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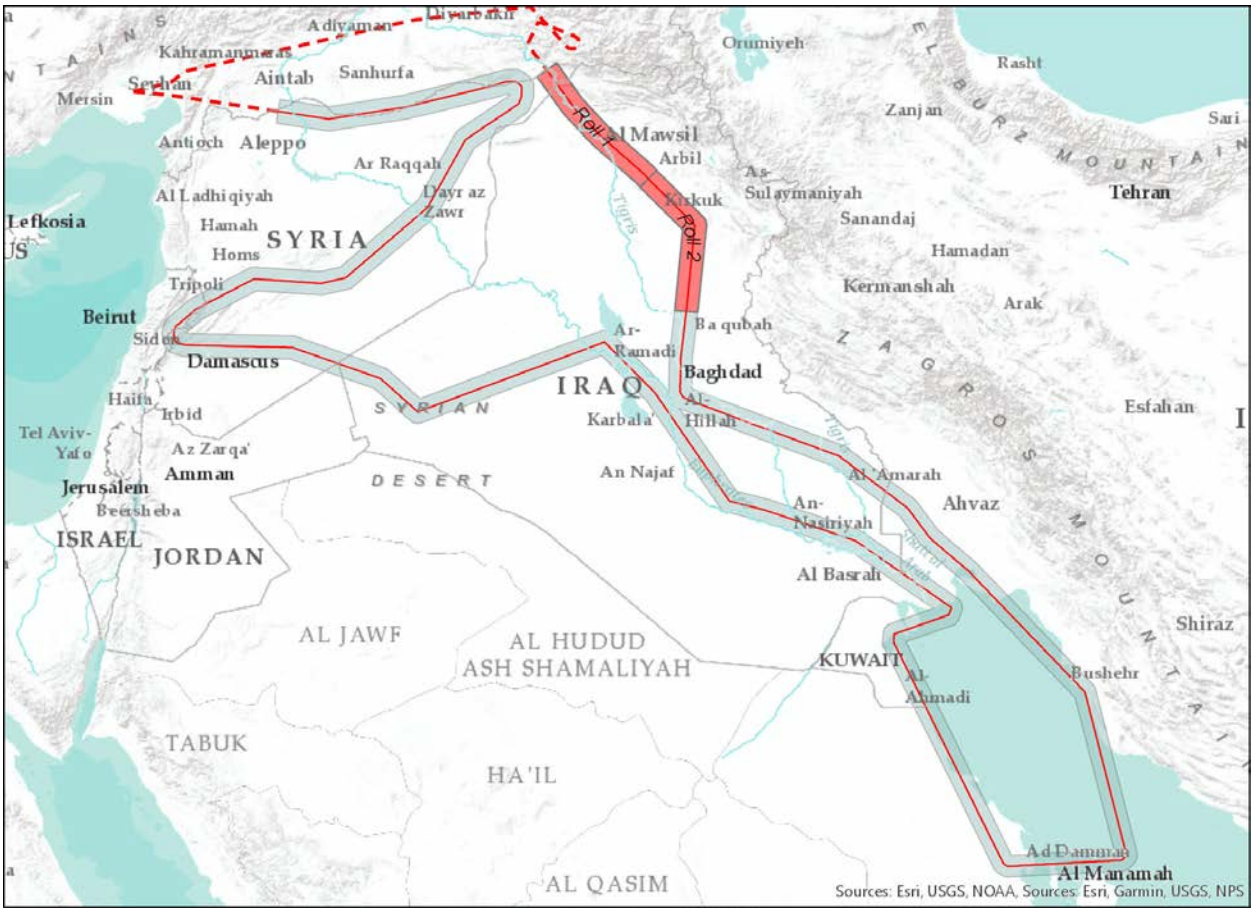

See http://arcg.is/1ffCaX for an interactive web map version.

Flight path notes. The flight path was reconstructed from the declassified Notification of Completed Mission memo (no. 3, below) and the positions of the tracking frame clocks. The flight path for the segment imaged in Roll 1 has been verified through geo-referenced main camera vertical frames.

Mode notes. As of July 2018, only Rolls 1-2 have been examined, and both were in 3-position Mode 2.

Main Camera notes. Main camera was switched on as the plane crossed from Turkey into Syria near the modern town of Cizre.

Based on the amount of film and the total distance of the flight path, it is likely that the main cameras were switched off one or more times during the mission after Roll 2.

The frame number on the camera clock is divergent from the frame number on the negative margins by nine as of the end of Roll 2. Based on the sequence of camera positions, it is likely that the clock counter is ahead by nine.

Tracking camera notes. Tracking film clock and main camera clock are synchronized throughout Rolls 1 and 2.

Relevant declassified documents in CREST

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

1. CIA-RDP78T05447A000300010084-0 cable
2. CIA-RDP78T05447A000300010089-5 Processing Report Memo
3. CIA-RDP78T05447A000300010092-1 Notification of Completed Mission Memo, with targets covered (dated 14 Aug 1958)
4. CIA-RDP89B00551R000300380009-8 cable
5. CIA-RDP89B00551R000300380010-6 cable
6. CIA-RDP89B00551R000300380012-4 cable
7. CIA-RDP89B00551R000300380013-3 cable

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