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#### ABSTRACT

Tests were conducted in the Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (4T) using 0.05-scale models to investigate the separation characteristics of the SUU-25C/A and CBU-52B/B dispensers, MK-20 and BLU-52A/B bombs, and the 300-gal fuel tank when released from the Multiple Ejection Rack (MER), the Triple Ejection Rack (TER), and wing-pylon locations on the left and right wing of the A-7D aircraft. Captive trajectory data were obtained at Mach numbers from 0.325 to 0.95 at simulated pressure altitudes from 4000 to 7000 ft. The parent-aircraft angle of attack was varied from 2.0 to 10.6 deg, depending on Mach number, climb angle, and simulated altitude. At selected test conditions, parent climb (dive) angles of -50 and -70 deg. were simulated.

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··:	NOMENCLATURE				
BL	Aircraft buttock line from plane of symmetry, in., model scale				
b	Store reference dimension, ft, full scale				
Cl	Store rolling-moment coefficient, rolling moment/q. Sb				
Clp	Store roll-damping derivative, $dC\varrho/d(pb/2V_{\infty})$				
C <sub>m</sub>	Store pitching-moment coefficient, referenced to the store cg, pitching moment/ $q_{oo}$ Sb				
C <sub>m q</sub>	Store pitch-damping derivative, $dC_m/d(qb/2V_m)$				
C <sub>n</sub>	Store yawing-moment coefficient, referenced to the store cg, yawing moment/ $q_{ee}Sb$				
C <sub>nr</sub>	Store yaw-damping derivative, $dC_n/d(rb/2V_{\infty})$				
FS	Aircraft fuselage station, in., model scale				
Fz	MER/TER ejector force, lb				
F <sub>Z1</sub>	Pylon forward ejector force, lb				
F <sub>Z2</sub>	Pylon aft ejector force, lb				
H	Pressure altitude, ft				
I <sub>xx</sub>	Full-scale moment of inertia about the store $X_B$ axis, slug-ft <sup>2</sup>				
I <sub>yy</sub>	Full-scale moment of inertia about the store $Y_B$ axis, slug-ft <sup>2</sup>				
Izz	Full-scale moment of inertia about the store $Z_B$ axis, slug-ft <sup>2</sup>				
M	Free-stream Mach number				
m	Full-scale store mass, slugs				
p	Store angular velocity about the $X_B$ axis, radians/sec				
p	Free-stream static pressure, psfa				
q	Store angular velocity about the $Y_B$ axis, radians/sec				
q,	Free-stream dynamic pressure, psf				

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- r Store angular velocity about the Z<sub>B</sub> axis, radians/sec
- S Store reference area,  $ft^2$ , full scale
- t Real trajectory time from initiation of trajectory, sec
- $V_{\infty}$  Free-stream velocity, ft/sec
- WL Aircraft waterline from reference horizontal plane, in., model scale
- X Separation distance of the store cg parallel to the flight axis system  $X_F$  direction, ft, full scale measured from the prelaunch position
- X<sub>cg</sub> Full-scale cg location, ft, from nose of store
- X<sub>L</sub> Ejector piston location relative to the store cg, positive forward of store cg, ft, full scale
- $X_{L_1}$  Forward ejector piston location relative to the store cg, positive forward of store cg, ft, full scale
- $X_{L_2}$  Aft ejector piston location relative to the store cg, positive forward of store cg, ft, full scale
- Y Separation distance of the store cg parallel to the flight axis system  $Y_F$  direction, ft, full scale measured from the prelaunch position
- Z Separation distance of the store cg parallel to the flight-axis system  $Z_F$  direction, ft, full scale measured from the prelaunch position
- ZE Ejector stroke length, ft, full scale
- a Parent-aircraft model angle of attack relative to the free-stream velocity vector, deg
- $\theta$  Angle between the store longitudinal axis and its projection in the X<sub>F</sub>-Y<sub>F</sub> plane, positive when store nose is raised as seen by pilot, deg
- $\overline{\theta}$  Simulated parent-aircraft climb angle, angle between the flight direction and the earth horizontal, deg, positive for increasing altitude
- $\psi$  Angle between the projection of the store longitudinal axis in the X<sub>F</sub>-Y<sub>F</sub> plane and the X<sub>F</sub> axis, positive when the store nose is to the right as seen by the pilot, deg
- $\phi$  Angle between the projection of the store lateral axis in the Y<sub>F</sub>-Z<sub>F</sub> plane and the Y<sub>F</sub> axis, positive for clockwise rotation when looking upstream, deg

