

RB-57F CANBERRA RECON GUIDE



This is the RB-57F Canberra Recon Bird. We can find no record of it being deployed in Vietnam, but since it was designed to perform clandestine Recon Missions, why not use it?

The original aircraft took Recon Photos from 60,000 ft. If we copied this for SF2, the cameras would see nothing, so we have set operational height at 20,000 ft

The Camera bay is opened with CTRL O. You don't need to open it to use the viewing system in the cockpit, but do it anyway. It's a cool feature.



The Camera Bay



This is the standard cockpit view.
You have to tilt down to see the viewfinder.



And it's a good idea to zoom in for a
much clearer view of the target.

For this shot we were using the
VertScope which is a 90 degree view
straight down

Looks like we got the airfield at
21,103 ft. I can't remember if we
opened the Camera Bay.
Probably not.

For some targets we use the Recscope which is a 15 degree forward looking system. It captures a slightly more 3D image of the target.



But you're still flying at 20,000 ft

The flight profile is as follows:

Take-off and step up to 20,000 ft.

Turn towards the Target Waypoint, usually WP 5, level the aircraft, and hit the autopilot.

If you are not perfectly lined up with the waypoint triangle, knock off the autopilot, re-align and then go back to autopilot.

Open the Camera Bay doors (CTRL O)

Tilt down and zoom-in to the Radar Scope. Cycle radar Modes until the TV view comes up.

Now ride the aircraft to the target.

If you are not perfectly aligned, knock off the autopilot and manually adjust your altitude and heading.

You'll get a "Mission Accomplished" when you fly through Waypoint 5.

Piece of cake.