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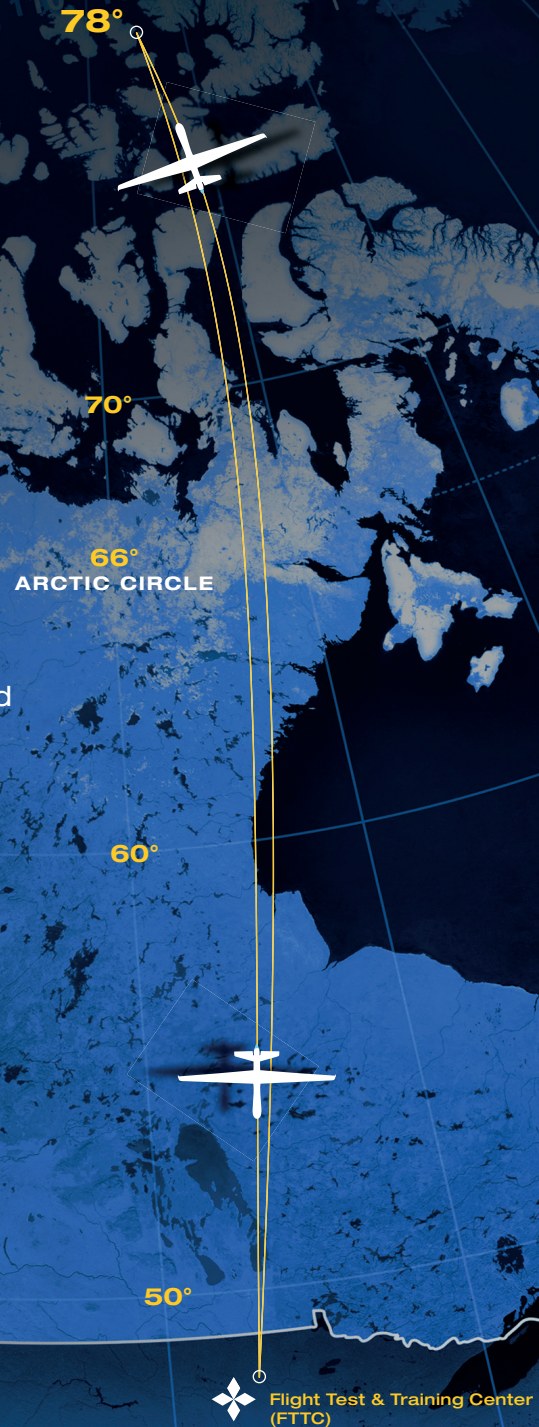
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GA-ASI and Inmarsat Government collaborated to deliver an enhanced high-latitude SATCOM solution, which allowed MQ-9 to fly north through Canadian airspace and past the Arctic Circle's 78th parallel for the first time in history on September 2021. The 4,550-mile trip demonstrated the aircraft's resilience and ability to fly safely in areas known to be challenging and dangerous for human-crewed assets. The flight fed real-time video and optical imaging of the Northern Passages back to the pilot and sensor operators stationed in Grand Forks, N.D. and Gray Butte, CA. This is the furthest north an MQ-9 has ever flown, expanding its mission envelope as the Arctic increases in strategic importance to near-peer competitors. This flight was conducted with cooperation from the Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Canada and Nav Canada.



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