### FLIGHT-AXIS SYSTEM COORDINATES

### Directions

- X<sub>F</sub> Parallel to the free-stream wind vector, positive direction is forward as seen by the pilot
- $\cdot$  Y<sub>F</sub> Perpendicular to the X<sub>F</sub> and Z<sub>F</sub> directions, positive direction is to the right as seen by the pilot
- Z<sub>F</sub> In the aircraft plane of symmetry, perpendicular to the free-stream wind vector, positive direction is downward

The flight-axis system origin is coincident with the aircraft cg and remains fixed with respect to the parent aircraft during store separation. The  $X_F$ ,  $Y_F$ , and  $Z_F$  coordinate axes do not rotate with respect to the initial flight direction and attitude.

### STORE BODY-AXIS SYSTEM COORDINATES

### Directions

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- X<sub>B</sub> Parallel to the store longitudinal axis, positive direction is upstream in the prelaunch position
- $Y_B$  Perpendicular to the store longitudinal axis, and parallel to the flight-axis system  $X_F$ - $Y_F$  plane when the store is at zero roll angle, positive direction is to the right looking upstream when the store is at zero yaw and roll angles
- $Z_B$  Perpendicual to both the  $X_B$  and  $Y_B$  axes, positive direction is downward as seen by the pilot when the store is at zero pitch and roll angles.

The store body-axis system origin is coincident with the store cg and moves with the store during separation from the parent airplane. The  $X_B$ ,  $Y_B$ , and  $Z_B$  coordinate axes rotate with the store in pitch, yaw, and roll so that mass moments of inertia about the three axes are not time-varying quantities.

## SECTION I

The purpose of this investigation was to determine the separation characteristics of the SUU-25C/A and CBU-52B/B dispensers, MK-20 and BLU-52A/B bombs, and the 300-gal fuel tank when released from the Multiple Ejection Rack (MER), the Triple Ejection Rack (TER), and wing-pylon locations on the left and right wings of the A-7D aircraft. For these tests, the parent-aircraft model was mounted on the main tunnel support system, and the store models were mounted on the captive trajectory support (CTS) system. Captive-trajectory data were obtained at Mach numbers from 0.325 to 0.95 at simulated pressures altitudes from 4000 to 7000 ft. At selected test conditions, parent climb (dive) angles of -50 and -70 deg were simulated. The ejector forces used were constant values provided by the Air Force Armament Laboratory (AFATL/DLGC).

Separation trajectories were obtained for the 300-gal fuel tank configuration with six sets of mass properties. In addition to the completely full and empty tank loadings, four conditions were examined which correspond to partial loads, or ballasting, in increments of approximately 100 lb located near the nose of the tank. These partially loaded configurations are referred to herein as Cargo No. 1, Cargo No. 2, Cargo No. 3, and Cargo No. 4 in order of increasing weight.

### SECTION II APPARATUS

#### 2.1 TEST FACILITY

The Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (4T) is a closed-loop, continuous flow, variable density tunnel in which the Mach number can be varied from 0.1 to 1.3. At all Mach numbers, the stagnation pressure can be varied from 300 to 3700 psfa. The test section is 4 ft square and 12.5 ft long with perforated, variable porosity (0.5- to 10-percent open) walls. It is completely enclosed in a plenum chamber from which the air can be evacuated, allowing part of the tunnel airflow to be removed through the perforated walls of the test section.

For store separation testing, two separate and independent support systems are used to support the models. The parent-aircraft model is inverted in the test section and supported by an offset sting attached to the main pitch sector. The store model is supported by the CTS which extends down from the tunnel top wall and provides store movement (six degreees of freedom) independent of the parent-aircraft model. An isometric drawing of a typical store separation installation is shown in Fig. 1 (Appendix I).

