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On May 1st 1960 Francis Gary Powers flew his spy plane U2 from Peshawar, Pakistan, heading north. His termination was Bodø in Norway, almost 7,000 km away – the longest air raid ever made by an agent during the cold war. Powers' plane was shot down, leading to dramatically increased tension between the two superpowers keeping each other at bay by having nuclear weapons. The case also proved problematic for the Norwegian government, as the plane had been on its way to the "flank country" Norway.

Writing about this cold war drama, Alf R. Jacobsen once again shows his superior skills at constructing real life thrillers. He has written a number of critically acclaimed books about the war in the north.

A former investigative journalist in the fields of finance and political surveillance, Alf R. Jacobsen (b. 1951) has served as head of the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation's Brennpunkt team, which is similarly devoted to in-depth investigation of topical issues. In 1998 he was awarded the Riverton Prize, the Norwegian equivalent of the Silver Dagger, for his crime novel Kharg. He has written both fiction books and documentaries.

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