

IX Conclusion

22. It may be implied that this process is simply the application of common sense. This is true, although any error or oversight during one step of the process will result in serious detrimental effects on the sensor equipment during its lifetime aboard the aircraft. The whole process is not trivial and the level of effort is reflected in the bottom line - money. For instance recurring and non-recurring, civilian contracting, engineering, equipment, testing, maintenance, and training demand large amounts of personnel involvement. In order to establish an effective sensor package and its associated support infrastructure for an operation such as Open Skies, the essential ingredients are money, time (well organized), and skilled personnel.