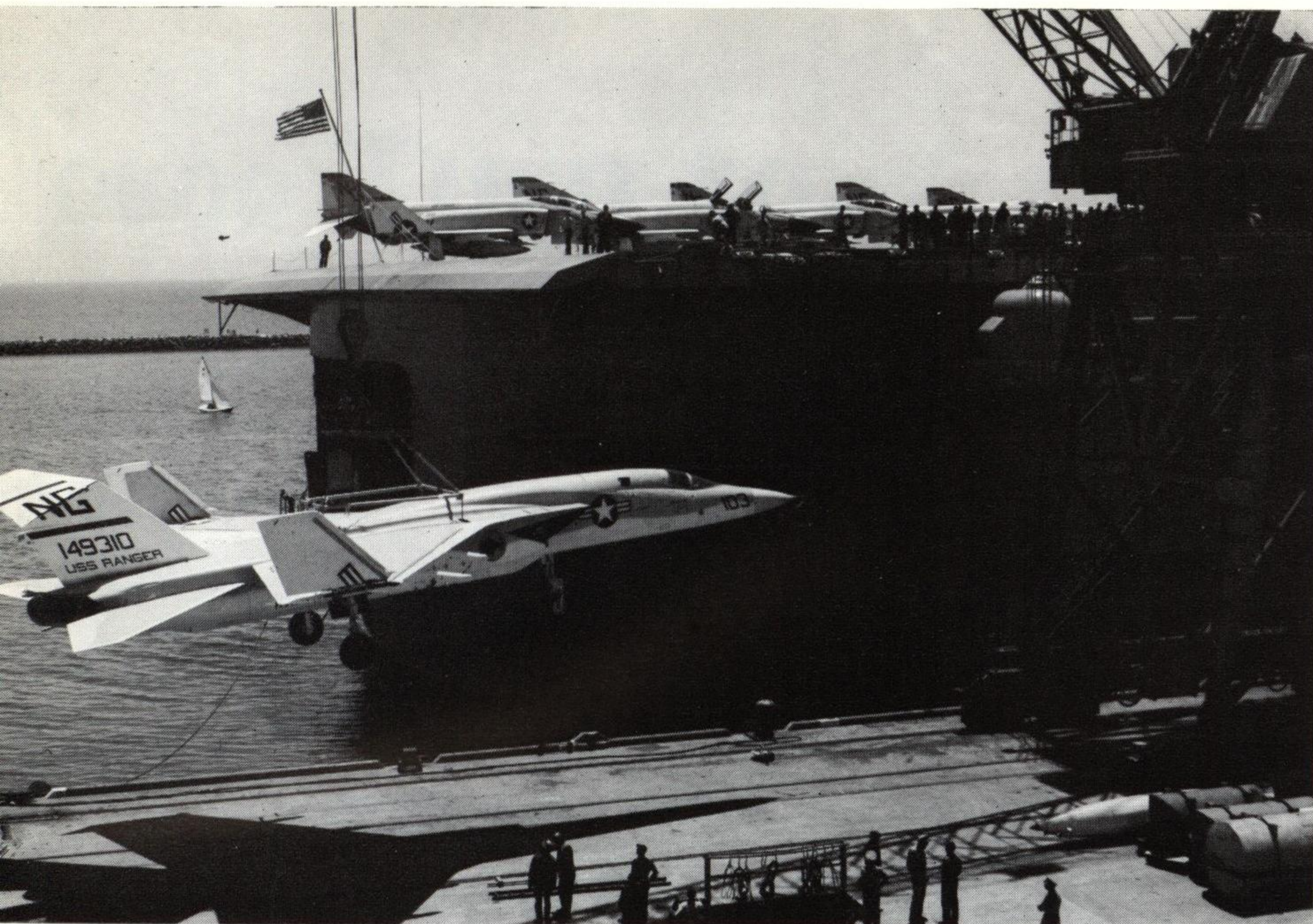


0759 Shift colors



By 0800 on the morning of 5 August, the men of Ranger were aboard their ship and wives, children, and friends, never used to seeing their men leave, were on the pier to see them in God's speed.

With the passing of the word to "Shift Colors" and the final wave of farewell to the crowd gathered on the pier, Ranger and her crew turned seaward, passed under the Golden Gate, and we had deployed.

