a Snark launching.

While the fantastic missile heads for its target at close to supersonic speed, a discarded booster drops to earth and careens straight at

YOU!

The Snark has flown two thousand miles -- the longest known flight by a pilotless plane in aviation history.