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Re: Edwards AFB

Date: Sat, 4 Sep 1999 11:05:45 -0400 (EDT)
From: David Allison
Subject: Re: Edwards AFB

On Sat, 4 Sep 1999, Mary Shafer wrote:

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> The USAF isn't "giving" Dryden any four airplanes because we already had
> three of them to begin with. They're returning one and giving us
> another. No more.

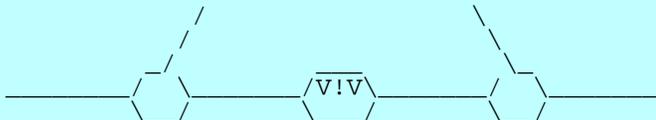
Oops. My bad. What I meant by "giving" (and anyone who knows better, please correct me) is that the 3 original Dryden aircraft (the B and 2 A's: 956/831, 980/844, and 971/832) were loaned to Dryden by the USAF but not given away. As I understand it, the USAF has turned over the pink slips to Dryden for all 4 flyable aircraft (the previous 3 plus 967).

If this is the case, this will be the first time that they have truly GIVEN and not just loaned blackbirds to NASA. Both YF-12As (935 and 936) and the (cough cough) YF-12C (951 aka 937) were loaned to NASA but eventually had to be given back (except 936 which was totalled).

Again, if I've got it wrong, somebody please tell me.

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