Also shown in Fig. 1 is a block diagram of the computer control loop used during captive trajectory testing. The analog system and the digital computer work as an integrated unit and, utilizing required input information, control the store movement during a trajectory. Store positioning is accomplished by use of six individual d-c electric motors. Maximum translational travel of the CTS is  $\pm 15$  in. from the tunnel centerline in the lateral and vertical directions and 36 in. in the axial direction. Maximum angular

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displacements are  $\pm 45$  deg in pitch and yaw and  $\pm 360$  deg in roll. A more complete description of the test facility can be found in the <u>Test Facilities Handbook.</u><sup>1</sup> A schematic showing the test section details and the location of the models in the tunnel is shown in Fig. 2.

### 2.2 TEST ARTICLES

The test articles were 0.05-scale models of the A-7D parent aircraft and the various stores. A sketch showing the basic dimensions of the A-7D parent model is shown in Fig. 3. Both the left and right wings of the A-7D were equipped for store separation. Details and dimensions of the pylons are shown in Fig. 4, the TER and MER in Figs. 5 and 6, and the store models in Figs. 7 through 13.

The A-7D parent model was geometrically similar to the full-scale airplane except for some modifications incident to the wind tunnel installation and CTS operation. Horizontal tail surfaces were removed because of interference with the CTS support. The parent model was inverted in the tunnel and attached by a 23-deg offset sting to the main sting-support system. The A-7D aircraft has three pylon stations on each wing. The mounting surfaces of all three pylons are inclined at a 3-deg nose-down angle with respect to the aircraft waterline. Figure 14 shows the numbering sequence of the TER and MER stations and the roll orientation of stores mounted on each of the launch positions, and Fig. 15 shows a typical tunnel installation photograph of the parent aircraft, store models, and the CTS.

#### 2.3 INSTRUMENTATION

A six-component, internal strain-gage balance was used to obtain force and moment data on the store model. Translational and angular positions of the store model were obtained from the CTS analog outputs. A digital readout from the main pitch sector was used for setting angle of attack for the parent aircraft. The MER, TER, and pylons were instrumented with touch wires which aided in positioning the store model for launch. The system was also electrically connected to automatically stop the CTS and main pitch sector movement if the store model or sting support contacted the MER, TER, or the aircraft model surface.

#### SECTION III TEST DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 TEST CONDITIONS

Separation trajectory data were obtained at Mach numbers from 0.325 to 0.95 at simulated pressure altitudes from 4000 to 7000 ft. Tunnel dynamic pressure ranged from 230 to 850 psf, and tunnel stagnation temperature was maintained near  $100^{\circ}$ F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Test Facilities Handbook (Ninth Edition). "Propulsion Wind Tunnel Facility, Vol. 4." Arnold Engineering Development Center, July 1971.

Tunnel conditions were held constant at the desired Mach number and stagnation pressure while data for each trajectory were obtained. The trajectories were terminated when the store or sting contacted the parent-aircraft model or when a CTS travel limit was reached.

### 3.2 TRAJECTORY DATA ACQUISITION

To obtain a trajectory, test conditions were established in the tunnel and the parent model was positioned at the desired angle of attack. The store model was then oriented to a position corresponding to the store carriage location. After the store was set at the desired initial position, operational control of the CTS was switched to the digital computer which controlled the store movement during the trajectory through commands to the CTS analog system (see block diagram, Fig. 1). Data from the wind tunnel, consisting of measured model forces and moments, wind tunnel operating conditions, and CTS rig positions, were input to the digital computer for use in the full-scale trajectory calculations.

The digital computer was programmed to solve the six-degree-of-freedom equations to calculate the angular and linear displacements of the store relative to the parent-aircraft pylon. In general, the program involves using the last two successive measured values of each static aerodynamic coefficient to predict the magnitude of the coefficients over the next time interval of the trajectory. These predicted values are used to calculate the new position and attitude of the store at the end of the time interval. The CTS is then commanded to move the store model to this new position and the aerodynamic loads are measured. If these new measurements agree with the predicted values, the process is continued over another time interval of the same magnitude. If the measured and predicted values do not agree within the desired precision, the calculation is repeated over a-time interval one-half the previous value. This process is repeated until a complete trajectory has been obtained.

