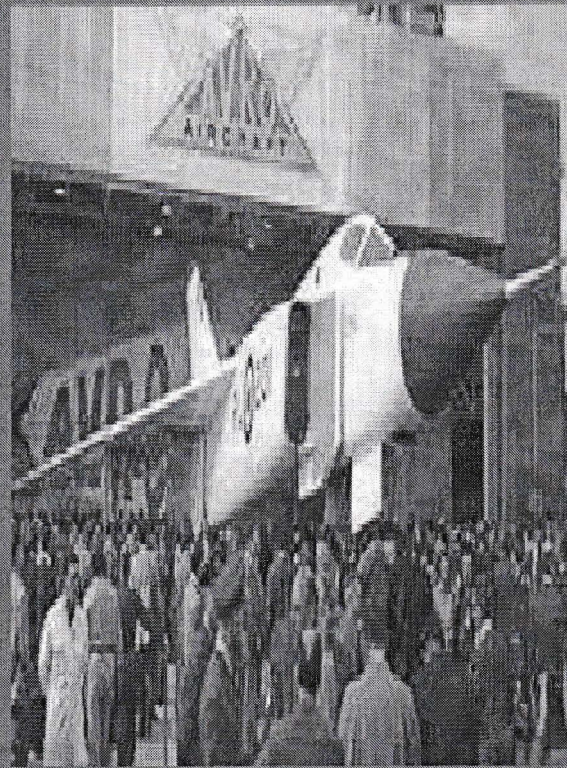


The U.S. may have pressured Canada into cancelling the Avro Arrow project in 1959 because the high-tech jet was capable of intercepting and exposing the secret U.S. spy planes, a new book says. The Avro Arrow fighter jet was so technologically advanced that it threatened both U.S. aerospace industry and the Central Intelligence Agency's (C.I.A) covert U-2 spy missions. The Avro Arrow would have been the only aircraft of the day with the altitude capability, the intercept capability to basically attack and destroy a U-2 . . . or to find out what the U-2 was really doing up there," he said.



At the time, Washington was using U-2 aircraft to spy on countries around the globe but publicly insisted they were only weather reconnaissance flights. The U.S. urged Canada to buy into its Bomarc missile system, knowing the country couldn't afford both missiles and the Avro Arrow program.

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