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F-117 Reference Sources

From: campbell@ufomind.com (Glenn Campbell, Las Vegas)
Date: Wed, 20 Aug 1997 11:59:37 -0800

From: Lance_Scott/SJC/Lotus@lotus.com
Date: Wed, 6 Aug 1997 08:31:18 -0700
Subject: Answer to the F-117 question @ ufomind

I wanted to write you to let you know of a couple of resources. These sources are only about the "Have Blue" and the FSD or Full Scale Development (which later became the F-117) and the F-117 "Stealth Fighter. first the aircraft was manufactured @ the Lockheed plant in Burbank California then flown by C-5 cargo transport to Groom Lake. Reassembled the flown out of the base during the flight testing phase of the program (Late '78 through '82). Then the project moved, when it became operational, North and West to the (formerly abandon) Tonapah Test Range Base. It's not known where the aircraft was flown. I'm sure it made trips off the test range to be tested in the "real world", however the majority of the testing ,according to these sources, was done out of the Groom Lake facility. With the flights restricted to the Nellis AFB Bombing & Gunnery Range. Also testing did occur over the Tonapah Test Range (owned by the DOE dept. of energy)

Two good sources are the Video put out by the Discovery Channel called "Nighthawk secrets of the stealth" I think you can rent it. If not you can buy it from the discovery channel directly. The second is a website it's the Skunk Works www.lmsw.external.lmco.com/lmsw/html/index.html they have interesting info and a gift shop with a book by James Goodall. This book will walk you through the entire history about the stealth fighter project. There is also good information in the Ben Rich autobiography. Ben was the head of the Skunk Works during the F-117 Project.

I hope this answers the question if you want more knowledge on the skunk works or aviation history or Groom Lake I can most likely answer it . Please feel free to ask me any question you may have !!

Cheers !!
Lance Scott :)

From: Lance_Scott/SJC/Lotus@lotus.com
Date: Mon, 11 Aug 1997 12:40:57 -0700

Subject: Update on the Stealth Fighter Book used as reference

Hi I'm writing to update you with current information about the book I referred to by James Goodall. The book is currently out of print !! I found the correct name of the book it's

Lockheed F-117a: Operation and Development of the Stealth Fighter
By Bill Sweetman and James Goodall
ISBN : 0879384700

Again it's out of print. but Amazon.com said they could find it used in three days. No price though. I think price is subject to condition of the book . Also this book is THE book to get. It is the book that walks you through the development of stealth from SR-71 and Echo 1 to Have Blue and the FSD's. This includes the two fighters that crashed in the high Sierras at night. the reasons and the cover up!! The book was published before the Gulf War, so no details about their involvement in the conflict.

The Research Center Bookstore carries the Ben Rich book and another F117 book by Goodall. See below. -- GC

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