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They call it the snark; so, come listen, my men, while I tell you again that this is another guided missile.

They describe it as intercontinental, because the U.S. Airforce has flown one more than 2,000 miles. Slow motion pictures taken of a demonstration in Florida show ~~how~~ how two rocket boosters help the take off and are thrown aside when they've burnt out. They very nearly put paid to the camera.

An aircraft flew close to the snark to photograph it in flight, to help the backroom boys to make any necessary modifications.

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FIRST PICTURES: THE SNARK....INTERCONTINENTAL GUIDED MISSILE

The U.S. Air Force's intercontinental guided missile, the SNARK, named after the creature of Lewis Carroll's poem. In these first action motion pictures of tests on Florida's east coast, you're looking at a long-rang missile which becomes airborne with the thrust of two rocket boosters. Jet propulsion then takes over. For a dramatic eyeful of the world of tomorrow, watch the take-off in super slow motion. The Snark is an air-breathing, (or winged) missile, which flies in the atmosphere, differing from the ballistic missile, which flies outside the earth's atmosphere. The Snark can be armed with an atomic warhead, and is equipped with an all-weather guidance system, enabling it to reach a distant target with deadly accuracy. Watch closely: the two rocket boosters will drop almost in your lap! The Snark, reportedly, has flown 2,000 miles, greatest distance of any pilotless aircraft. The accompanying craft is an F-89 Observing Plane, making photographs and records of flight characteristics of the winged missile Snark!