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Observation: A 60 AW (Travis AFB, CA) C-141B aircraft was parked in the transient parking area at Holloman AFB, NM, on 8 Dec 92. At approximately 0210, personnel discovered damage to the avionics of the aircraft. Damage was limited to the inertial navigation system, the radar screen, and a UHF radio, all located in the cockpit. It also appeared the perpetrator had rifled through the personal belongings of the crew which had been left on the aircraft. The aircraft remained mission capable in spite of the minor damage.

Discussion: Investigators assume the damage was done by an individual who is authorized access to the ramp/aircraft. The prime suspect, a security policeman who was on duty when the incident occurred, refused a polygraph. The case remains unsolved.

Lessons Learned: Another example of the insider threat. Security police and all personnel working on the flightline and around other resources must be aware of the threat posed by anyone, even if they are authorized to be in a particular area. Local procedures to improve the frequency of checking aircraft in the transient area have been implemented. Long-range plans for the base call for CCTV and improved lighting on the ramp.

Recommended Action: None

OPR Comments: None