

U-2 Timeline of Events, 1960's

- **Mar 1960**
USAF receives **U-2D** (2 place, not trainer) used for "Smokey Joe" project(watching & analyzing missile exhaust)
- **15 Mar 1960**
Capt Roger Cooper landed on a frozen lake in Saskatchewan, Canada after suffering electrical failure
- **9 Apr 1960**
Bob Ericson flies mission from Peshawar, Pakistan via Sary Shagan, Semi Palatinsk, Tyura Tam and landed in Zehedan, Iran (AC, TR)
- **1 May 1960**
Jim Barnes launches as a decoy for the **Powers** overflight from Adana, Turkey (AC, TR)
- **1 May 1960**
Francis Gary Powers shot down over Sverdlovsk, Russia in U-2#**6693** (**Jim Barnes** flies decoy mission from Adana (AC))
- **8 Jun 1960**
U-2 Detachment at Ezeiza Airport, Argentina moved to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico
- **15 Jun 1960**
4025 SRS deactivated at Laughlin AFB, TX, when **RB-57D** retired
- **24 Jun 1960**
Kelly Johnson presents a proposal for conversion of 6 U-2s for inflight refueling
- **14 Jul 1960**
U-2 #**6720** crashed near Uvalde, TX; USAF Pilot: **Raleigh B. J. Meyers** survived
- **19 Aug 1960**
Det C at NAS Atsugi, Japan closed (AC)
- **Oct 1960**
U-2 deployed to East Sale RAAF, Australia for HASP missions
- **24 Oct 1960**
President Eisenhower visits U-2s and Laughlin AFB, TX
- **2 Nov 1960**
First U-2 publicly displayed on US soil at Patrick AFB, FL, Det Pilots:**Halloran, Herman** (PH)
- **2 Jan 1962**
U-2 #**6709** crashed near Picayune, MS; USAF Pilot: **Charles B. Stratton** survived
- **13 Jan 1962**
First Republic of China Air Force U-2 mission over Peoples Republic of China (PRC) (AC)
- **Feb 1962**
First group of 4080 SRW pilots train on borrowed CIA U-2Cs; R. Anderson, J. Campbell, R. Heyser
- **1 Mar 1962**
U-2 #**6677** crashes during aerial refueling tests; USAF Pilot: **John A. Campbell** killed
- **Jul 1962**
Communist Chinese Radio offers \$280,000 in gold to any defecting U-2 pilot with U-2
- **25 Aug 1962**
First U-2 flight over North Pole; USAF Pilot: **Don Webster** flew 3,121 nmi in 8hrs, 40 min
- **28 Aug 1962**
CIA U-2 takes first photo of Russian missile build-up in Cuba starting "Cuban missile Crisis"; CIA Pilot: **Bob Ericson**
- **30 Aug 1962**
U-2 on SIGINT mission strays over Sakhalin Island for 9 minutes by mistake
- **Sep 1962**
Chih Yao Hua killed in crash of **U-2C #6684, art.#351** during night touch and go at Taoyuan (AC)
- **9 Sep 1962**
Chen Huai Sheng in U-2 6711, art.#378 (ROCAF) is shot down by SA-2 missile, 15 Km south of Nunchang. Sheng survived bailing out but died later in hospital (AC)
- **9 Oct 1962**
Lt. Col. Forrest Wilson flying a U-2A, 300 miles out at sea, lost all instruments, autopilot and communications couldn't and at Kodiak AFB, Alaska, flies another 200 miles and to Elemendorf and lands there, awarded Kolligan Trophy (PH)
- **14 Oct 1962**
Maj. Steve Heyser flies first USAF U-2 overflight of Cuba, left from Edwards AFB, CA and landed at McCoy AFB, FL
- **22 Oct 1962**
USAF flies 82 U-2 overflights of Cuba through 6 Dec 1962
- **27 Oct 1962**
Maj. Charles Maultsby strays over western edge of Siberia, he eventually lands "dead stick" on Alaskan auxiliary filed (PH)
- **27 Oct 1962**
Maj. Rudolf Anderson shot down by SA-2 over Cuba; **Anderson** was killed when scrapnel punctured pressure suit causing suit to decompress at altitude, posthumously awarded Air Force Cross (PH)
- **6 Nov 1962**
Maj. Rudolf Anderson buried in Greenville, SC (no body) (PH)
- **11 Jan 1963**
First and only Cuban Overflight mission using In-Flight refueling, USAF Pilot: **Pat Halloran** (PH)
- **Mar 1963**
HASP program terminated after signing of Above Ground Test Ban Treaty

