

# Basic Detail Report

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## **Police officer working as security in an airport**

### **Date**

1969-1979

### **Medium**

gelatin silver print

### **Description**

A airport security guard shows an x-ray device that has shown up two guns. Airport security in the 60s and 70s was almost non-existent. Even with soaring skyjacking rates (40 attempts on US planes in 1969), most airlines opposed the idea of individual passenger screening. In 1973 there was the institution of universal passenger screenings, and it was outsourced to contractors, often underpaid and incompetent. They operated x-ray machines and metal detectors.

### **Dimensions**

Overall: 20.2 x 30.3 cm (8 x 11 7/8 in.)