



A bird's eye view of the refueling operation.



The F-16s pulled alongside the KC 135 before refueling.

## A 500 mph pit 'stop'

Kegonsa Elementary School teachers Patti Prah and Linda Townsend flew to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland last week to learn more about aerospace technology and education for their classrooms, but it was no ordinary flight. As guests of the Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Group, they flew aboard a KC 135, which refueled F-16 fighter jets en route. Townsend snapped the shots of the operation. While at Andrews AFB, they got a close-up tour of an F-16, and while in Washington they took in the Smithsonian Aerospace Museum, an Air Force guided tour of the Pentagon, and other national sites. The trip was facilitated by Mike Butler, Technology Education Consultant with the Department of Public Instruction, and Lt. Col. Paul Bart of the Air National Guard.



Pilot Chris Rose (top) showed Patti Prah (left) and Linda Townsend the workings of an F-16 fighter at Andrews AFB.