In applying the wind tunnel data to the calculations of the full-scale store trajectories, the measured forces and moments are reduced to coefficient form and then applied with proper full-scale store dimensions and flight dynamic pressure. Dynamic pressure was calculated using a flight velocity equal to the free-stream velocity component plus the components of store velocity relative to the aircraft, and a density corresponding to the simulated altitude.

The initial portion of each launch trajectory incorporated simulated ejector forces in addition to the measured aerodynamic forces acting on the store. The ejector forces for the stores are presented in Table I (Appendix II). The ejector force was considered to act perpendicular to the rack or pylon mounting surface. The locations of the applied ejector forces and other full-scale store parameters used in the trajectory calculations are listed in Table II.

#### 3.3 CORRECTIONS

Balance, sting, and support deflections caused by the aerodynamic loads on the store models were accounted for in the data reduction program to calculate the true store-model angles. Corrections were also made for model weight tares to calculate the net aerodynamic forces on the store model.

### 3.4 PRECISION OF DATA

The trajectory data are subject to error from several sources including tunnel conditions, balance measurements, extrapolation tolerances allowed in the predicted coefficients, computer inputs, and CTS positioning control. Maximum error in the CTS position control was  $\pm 0.05$  in. for the translational settings,  $\pm 0.15$  deg for angular displacement settings in pitch and yaw, and  $\pm 1$  deg for angular settings in roll. Extrapolation tolerances were  $\pm 0.10$  for each of the aerodynamic coefficients. The maximum uncertainties in the full-scale position data caused by the balance precision limitations are given in Table III. Bias errors have been neglected.

The estimated uncertainty in setting Mach number was no greater than  $\pm 0.003$ , and the uncertainty in parent-model angle of attack was estimated to be  $\pm 0.1$  deg.

### SECTION IV RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data taken during this test consisted of ejector-separated store trajectories of various stores from MER, TER, and pylon stations on the left and right wings of the A-7D aircraft. Table IV describes the A-7D load configurations for this test. The letters "L" or "R" following the configuration number denote store launches from the left or right wing of the aircraft, respectively. Data showing the linear and angular displacements of the store relative to the mate position on the racks or pylon are presented as functions of full-scale trajectory time in Figs. 16 through 33. Positive X, Y, and Z displacements (as seen by the pilot) are forward, to the right, and down, respectively. Positive changes in pitch, yaw, and roll (as seen by the pilot) are nose up, nose right, and clockwise, respectively. Termination of most trajectories was either the result of limitations imposed by the CTS system (such as sting-to-parent-aircraft contact or a store-support-system travel limit) or manual termination after the store had separated a specified distance from the aircraft.

Figures 16 through 21 present separation trajectory data for the SUU-25C/A dispenser from the outboard pylon. These data all exhibit an initial nose-down pitch motion and an outboard yaw motion. The only effect of an increase in Mach number is a slightly more rapid nose-down pitch. Ejector force number 1 caused the store to pitch nose down less rapidly than ejector force number 2. By comparing data for configuration 1L with configurations 2L or 2R, launches from the outboard pylon with an adjacent MER on the centerline pylon are seen to be almost identical to launches with an adjacent MER plus stores on the centerline pylon.

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Separation trajectory data for the MK-20 Rockeye bomb are presented in Figs. 22 through 25. If a trajectory was of sufficient length to reach the position where the fins could be deployed, the open-fin configuration was used to obtain additional data. This continuation trajectory was initiated from the chosen store location along the original trajectory. The criterion for fin deployment was a clearance of at least 1 ft between the rack and the store center of gravity. The trajectories where fin deployment occurred are denoted by an asterisk in the figure heading next to the symbol, deployment occurring

at Z = 1.0 ft for all cases. These data show that the fin deployment had a significant effect on all of the angular motions, causing a reversal in direction of the pitch or yaw for many trajectories.

Figures 26 and 27 present separation trajectory data for the 300-gal fuel tank from the inboard pylon. The fuel tank displacements were only slightly affected by changes in Mach number and by the addition of adjacent stores on the centerline MER and outboard TER. In general, the pitch motion was favorably affected by ballasting, probably because of the change in ejector-induced pitch resulting from the change in center-of-gravity location.

