A brief History of Incirlik, Adana, Turkey

Sixty years ago, 6 December 1954, the U.S. and Turkey signed a Joint Use Agreement for the use of the American-built 10,000' airstrip near Adana, Turkey. The landing strip had been constructed in 1951 before Turkey was admitted into NATO on 18 February 1952 - and had been used as an emergency strip by USAF and USN aircraft prior to the official Agreement.

On 21 February 1955 the official name Adana Air Base was assigned for USAF/USN aircraft (Diyarbakir Air Base near Ankara, Turkey was also established; as were the USN Sixty and USAF bases in Spain).

The first surveillance unit stationed at Adana was Project 119L (balloons), until TUSLOG 10 - 10 (U-2s) replaced them with Project Overflight in 1955.

The USAF used TUSLOG Det designations for their various Turkey units beginning in May 1955, to "cover" the official unit numbers; we (USN) and Army used P-

The Army Det 58 TUSLOG was Incirlik/Adana. The Navy Det 28 TUSLOG was Karamürsel, and Navy 28-1 TUSLOG was Sinop.

Adana Air Base was renamed Incirlik Air Base 28 February 1958.

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