

Sometime in AGO's: Grand Forks AFB, ND.

DAILY TAR HEEL (U.N.C.) Chapel Hill, NC - Jan. 26, 1979

letters to the editor

CR: A. Capparella

UFOs and the military

To the editor:

I have noticed with interest the recent rash of UFO sightings including pictures taken in New Zealand. I also noticed that a UFO group in Arizona got the CIA to release some of its UFO documents under a Freedom of Information Act suit. The UFO group says, among other things, that UFOs have been watching military installations for years. I am reminded of an incident an Air Force security policeman described to me while I was in Viet Nam. It might be of interest to UFO buffs.

The security policeman had been stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., before he volunteered for Viet Nam (if you had spent a winter at Grand Forks you'd volunteer, too). The incident occurred while he was on duty with two other security policemen at a remote missile site guarding a Minuteman missile with a nuclear warhead in a silo. The guards operated on a three-day shift with little or no outside contact. Apparently UFO sightings were not uncommon at Grand Forks, they simply were not reported. One day the three guards sighted a UFO hovering over their missile silo. After watching for a while one of the guards fired about 20 rounds from his M-1 at the UFO. Naturally all the shots ricocheted off since, as he put it, the UFO was not marsh gas.

But the real shocker came several days later when the Security Police Squadron had their next formation. Since it is illegal to discharge a weapon without permission in the Air Force (generally it means one stripe), the guards had told no one of the incident. But at the formation the duty officer read a message from Headquarters United States Air Force

ordering security police not to shoot at UFOs.

He admitted that it may have been pure coincidence, but he said it made believers out of three security police.

Kerry Holliday
Law school

} firing at UFO
at military base
& rounds glancing
off of it.
(2nd hand claim)

↑
plus odd "coincidence"