Barrier Ready ... just in case. Below: Dual Operations.

An Answer to an Old Problem

Naval Aviation was always concerned with the problem of stopping planes on the flight deck which failed to engage the arresting wire. There always remained the constant danger of such planes crashing into the parked planes up forward. The old answer to this problem was the use of Barriers. Now with the Canted Deck, no barriers are required since planes that fail to hook the arresting wires can take off for another attempt to land safely.

However, a barrier is retained since their might arise cases wherein a plane's landing hook might be damaged in flight. Even a canted deck is useless in such predicaments. Consequently the continued need for a barrier.

During this Canted Deck Cruise raising the barrier was only a drill.

