

# The Black Bats: CIA Spy Flights Over China From Taiwan 1951-1969



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After Mao's communists took control of mainland China in 1949, the US Central Intelligence Agency went into partnership with the nationalist Chinese government in Taiwan for covert air operations over mainland China - dropping agents and propaganda, and collecting signals and imagery intelligence. In an effort to maintain their newfound power, Communist China's air defences reacted with determination and ingenuity to the unwelcome intruders.

The story of The Black Bats - the 34th Squadron of the Republic of China Air Force - is one of courage and determination, teamwork, and technical innovation. The CIA will not declassify its history of these remarkable operations. However, through the dedication of Chris Pocock and co-author Clarence Fu Jing Ping the story has been reconstructed by undertaking research and interviews in Taiwan and the US. Over 100 Chinese aircrew lost their lives in this epic, yet hardly-known struggle, which is being told in English for the first time.

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