- **15 Jun 1963**
4080 SRW(Light) redesignated 4080 SRW
- **Jul 1963**
4080 SRW & 4028 SRW completes move from Laughlin AFB, TX to Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
- **12 Jul 1963**
Last U-2 left Laughlin AFB, TX for 4080 SRW new home at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, USAF Pilot **Pat Halloran** (PH)
- **4 Aug 1963**
U-2 flown to North Island NAS and is hoisted on USS Kitty Hawk(CV-63) to undergo carrier trials
- **5 Aug 1963**
Lockheed Test Pilot: **Bob Schumacher** takes off and makes several approaches to USS Kitty Hawk(CV-63)
- **20 Nov 1963**
U-2 #6683 crashes off coast of SW Florida while returning from Cuban overflight; USAF Pilot: **Capt. Joe Hyde** is killed (JHJr)
- **Feb 1964**
HICAT(High Altitude Clear Air Turbulence) equipped U-2 flies for first time
- **11 Feb 1964**
USAF Outstanding Unit Award to U-2s
- **14 Feb 1964**
4 U-2s deployed to Beinh Hoa, Vietnam(OL-20)
- **Mar 1964**
Liang Teh Pei is killed when his **U-2C 6689, art.#356** comes apart while over the Taiwan Straits (AC)
- **2 Mar 1964**
Lockheed Test Pilot: **Bob Schumacher** flies carrier trials in **U-2G** on USS Ranger(CV-61), afterward 5 CIA pilots under went carrier training
- **May 1964**
Team from Det. G (4th Weather Sqn. Prov., Edwards North Base) deploys to Charbatia, India. After flying a mission over Tibet **U-2F 6675, art.#342** rolls off the end of runway after brakes fail. CIA Pilot: **Bob Ericson** survives (AC)
- **May 1964**
A U-2G was loaded aboard USS Ranger for Project Seeker (particle sampling of French Nuclear Tests at Mururoa Atoll in South Pacific)
- **7 Jul 1964**
U-2G #362 is shot down over Southern China, ROCAF Pilot: **Lt. Col. "Terry" Lee Nan Ping** is killed (AC)
- **7 Jul 1964**
Lt. Col. "Johnny" Wang Shi Chuen flies his first U-2 mission over the mainland of China (AC)
- **Aug 1964**
A team from Det H (Taoyuan AB, Taiwan) deploys to Takhli RTAB, Thailand with a **U-2C** and U-2F (AC)
- **14 Aug 1964**
U-2 #6955 crashes near Boise, ID; Taiwanese AF Pilot: **Sheng Shih Hi** survived
- **Sept 1964**
U-2C 6685, art.#352, first a/c with updated cockpit, including canopy thrusters. Deploys to Takhli RTAB from Edwards North Base (AC)
- **Sept 1964**
ECM pods arrive at Taoyuan AB for **6691/#358 & 6692/#359** (AC)
- **18 Sept 1964**
U-2 #6690 crashes at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ during landing killing USAF Pilot: **Bob Primrose**
- **Oct 1964**
Major "Jack" Chang Li Yi flies his first U-2 mission over PRC (AC)
- **26 Nov 1964**
First use of deceptive jammer by **U-2 6691, art.#358** over PRC by **"Johnny" Wang** near Lanchow (AC)
- **Dec 1964**
U-2F 6692, art.#359 deploys to Charbatia from Taoyuan for mission(s) over Tibet (AC)
- **Dec 1964**
Major "Pete" Wang Shi Chen flies his first U-2 combat mission. It over N. Korea. (AC)
- **10 Jan 1965**
U-2 6691/#358 is shot down southwest of Beijing, PRC. **Major "Jack" Chang** broke both legs in the ejection. He was released in 1983 with **Yei**. (AC)
- **Feb 1965**
Operation Crowflight discontinued
- **Mar 1965**
Captain "Charlie" Wu Tse Shi (First Native Taiwanese U-2 Pilot) flies his first mission over China, to Kiming and SW China. Mig 21 tries to zoom climb and fired 2 missiles, both missed. (AC)
- **Mar 1965**
U-2G 6718/#385 is deployed to Taoyuan. First U-2 with full dorsal "canoe" fairing with updated defensive systems. (AC)
- **5 Apr 1965**
U-2 sortie over Hanoi and Haiphong shows that SA-2 missile site were being built
- **26 Apr 1965**
U-2C #6715 crashes near Boron, CA; killing civilian pilot: **Eugene Edens**
- **1 Jul 1965**
4025 SRS reactivated at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, as 4025 RS
- **Jul 1965**
ROCAF flew 6 U-2 combat missions, 5 over mainland China and 1 over N. Korea (AC)
- **Jul 1965**
Lt. Col. "Johnny" Wang flies his 10th U-2 overflight of China, and ends his tour as an operational U-2 Pilot. (AC)
- **Jul 1965**

