

## **Grumman VC-11A "Gulfstream II"**



VC-11A Gulfstream II; 14 May 1969. No photo number; PH1 R. Clayton, photographer.

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### **Historical Information:**

The Coast Guard acquired a single Gulfstream II in February 1969 as a high speed executive transport for use by the Commandant and the Secretary of Transportation. It was based out of Washington National Airport. The Coast Guard accepted the aircraft without modifications.

According to a USCG Memo, dated 20 December 1973, the VC-4As and the VC-11As authorized use included:

"These aircraft are used to provide air transportation on a demand basis, to the Secretary [of Transportation] and members of his staff, the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard and members of his staff and such other personnel as may be authorized by the Commandant. The VC-4A is normally used for all flights east of the Mississippi and the VC-11A is normally used only for flights west of the Mississippi or outside CONUS."

The VC-4A, according to the same memo, flew for an average of 800 hours per year and carried an average of 7.8 passengers per flight. The VC-11A, on the other hand, flew an average of 600 hours per year and carried an average of 6.5 passengers per flight.

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**Sources:**

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