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1. Submitted by: HQ AFSPA/SPSS, Kirtland AFB NM
2. Operation/event name: Attempt to Crash Vehicle Into a Parked C-5A at RAF Greenham Common, UK, Nov 83.
3. Keywords: Security/Unauthorized Entry to Flightline
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5. Observation: In November 1983, a vehicle attempted to ram a parked C-5A aircraft on the ramp at RAF Greenham Common. An anti-nuclear protestor gained access to the base (details unknown) and proceeded to the flight line where a C-5A was involved in unloading the first ground-launched cruise missile (GLCM) assigned to Greenham Common. The vehicle, at high speed, was aimed in the direction of the C-5A. Security force vehicles rammed the intruder on several occasions, ultimately disabling the offender's vehicle as well as a number of security force trucks.
6. Discussion: The offender was taken and prosecuted by British authorities. No further details are available.
7. Lessons Learned: Short-term solutions at Greenham Common and other GLCM bases were the establishment of barriers to easy access to the flight line using concrete abutments, barrels, planters, etc. When not in use and when possible, all aircraft were sheltered. Gate houses were reinforced. Installation fence lines were reinforced and improved. Host nation police forces stepped up patrols.
8. Recommended Action: HQ USAFE/CV directed the Base Security Enhancement program which required bases to form special task forces to plan for long term security fixes. Approximately 370 additional security police authorizations and a host of other initiatives, from the installation of "dead-man" duress devices at gatehouses to the purchase of professional security devices such as deployable tire-puncturing strips, were effected.
9. OPR Comments: None