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Re: FWD (TLC-Mission) U-2/SR-71 funding and ops

Date: Mon, 21 Aug 2000 18:29:58 -0400
From: John Stone
Subject: Re: FWD (TLC-Mission) U-2/SR-71 funding and ops

Hello All,

Terry Colvin wrote:

>This is the first I have heard of this. By this time 75+, I believe the
>SR-71 did belong to the AF. That was the rub with the AF leadership. They
cost so much to operate, were an "intelligence" asset for tasking, and they
>could not drop bombs or shoot guns. The early YF-12s belonged to CIA.

The SRs were the AF answer to the CIAs A-12, the CIA never owned or operated the SR. Though they used it's product with great regularity.

The YF-12A was also an AF owned, you might be confusing the 3 built with the A-12s that the CIA flew.

Best,

John

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