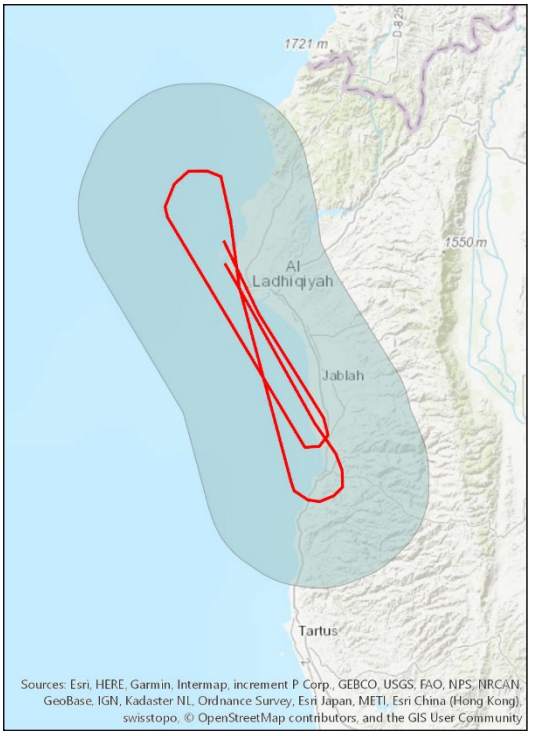
Mission 8618 21 March 1959 (PAR 440-59)

See http://arcg.is/yvTm9 for an interactive web map version.



Flight path notes. A short mission (only 207 frames) making three passes over Latakya, Syria and adjacent coastal sites. Path reconstructed from the declassified Notification of Completed Mission (no. 7) and the tracking film.

Mode notes. No information on camera mode.

Main Camera notes. No film from the main camera has been viewed.

Tracking camera notes. An intermittently cloudy day; tracking film clock is often very difficult or impossible to read.

Relevant declassified documents in CREST

See https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/collection/crest-25-year-program-archive.

1. CIA-RDP78B05700A000100010021-3 Cable requesting the forwarding of mission prints;
2. CIA-RDP78B05700A000100080004-5 Cable;
3. CIA-RDP78T05693A000200030014-3 Memo: recap of mission processing
4. CIA-RDP78T05693A000200030016-1 Report on targets visited;
5. CIA-RDP78T05693A000200030017-0 Report on individual frames and their quality; this document may pertain to different mission entirely.
6. CIA-RDP78T05693A000200030019-8 Report on targets visited;
7. CIA-RDP78T05693A000200030020-6 Notification of Completed Mission, with coordinates of targets covered

Film Rolls in NARA

MISSION	CAMERA	ROLL	STARTFRAME	ENDFRAME	TOTFRAMES	ON	BARCODE	CAN
8618	L	1	1	133	133	81950	9053	4295
8618	R	1	1	133	133	80844	8798	4297
8618	L	2	134	207	74	80923	8787	4296
8618	R	2	134	207	74	71621	878	4298
8618	TRACKER		1	175	175	81361	12637	4293

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