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Subject: Department of Defense cancels the Commanche

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Quote:Even though the Comanche is dead, Army officials said they would ask the defense industry to propose plans to build a new armed reconnaissance aircraft. Lt. Gen. Richard Cody said no details are available except that an Army study determined a need for 368 new armed scout helicopters.

Let's hope they have the foresight to incorporate elements of the Commanche into whatever new project comes down the pipe. That particular chopper was too good and too expensive to simply throw the whole concept out. For those of us who enjoy simulators, however, the Commanche is still alive and kicking.

Quote:The F22 could be Axed simply for the reasons as you gave with the commanche. Why is it needed when The F15 is still so much more superior.

Unfortunately, the current interceptor variant of the Eagle, the F-15C(as opposed to the two-seat attack variant, F-15E), is outperformed by the Raptor. The F-15 Remains the FASTEST operational fighter (top speed of about mach 2.5), but the F-22 has better endurance, being able to achieve supersonic speeds without the need for fuel-inefficient afterburners. The F-22 is also much stealthier, not only incorporating elements of the F-177 and B-2 aircraft, but also using all internal hardpoints. The Eagle is a 30 year old design, and it is remarkable that it remains the worlds best fighter, with a record to prove it- not a single F-15 has been shot down in combat to my knowledge. The F-22 is simply the better aircraft (this coming from a complete F-15 junkie), and just as the F-15 replaced the F-4 as the Air Force's top fighter, the F-22 will replace the F-15.

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