

Spies

In April 1954 the RAF Special Duties flight carried out their second and final operation using loaned USAF RB45 Tornadoes to fly over the USSR and photograph military sites.

The aircraft which went deepest into the USSR was on the return leg when it spotted some anti-aircraft-fire ahead, not random but concentrated in one spot. The aircraft managed to avoid this and return home but the crew were still perplexed about the AA fire.

Some years later the CIA concluded that the spy Kim Philby had passed the flight plan to the Russians, quite how he got such detailed information is not known unless he had an accomplice in the RAF, we will never know!