

**Figure 13** Conventional Aerial Photographs Provide an Economical and Reliable Source of Information



A variety of aircraft can be interpreted from this panchromatic photograph of an airfield based upon interpretive cues such as size and wing shape. (Courtesy of David M. Dorschner, Aviation Resource Management.)

It is also possible that aerial reconnaissance will have a greater role in future peacekeeping operations. To this end, the Government of Canada recently submitted a report to the United Nations, entitled *Overhead Remote Sensing for United Nations Peacekeeping*,<sup>21</sup> outlining the potential of such systems. That report, which was presented to the Secretary-General on May 21, 1990, derives in large part from the research summarized here.

The following section reviews potential applications of airborne systems for monitoring in a verification or peacekeeping-related context.

### Monitoring with Commercial Airborne Sensors

Aerial photographs can provide very fine spatial resolution, particularly if it is possible to fly directly over the features of interest at low altitude. Because