Separation trajectories of the CBU-52B/B dispenser are presented in Figs. 28 through 30. These data show an initial nose-down pitch motion with an outboard yaw motion for configuration 18L (outboard pylon) and 18R (center pylon) launches, and an inboard yaw motion for configuration 20R (inboard pylon) launches. Ejector force number 9 caused the store to pitch nose down less rapidly than ejector force number 8. The store displacements are relatively unaffected by changes in Mach number.

Separation trajectories of the BLU-52A/B bomb are presented in Figs. 31 through 33. These data exhibit the same trends as the CBU-52B/B dispenser separation data. Ejector force number 11 caused a less rapid nose-down store pitch than ejector force number 10.

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# APPENDIXES I. ILLUSTRATIONS

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II. TABLES

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Fig. 1 Isometric Drawing of a Typical Store Separation Installation and a Block Diagram of the Computer Control Loop







Fig. 2 Schematic of the Tunnel Test Section Showing Model Location



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Fig. 3 Sketch of the A-7D Parent-Aircraft Model

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	INBOARD	CENTER	OUTBOARD
B	1.030	1.030	0.515
C	4.580	4.850	4.437
D	1.630	1.905	2.008
E	0.575	0.575	0.513
F	0.950	0.950	0.750
G	1.350	1.350	1.150

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Fig. 4 Details and Dimensions of the A-7D Model Pylons

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Fig. 5 Details and Dimensions of the TER Model

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Fig. 6 Details and Dimensions of the MER Model

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## Fig. 7 Details and Dimensions of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser Model

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Fig. 8 Details and Dimensions of the CBU-52B/B Dispenser Model







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b. Fins Deployed Fig. 9 Concluded



Fig. 10 Details and Dimensions of the BLU-52A/B Bomb Model

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MODEL STA	RADIUS	MODEL STA	RADIUS
0.000	0.0000	2.250	0.5531
0.060	0.0000	2.500	0.5777
0.100	0.0511	2.750	0.5888
0.150	0.0751		CONSYANT
0.200	0.0981	3.450	0.6625
0.250	0.1203		CONSTANT
0.300	0.1415	6.638	0.6625
0.350	0.1619		CONSTANT
0.400	0.1815	7,713	0.5680
0.450	0.2003	7.763	0.5637
0.500	0.21 83	6.013	0.5409
0.550	0.2355	6.263	0.5162
0.600	0.2521	8.513	0.4899
0.850	0.2690	8.763	0.4820
0.700	0.2833	9.013	0.4327
0.750	0.2979	9.113	0.4206
0.800	0.3119		SLOPE
0.850	0.3253	10.900	0.1615
0.900	0.3383	10.950	0.1733
1.000	0.3625	11.000	0.1646
1.280	0.4153	11.100	0.1441
1.500	0. 4587	11.200	0.1170
1.750	0,4950	11.300	0.0725
2.000	0.5260	11.350	0.0000

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Fig. 11 Details and Dimensions of the 300-gal Fuel Tank Model

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Fig. 12 Details and Dimensions of the MK-82 Snakeye Bomb Model

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Fig. 13 Details and Dimensions of the M-117 Bomb Model with MAU-103A/B Fins



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NOTE	The	squore	indicotes	the	orientation of	the
	susp	ension	lugs			

TYPE Rack	STATION	ROLL ORIENTATION, deg
MER	l	0
	2	0
	3	45
	4	45
	5	-45
	6	- 45
TER	1	0
	2	45
	3	-45

Fig. 14 Schematic of the TER and MER Store Stations and Orientations



Fig. 15 Tunnel Installation Photograph Showing Parent Aircraft, Store, and Captive Trajectory Support



a.  $M_{\infty} = 0.325$ 

Fig. 16 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Empty) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 1L



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b.  $M_{\infty} = 0.530$ Fig. 16 Continued



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d.  $M_{\infty} = 0.814$ Fig. 16 Concluded

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Fig. 17 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Empty) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 2L

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Fig. 18 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Empty) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 2R



a. M<sub>s</sub> = 0.325

Fig. 19 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Full) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 1L



b. M<sub>2</sub> = 0.530 Fig. 19 Continued



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c.  $M_{\infty} = 0.730$  . Fig. 19 Continued



d.  $M_{\infty} = 0.814$ Fig. 19 Concluded



Fig. 20 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Full) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 2L



