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| Sommario/riassunto | History and deployment of smart weapons. In the United States, efforts to develop precision guided munitions-PGMs-began during the First World War and resulted in an 'aerial torpedo' by the 1920's. While World War II was dominated by large-scale strategic bombing-essentially throwing out tons of free-falling munitions in the hope they hit something important-both sides in the war worked to develop airborne munitions that could be steered toward a target. However after that war, U.S. national security policy focused on the atomic bomb, hardly a weapon that needed to be |