

NORSEMAN AIRCRAFT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Mk VI, UC-64A, aircraft listed below were diverted from USAAF Commands to Czechoslovakia under the U.S. Military Defense Aid Program (MDAP):

<u>C/N</u>	<u>USAAF S/N</u>	<u>Diverted From</u>	<u>Date</u>
406	43-35332	8th Air Force	Nov 46
409	43-35335	9th Air Force	Nov 46
516	43-35442	9th Air Force	Nov 46
546	44-70281	8th Air Force	Dec 46
644	44-70379	8th Air Force	Nov 46

These aircraft were provided to BADA, a Czechoslovakian shoe company, ostensibly for the company to start a small in-Country airline. Rumors/legends have circulated for many years, which say that the Russian Government took one of them to Russia to incorporate many of its design features into the Antonov An-2 aircraft.

It has also been said that one or more of the aircraft were sold to the Israel Defense Air Force in 1947.

There is no known existing documentation which supports either of the above statements.

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