

SR-71A crash site east of Las Vegas, NM

DATE April 13, 1967

AIRCRAFT SR-71A "Blackbird" ASPEN 29, SN 61-17966

GENERAL LOCATION On private property east of Las Vegas, NM

PEOPLE ABOARD Pilot and RSO

REFERENCES USAF Accident/Incident Report de-classified from SECRET

HISTORY

On the above date, the airplane left Beale AFB, CA, for a crew training flight. After several operations including refueling and speeds up to Mach 2.8 and reaching as high as FL 700, the airplane disappeared from the sector radar scope southeast of Las Vegas, NM, VORTAC. The report does not report specifically what happened, but the airplane apparently had an in-air break-up and crashed. The two crew members successfully ejected and survived with minor injuries. Authorities cleaned up the site on private property.

Crash explorers have obtained permission from the landowners to investigate the site. Very small parts have been found there.



Photo of one of the Lockheed SR-71A's