Fig. 21 Separation Characteristics of the SUU-25C/A Dispenser (Full) from the Outboard Pylon, Configuration 2R



a. Configuration 3R

Fig. 22 Separation Characteristics of the MK-20 Rockeye Bomb from the MER on the Center Pylon Station; Inboard Pylon Empty and MER on the Outboard Pylon



b. Configuration 4R Fig. 22 Continued



c. Configuration 5R Fig. 22 Continued

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d. Configuration 6R Fig. 22 Continued



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f. Configuration 8R Fig. 22 Continued

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g. Configuration 9R Fig. 22 Continued





h. Configuration 10R Fig. 22 Continued





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a. Configuration 3L

Fig. 23 Separation Characteristics of the MK-20 Rockeye Bomb from the MER on the Outboard Pylon Station; Inboard Pylon Empty and MER with Six MK-20 Bombs on Center Pylon







Fig. 23 Continued



d. Configuration 6L Fig. 23 Continued



e. Configuration 7L Fig. 23 Continued

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g. Configuration 9L Fig. 23 Continued

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h. Configuration 10L Fig. 23 Continued





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i. Configuration 11L Fig. 23 Continued







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a. Configuration 13R

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Fig. 24 Separation Characteristics of the MK-20 Rockeye Bomb from the MER on the Center Pylon Station; TER on the Outboard Pylon and 300-gal Fuel Tank on the Inboard Pylon







c. Configuration 15R Fig. 24 Continued



d. Configuration 16R Fig. 24 Concluded

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a. Configuration 13L

Fig. 25 Separation Characteristics of the MK-20 Rockeye Bomb from the TER on the Outboard Pylon Station; MER with Four MK-20 Bombs on the Center Pylon and 300-gal Fuel Tank on the Inboard Pylon



b. Configuration 15L Fig. 25 Continued -








b. Fuel Tank (Full) Fig. 26 Continued

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	178	0.407	9.4	4000	0	12
0	17R	0.650	4.1	4000	0	12
▲	17R	0.814	3.2	4000	0	12



c. Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 1) Fig. 26 Continued

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d. Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 2) Fig. 26 Continued





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f. Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 4) Fig. 26 Concluded



a. Fuel Tank (Empty) Fig. 27 Separation Characteristics of the 300-gal Fuel Tank from the Inboard Pylon, Configuration 17L



b. Fuel Tank (Full) Fig. 27 Concluded





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a.  $M_{\infty} = 0.814$ Fig. 28 Separation Characteristics of the CBU-52B/B Dispenser from the Center Pylon Station, Configuration 18R

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b.  $M_{\infty} = 0.860$ Fig. 28 Continued

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Fig. 29 Separation Characteristics of the CBU-52B/B Dispenser from the Outboard Pylon Station, Configuration 18L

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Fig. 30 Separation Characteristics of the CBU-52B/B Dispenser from the Inboard Pylon Station, Configuration 20R

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b. M<sub>w</sub> = 0.860 Fig. 30 Continued

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c.  $M_{ee} = 0.950$ Fig. 30 Concluded

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Fig. 31 Separation Characteristics of the BLU-52A/B Bomb from the Center Pylon Station, Configuration 19R

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b.  $M_{\infty} = 0.760$ Fig. 31 Continued

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b. M<sub>2</sub> = 0.760 Fig. 32 Continued

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Fig. 33 Separation Characteristics of the BLU-52A/B Bomb from the Inboard Pylon Station, Configuration 21R

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Ejector Force No.	<sup>F</sup> Z <sub>1</sub> , <sup>lb</sup>	F <sub>Z2</sub> , lb	F <sub>Z</sub> , lb
1	1230	2070	[]
2	1450	· 1460	
3	1360	2140	
4	1880	1630	
5			1170
6	2040	1190	
7	2020	1740	
8	2020	1400	
9	1780	1580	
10	2130	1290	
11	1570	1530	
12	2120	1270	
13	2140	1330	
14	2130	1370	
15	2100	1380	
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#### TABLE I STORE EJECTION FORCES

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For store launches from the pylon, the ejector stroke length ZE = 0.34167 ft.

For store launches from the MER or TER, ZE = 0.24167 ft.

