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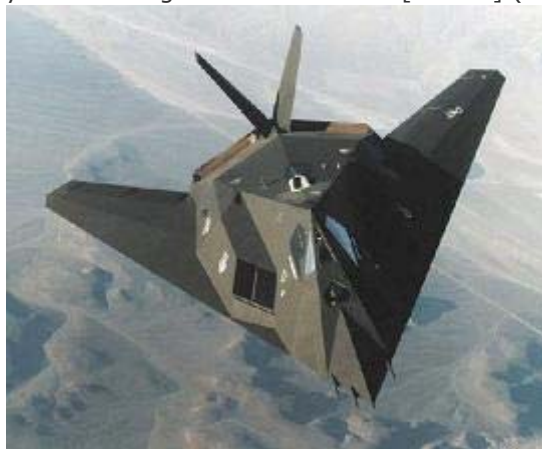
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US gives proofs that their stealth bombers can be tracked

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"F-117 "Stealth" bomber on the left"

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Czech radar company sold

U.S. company now owns highly advanced radar systems

By František Bouc
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The most formidable Czech military defensive tool — the Vera surveillance radar, which is the only system that can detect the "invisible" U.S. Stealth bomber — is now owned by Americans.

U.S. surveillance and flight tracking developer Rannoch Corporation has taken over ERA, the Pardubice-based company that developed Vera.

The deal took place in late October, but the daily Mladá fronta Dnes reported it Nov. 11.

"The ERA facilities are truly world-class," said Rannoch President Dave Ellison in an official statement. "We realize the potential of the combined teams to offer the most comprehensive and technically advanced solutions."

Defense Ministry representatives and east Bohemian regional officials were unaware of the development.

ERA Vice Chairman Milan Bernard confirmed the transaction, adding that ERA's management first wanted to notify the company's shareholders. The terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Bernard said that they would be announced later this month.

Defense Ministry spokesman Andrej Čírtek said the takeover was "a strictly private matter," and the government would not interfere in it.

ERA's Multilateration Surveillance System (MSS) is the best-selling technology around the globe for tracking civilian airplanes, and also the most advanced and proven wide-range multi-altitude radar. The company's main asset, however, is the radar system Vera.

Traditional radar sends a signal that bounces off a target, letting the radar operators know that something is there. Vera uses "passive location," a unique way of identifying

a target without sending out that signal. The technology allows the radar system to be unidentifiable and thus unjammable.

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The ERA company has received orders for Vera from many countries, including Pakistan, China, Malaysia and Egypt.

The U.S. government has repeatedly expressed concern about the Czech radar being sold to countries it deems unfriendly.

As a result, ERA had to give up a planned transaction with China in 2004, after the Czech Defense Ministry banned the deal. So far, Vera radar has been sold to the United States and Estonia, and leased to Pakistan.

Vera is expected to become a key tool in NATO's new air control system, according to Marshall Billingsley, NATO's investment department director.

2004 article

Where'd we put 'em? US to buy Stealth bomber detecting radar

The one country that surely doesn't need to find out where Stealth bombers might be is buying a radar system that is claimed to be able to detect them. The USA is reported to be negotiating to buy a set of Vera radars from the Czechs, the quid pro quo being that a deal to sell them to China does not go ahead.

Vera is the successor to the Tamara radar system, which has been alleged to have been responsible for the loss of an F-117 in Kosovo. This was also the subject of a panic two years ago when it was suspected two systems were among the many fiendish toys that Saddam Hussein had acquired. As these appear not to have shown up in Iraq, we can presumably carry on panicking about who else has got them.

The rationale behind the current proposed US purchase is that the US wants to test the radar's effectiveness. But it is also reportedly concerned that China could use the system to detect US ships and aircraft off Taiwan. The Chinese deal was worth \$55.5m, but the Czech government is now expected cancel the export licence. Proprietors of suspect countries wishing to earn commission from future Vera sales to the US government should presumably contact Czech weapons company Thomas CZ, and remember to write a large cancellation fee into the contract. ®

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No better than US to give us the proofs that their "stealth" planes can be destroyed.

Of course these type of news doesn't appear in mainstreams.

US is silently buying who threatens them. in order to their "stealth" planes continue to be "stealth".

It is a pity that the Czechs with their anxious to please US, sell what they have best, the knowledge, the technology.

In US hands, one thing is for sure: no additional sells and no upgrades to the product. they don't want someone could track their "stealth" planes, the fate of VERA radar is to disappear from "radars"..."

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Don't worry.....

by Peter on 27.11.2006 [17:03]

I suspect the Russians and chinese will know how to detect them.
I know someone who works for the RAF and they claim even to be able to detect them!!!!

UTTER BS!....

by sealion on 27.11.2006 [18:23]

The Ukrainian Kolchuga system is by far superior to this POS...
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