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## RE: Off-Topic Request

From: Erik Hoel  
Subject: RE: Off-Topic Request  
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 1999 08:48:11 -0700

Robert Hopkins wrote:

> I received an e-mail that has, frankly, left me skeptical: Some  
> RB-36s Peacemakers were painted all black with red tail codes, and  
> operated from North Africa on missions along the Turkish-Soviet  
> border. During these missions, the RB-36s purportedly overflew the  
> USSR, and may have tangled with MiGs. I have found absolutely no  
> evidence to corroborate this claim of unique paint scheme or  
> overflight in any of the documentation I have uncovered from the Air  
> Force overflight programs.

I just happened to be reading the new book on the B-36 entitled "Convair B-36" by Meyers Jacobsen (large format, thick/huge book, stuffed with pictures). Despite not having an index, I was able to find some information related to this question. In one of the chapters detailing Soviet responses to the B-36, Bill Van Orman (a B-36 tail gunner) detailed a 1956 "border skirting mission". He states:

"We flew along the Turkish-Russian border for well over 100 miles. I do not know if we intruded on Russian airspace. I do know that we were very close. This was in effect a 'thumb your nose at them' mission. I could see MiGs

trying to get up to us, both on radar and visually out of the blisters. They could not reach us."

This was from a letter dated 8/31/96 to Chuck Hansen.

Given that some of the superfeatherweight B-36s (e.g., 50-1086) reportedly got up to 59,000, and given the ceilings of the various MiGs of that era (MiG-15bis 51,500; MiG-17 54,450; MiG-19 57,550), this type of mission appears doable, though quite risky. Apparently, the B-36s out of Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico often flew through the Med to Turkey, often landing in either North Africa or Adona, Turkey.

Regarding the unique paint scheme, I have not yet come across anything like it.

Erik

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