

PARTED OUT: Technology from doomed Avro Arrow lives on in modern airplanes

Canada missed mark by dumping Arrow

Re "Avro story more myth than reality," Giles Gherson, Herald, Jan. 12.

Although declassified in 1989 after 30 years, the Avro Arrow project was quickly re-classified by the Mulroney government in the same year. Why?

The aircraft was obsolete? Why, then, do we find the Arrow wing design on the latest Eurofighter, the highly technical intake ramps on the new CF-18 and the weapons bay as the key component of the latest YF22 fighter interceptor?

Are Canadians to be proud that we gave the technology away and put the United States on the moon by shutting down our own aerospace program?

I don't know who Gherson is, but the man who designed the Arrow is a member of the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame.

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