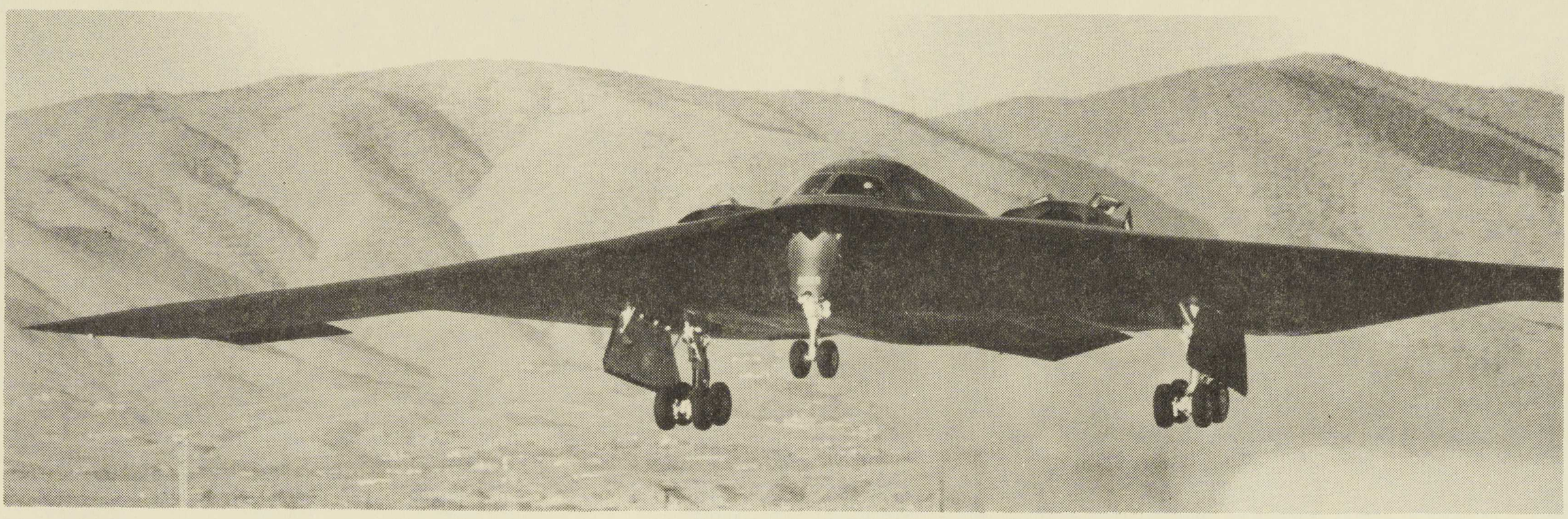

The B-2 Stealth Bomber Cost: $600 million each

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Despite the budget crisis and the dramatic changes taking place in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, Congress spends billions of our tax dollars for new weapons systems such as Star Wars, B-2 Stealth bombers, and mobile MX and Midgetman missiles.

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