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Very interesting book. I crew on an airworthy A-26 Invader in Ft Worth, TX called Special Kay. This book contained some photos that none on my crew had ever seen before of the On Mark Engineering production line at Van Nuys, CA back in 1964. Great stuff

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