

Dear friends from the Air America and CAT Associations,

Since a couple of days, new versions of my 2 e-books about Air America are on the web. You can find the 5th edition of *The Aircraft of Air America* at <http://www.utdallas.edu/library/specialcollections/hac/cataam/Leeker/aircraft/index.html> and the 2nd edition of *The History of Air America* at <http://www.utdallas.edu/library/specialcollections/hac/cataam/Leeker/history/index.html> .

So what is new?

This fifth edition of *The Aircraft of Air America*, contains two types of new information:

- 1) A number of additions and corrections have been made to the aircraft files:
 - The C-130 file has been re-elaborated, as more details about the aircraft used in the Tibetan airlift have come to light.
 - The identity of the Grumman Goose has come to light.
 - The identities of VIAT's C-54s have come to light.
- 2) A new section about the aircraft of the Royal Lao Air Force has been added. Some of the material had been published before at the end of my files dealing with certain types of Air America aircraft. Thanks to the efforts of Sid Nanson and Steve Darke, whom I'd like to thank here for their precious contributions, many details about the losses of RLAf aircraft (T-28s, O-1s, etc.) have come to light and have been added here.

This **second edition** of *The History of Air America*, dated 4 March 2013, includes 6 new files published here for the first time:

- CAT, Air Asia, Air America – the Company on Taiwan I: Structure and Development
- CAT, Air Asia, Air America – the Company on Taiwan II: Scheduled and Civilian Charter Flights
- CAT, Air Asia, Air America – the Company on Taiwan III: Work for the US Government
- Smaller Operations: Kadena Air Base, Clark Air Base
- Working in Remote Countries: CAT in New Zealand, Thailand-Burma, French Indochina, Guatemala, and Indonesia
- CAT and Air America in Japan

The file "Air America Japan" has been completely reworked and has now become "CAT and Air America in Japan", dealing in detail with CAT's activities during the Korean War. Details about CAT's operations in Guatemala, Indonesia, and French Indochina have been considerably increased and can now be found in the new file "Working in Remote Countries", which also contains activities not mentioned before like Operation "Icebox" and the New Zealand operation. These new files are mainly based on material preserved at the Air America Archives like CAT Bulletins and the priceless material contained in the boxes of Professor William Leary. This includes, for example, the Memoirs of CAT pilot Connie Seigrist and all the interviews once conducted by Professor Leary with numerous CAT and Air America people. The material preserved at the Air America Archives also comes from the boxes of Joe Rosbert, CAT's Director of Operations, and from the microfilms supplied by Gary Bisson. Very helpful were the log books of CAT pilots "Doc" Johnson and Connie Seigrist, scans of which have been kindly supplied by the sons of these pilots, i.e. by James Johnson and Steve Seigrist.

So have fun!

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