SUU-25C/A (Empty)	SUU-25C/A (Full)	МК-20	CBU-52B/B	BLU-52A/B	300-gal Fuel Tank (Empty)	300-gal Fuel Tank (Full)	300-gal Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 1)	300-gal Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 2)	300-gal Fucl Tank (Cargo No. 3)	300-gai Fuel Tank (Cargo No. 4)	
-51.0	-51,0	-52.0	-54.0	-48.0	-133.1	-133, 1	- 133, 1	-133.1	- 133, 1	-133, 1	
-51.0	-51.0	-52.0	-54.0	- 48. 0	- 93, 6	-93.6	-93.8	-93,6	- 93. 8	-93, 6	
0.0	0.0	-0.8	-1.9	- 0. 6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	
8.2	15.4	15.1	24.5	11.2	7.1	68. U	10.2	13.3	16.4	19.6	
4. 125	4.692	3.733	2. 925	5. 417	9.608	8.475	7.725	7.033	6. 767	6.583	
1, 167	1.187	1.103	1. 333	1.550	,2. 208	2. 208	2.208	2, 208	2, 208	2, 208	
1.069	1.069	0.955	1.396	1.886	3.828	3.828	3. 828	3.828	3.828	3.828	
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1.375	1.942		0.683	0.875	2. 483	1.350	0.600	- 0. 092	- 0. 358	-0.542	
-0, 292	0.275		- 0, 983	- 0. 792	0. 817	-0.317	-1,087	-1,758	- 2, 025	-2,208	
2.5	4.5	2.6	2.8	3.5	5.8	45.0	8.0	10.0	13.0	15.0	
50.4	88. 7	53.2	57.0	69.8	115, 5	943.6	147.0	182, 0	218.0	219.0	
50,4	88.7	53, 2	57.0	69.8	115.5	943.6	147. 0	182.0	218.0	219. 0	
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# TABLE II FULL-SCALE STORE PARAMETERS USED IN TRAJECTORY CALCULATIONS

 $\Delta X$ , ft  $\Delta Y$ , ft  $\Delta \theta$ , deg M\_  $\Delta Z$ , ft  $\Delta \psi$ , deg  $\Delta \phi$ , deg SUU-25C/A (Empty) 0.325 ±0.012 ±0.020 ±0.012 ±0.160 ±0.240 ±1.257 0.814 ±0.021 ±0.034 ±0.021 ±0.272 ±0.408 ±2.134 SUU-25C/A (Full) 0.325 ±0.006 ±0.010 ±0.006 ±0.091 ±0.136 ±0.698 0.814 ±0.011 ±0.018 ±0.011 ±0.154 ±0.232 ±1.186 ±0.009 MK-20 0.730 ±0.015 ±0.009 ±0.208 ±0.312 ±1.655 0.950 ±0.015 ±0.025 ±0.015 ±0.352 ±0.528 ±2.804 BLU-52A/B ±0.012 ±0,020 ±0.012 0.730 ±0.158 ±0.237 ±1.226 0.845 ±0.017 ±0.027 ±0.017 ±0.212 ±0.318 ±1.644 CBU-52B/B 0.730 ±0.006 ±0.009 ±0.006 ±0.194 ±0.291 ±1.535 0.845 ±0.259 ±0.007 ±0.012 ±0.007 ±0.389  $\pm 2.057$ · 300-gal-Fuel Tank (Empty) ±0.082 0.407 ±0.015 ±0.006 ±0.015 ±0.049 ±0.427 0.814 ±0.329 ±0.197 ±1,700 +0.060±0.025 ±0.060 300-gal Fuel Tank (Full) 0.407 ±0.001 ±0.001 ±0.001 ±0.010 ±0.010 ±0.055 0.814 ±0.002 ±0.040 ±0.024 ±0,220 ±0.006 ±0.006

TABLE III MAXIMUM FULL-SCALE POSITION UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY BALANCE PRECISION LIMITATIONS

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## TABLE IV A-7D LOAD CONFIGURATIONS

