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RAF Mildenhall even assisted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on May 12, 1983, when NASA's Quiet Short Haul Research Aircraft (QRSR) landed at RAF Mildenhall. During its stay, the NASA QRSR conducted several local flights for senior AF officials, including the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Edward C. Aldridge. It left for the Paris Air Show on May 23, 1983. The QRSR program developed and demonstrated technologies necessary to support short-takeoff and high-lift cargo aircraft. The specific technologies were employed on the C-17 Globemaster III.



*National Aeronautics Space Agency's  
Quiet Short Haul Research Aircraft*

On December 18, 1983, a restored DC-2 of the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines arrived at RAF Mildenhall to refuel and begin its re-enactment of the original 10,500-mile race from Mildenhall to Melbourne that marked the opening of RAF Station Mildenhall. The original DC-2 Serial #PH-AJU 'Uiver' from KLM Royal Dutch Airlines was the winner of the handicap portion of the 1934 air race from London to Sydney.



*While this is not the exact aircraft as the one that took part in the race, it is the same in all but the tail number*