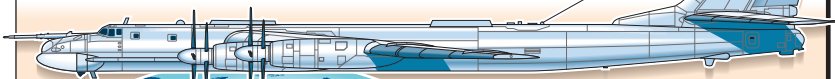


Russia flexes Cold War muscle

Russia has resumed the Soviet-era practice of sending its bombers on long-range flights to probe NATO airspace



Tu-95: Russian strategic nuclear bomber codenamed "Bear"
Range: 6,500-10,500km

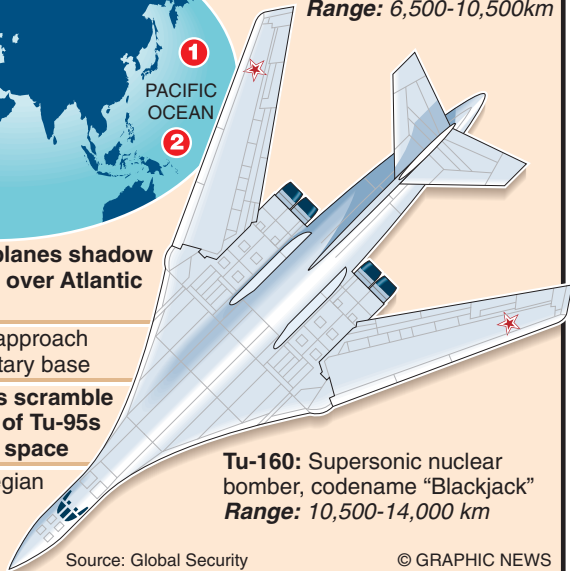


1 Aug 17: NATO warplanes shadow 14 Tu-95s and Tu-160s over Atlantic and Pacific Oceans

2 Aug 9: Two Tu-95s approach **Guam** – major U.S. military base

3 Jul 17: RAF fighters scramble to head off two flights of Tu-95s which enter British air space

4 Jul 17: Royal Norwegian Air Force jets scramble when Russian bombers fly south along coast



Tu-160: Supersonic nuclear bomber, codename "Blackjack"
Range: 10,500-14,000 km