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Consultations

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- Research consultant and principal interviewee for the BBC and History Channel "Secrets of War" series, 1996 to 1998.
- Season 2, Episode 2, The Gulf War: Steel Rain <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pk316uJbO70>.
[strategic intelligence collection during the Gulf War]
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- Research consultant and principal interviewee for the BBC and History Channel "History Undercover" series, 1996 to 1998.
Episodes include:
"History of Aerial Reconnaissance" [evolution of governmental willingness to use aerial espionage]
"Spy Flights of the Cold War" [effect of strategic aerial reconnaissance on the evolution of Soviet-American relations during the cold war]
- Television and radio interviews on U.S.-North Korean relations (2003), the 40th anniversary of Sputnik (1997), the death of Deng Xiaoping and the future of Sino-American relations (1997), U.S.-Iraqi relations (1996, 1997, 1998, 2003), and on Thomas Jefferson and agriculture (1993). Dedicated programs include:
- Guest on the Nebraska Public Television program "Consider This," 20 November 1997, to discuss U.S.-Iraqi

relations.

- Guest on the Canadian Broadcast Corporation radio program “Quirks and Quarks,” 20 September 1997, to discuss the 40th anniversary of Sputnik and its effect on science, education, culture, and national security.
- “Perspectives on Recent Developments in Iraq.” With John Calvert, Ph.D., 10 September 1996. The first in a series of discussions on the history behind the news.

Principal researcher, interviewer, and writer for the bi-weekly radio program “Talking History,” broadcast on university and public radio stations worldwide. Selected topics, coordinated guests, undertook background research, and conducted on-air interviews. Programs include:

- John Lewis Gaddis (Nov 97)—The Legacy of Sputnik: Educational? Technological? Political?
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Research consultant for the Chinese magazine *Defence International*. Analyzed the future of aerial refueling and its relation to global power projection. Published December 1997 and January 1998.

Research consultant on behalf of Steven Bolt for the Dutch magazine *Kijk*. Analyzed the viability of aerial reconnaissance in defense of tactical ballistic missiles in the next century. Published December 1997.

Research consultant and contributing author on aerospace issues for Time-Life, Incorporated. Conducted original historical research for and reviewed the manuscript of *Electronic Spies*, Volume 7 in Time-Life’s *New Face of War* series. Primary emphasis of the research was the history of U.S. strategic aerial intelligence gathering and its guiding policy. Additional material considered the role of strategic reconnaissance in Operation Desert Storm. Published January 1992.

Research consultant on behalf of Ted Landreth Associates of Los Angeles and freelance writer Ed Tivnen of New York for an investigative project on clandestine Soviet involvement with U.S. prisoners of war (POWs) in Vietnam during 1965-1966. The research focused on the relationship of the Soviet SA-2 surface-to-air missile and aerial intelligence collection associated with it, the relation of this missile to U.S. and Soviet defense policy, and how the Soviets used U.S. POWs to determine the extent of U.S. knowledge of this weapon. “On the Trail of the MIAs” was published on 27 October 1991, in the *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, 8-14, 37-39, and read into the Congressional Record.

Presentations of Original Research

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“Strategic Air Command in the United Kingdom.” Royal Aeronautical Society, London, 2018.

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“Strategic Aerial Reconnaissance and Russia: Lessons from the Soviet Era.” United Kingdom Joint Command and Staff College, 2017.

“The Soviet Response to Western Aerial Reconnaissance Flights.” “Cold War in Flames” Conference at the Strategic Air Command Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, 1998.

“The Unintended Consequences of the U.S. Strategic Aerial Reconnaissance Effort.” National Policy History Conference at Bowling Green State University, 1997

Panel moderator on U.S. overflights of the Soviet Union. Strategic Air Command Historical Conference, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, 1996.

“An Expanded Understanding of Eisenhower, American Policy, and Overflights.” Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Conference, 1995.

“Short of White House Approval: The Way the Kennedy Administration Did Business.” Paper on decision making and Franco-American nuclear relations during the Kennedy, Missouri Valley Historical Conference, 1994.

“Thomas Jefferson: A Mind of Many Facets.” Keynote speaker, 250th anniversary celebration of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Museum of Science, Richmond, Virginia, 13 April 1993.

“The Israeli Air Force and the Survival of the State of Israel.” Third World Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1979.