- Lt. Col. "Terry" Liu and Major "Mickey" Yu and Lt. "Spike" Chung fly their first U-2 Combat mission (AC)
- **22 Oct 1965**
U-2C 6685/#352 crashes off the NW coast of Taiwan. "Pete" Wang is killed (AC)
- **18 Jan 1966**
U-2R study presented to USAF Program Office
- **9 Feb 1966**
Proposal for construction of 25 U-2Rs
- **5 Mar 1966**
U-2A #6681 delivered to NASA(now on display at Ames Research Center, Moffett NAS, CA)
- **29 Mar 1966**
U-2A #6682 delivered to NASA(now on display at Robbins AFB, GA)
- **Jun 1966**
HICAT equipped U-2 deployed to Christchurch, NZ, then to Laverton, Australia
- **15 Jun 1966**
4080 SRW redesignated 100 SRW
- **15 Jun 1966**
4025 SRS redesignated 350 SRS
- **15 Jun 1966**
4028 SRS redesignated 349 SRS
- **28 Jul 1966**
U-2 #6719 crashed near Oruro, Bolivia; killing USAF Pilot: **Robert David Hickman**
- **19 Sep 1966**
USAF approves construction of seven U-2Rs
- **8 Oct 1966**
Kelly Johnson is briefed that there are only 18 original U-2s left in service
- **8 Oct 1966**
U-2 #6690 crashed near Beinh Hoa AB, Vietnam; USAF Pilot: **Maj. Leo Stewart survived**
- **29 Nov 1966**
U-2R mock-up review takes place
- **18 Jan 1967**
USAF approves construction of 3 U-2Rs
- **Mar 1967**
HICAT equipped U-2 deployed to Europe
- **Jun 1967**
USAF receives U-2 #66692 in TRIM(Target Radiation Intensity Measurement) configuration
- **1 Jul 1967**
U-2 #6708 crashed near Pineville, LA; USAF Pilot: **Sam Swart** survived
- **28 Aug 1967**
First flight of U-2R N-803X(68-10329); Lockheed Test Pilot: **Bill Park**
- **1 Feb 1968**
2nd U-2R arrives at North Base, Edwards AFB, CA
- **31 May 1968**
U-2 #6954 crashed near Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ; USAF Pilot: **Victor L. Milan** ejects safely
- **Dec 1968**
Last of original U-2Rs was delivered from Skunk Works
- **21 Nov 1969**
Carrier Trails for U-2R #N-812X gets underway on **USS America (CVA- 66)** with Lockheed Test Pilot: **Bill Park**

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