



MISSION PLANNING CHECKLIST

CALL SIGN "BLACKBIRD"

**NORMAL
PROCEDURES**

**EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES**

SR-71 SQUADRON COMMANDER

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YOUR MISSION:

Provide real-time intelligence by overflying and photographing the target area.

AIRCRAFT DESCRIPTION:

The SR-71 Blackbird is a sophisticated reconnaissance aircraft capable of flying great distances at very high altitudes while traveling three times the speed of sound. The Blackbird’s on-board cameras enable battle commanders to view real-time threat imagery. The SR-71 Blackbird is to be used in the following ways:

1. Order your Blackbird to take off immediately! Notify “ACE” that you can provide your group with real-time intelligence pictures of the target area by having your Blackbird take off now. Once takeoff clearance is approved by “ACE,” annotate your Blackbird’s takeoff time on your Mission Planning Card.
2. Film Process. Ask your facilitator for the “BLACKBIRD” reconnaissance package thirty minutes after your takeoff time.
3. Image Assessment. Brief the group on the results of your Blackbird’s flight and the contents of your reconnaissance package. Determine if it is necessary to refly this mission, this will require 2 fuel chits.
4. During “BLACKBIRD’S” flight you need to remain involved in the mission planning process. Continue to help your group plan the mission!
5. Optimum altitude is 60,000 to 80,000 feet.

NOTES:

“BLACKBIRD” MISSION PLANNING CARD

NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT: 1

FUEL CHITS NEEDED TO COMPLETE MISSION: 0

(If a second mission is flown, two fuel chits are required.)

Strengths: Due to the Blackbird’s speed and altitude, it cannot be reached by SAMs or pursued by enemy aircraft.

Weaknesses: Mission accomplishment and film process requires thirty minutes from takeoff to landing.

THIS CARD MUST BE COMPLETED

Takeoff order number: _____

Takeoff time: _____

Total fuel chits used: _____

Number of missions: _____

Now plot your Blackbird’s route of flight on the Mission Planning Matrix.

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