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Configuration	Launch Store Model	Inheard Pylon	Center Pylon	Cuthoard Pylon
1L	SUU-25C/A	Empty	MER	SUU-25C/A (Launch)
2R	SUU-25C/A	M-117	MER: M-117 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 5, 6	SUU-25C/A (Launch)
2L	SUU-25C/A	MK-82 S. E.	MER: MK-82 S. E. (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	SUU-25C/A (Launch)
3R	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 4 MK-20 (Leunch) Sta. 3	MER
3L	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3, 4, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 5
4R	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 4	MER
4L	MCK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3, 4 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 6
5R	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3, 4, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta, 5	MER
5L	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 4 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 3
6R	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dommy) Sta. 3, 4 MK-20 (Launch) Sta 6	MER
6L	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Launca) Sta. 4
7R	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 6	MER
71_	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 1

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Configuration	Launch Store Model	Inboard Pylon	Center Pylon	Outboard Pylon
8R	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 5	MER
8L.	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3, 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launca) S:a, 2
9R	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 4	MER
9L	мк-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER. MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 3
IOR	МК - 20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 3	MER
10L	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 4
11R	<u> </u>	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3, 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 2	MER
11L	MK-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 6 MK-20 (Leunch) Sta. 5
12R	MK-20	Empty	MER; MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 1	MER
12L	МК-20	Empty	MER: MK-20 (Dammy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 6
13R	МК-20	300-gai Tank	MER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 6	TER
13L	MK-20	300-gal Tank	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) S:a. 1, 2, 3, 4	TER: MK-20 (Dummy). Sta. 2, 3 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 1

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	Configuration	Launch Store Model	Inboard Pylon	Center Pylon	Outboard Pylon	
1	14R	МК-20	300-gal Tank	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 5	TER	
	14L	MK-20	300-gal Tank	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4	TER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 3 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 2	
	15R	MK-20	300-gal Tank	MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 5, 6 MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 2	TER	
	15L	MK-20	300-gal Tank MER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4		TER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 3	
	16R	MK-20	300-ga: Tank MER: MK-20 (Dumm Sta. 2, 5, 6 MK-20 (Launo Sta. 1		TER	
	16L	MK-20	300-gal Tank	MER. MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4	TER: MK-20 (Launch) Sta. 2	
	17R	300-gal Tank	ank 300-gal Tank MER (Launch)		TER	
	17L	300-gal Tank	300-gal Tank MER: MK-20 (Dummy (Launch) Sta. 1, 2, 3, 4		TER: MK-20 (Dummy) Sta. 1, 2, 3	
	18R	CBU-52B/B	CBU-52B/B (Dummy)	CBU-52B/B (Launer)	Empty	
	18L	CBU-52B/B	CBU-52B/B (Dummy)	CBU-52B/B (Dummy)	CBU-52B/B (Launch)	
	19R	BLU-52A/B BLU-52A/B BLU-52 (Dummy)		BLU-52A/B (Launch)	Empty	
	191	BLU-52A/B	BLU-52A/B (Dammy)	BLU-52A/B (Dummy)	BLU-52A/B (Launch)	
	20R	CBU-52B/B	J-52B/B CBU-52B/B Empty (Launch)		Empty	
	21 R	BLU-52A/B	BLU-52A/B (Launch)	Empty	Empty	

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Tests were conducted in the Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (4T) using 0.05-scale models to investigate the separation characteristics of the SUU-25C/A and CBU-52B/B dispensers, MK-20 and BLU-52A/B bombs, and the 300-gal fuel tank when released from the Multiple Ejection Rack (MER), the Triple Ejection Rack (TER), and wing-pylon locations on the left and right wing of the A-7D aircraft. Captive trajectory data were obtained at Mach numbers from 0.325 to 0.95 at simulated pressure altitudes from 4000 to 7000 ft. The parent-aircraft angle of attack was varied from 2.0 to 10.6 deg, depending on Mach number, climb angle, and simulated altitude. At selected test conditions, parent climb (dive) angles of -50 and -70 deg were simulated.								
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Security Classification

14.	LINK A		LINK B		LINK C	
	ROLE	WT	ROLE	WT	ROLE	WT
separation						2
characteristics				1		
SUU-25C/A dispenser						
CBU-52B/B dispenser						
MK = 20 bomb						
BLU-52A/B bomb						
fuel tank						
A-7D aircraft			-			
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