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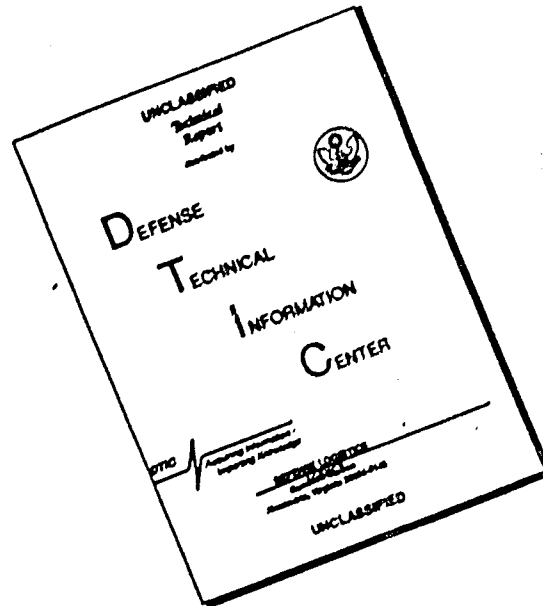
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required characteristics determined by these tests can be combined with engine performance to determine the most fuel efficient operating conditions.

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1. The purpose of this letter is to establish the Directorate for Development and Qualification position on the subject report. The report documents part 5 of a 5 part effort which involves performance flight testing of the AH-1S to obtain performance data and determine the most efficient operating characteristics. Part 1 involved conducting a flight operation improvement analysis. Part 2 was initiated to develop and evaluate flight manual data designed for optimizing fuel conservation. Parts 3, 4 and 5 entail flight testing of the UH-1H, OH-58C, and AH-1S which is specifically oriented towards obtaining performance data applicable to fuel conservation. The part 5 evaluation conducted by the US Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity (USAAEFA) consisted of obtaining detailed comprehensive performance data for the AH-1S in both hot and cold temperatures. Future major revisions to the AH-1S Operator's Manual will consider incorporation of changes in performance data or optimum performance operating procedures resulting from this evaluation.

2. This Directorate agrees with the report conclusions and recommendations.

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# INTRODUCTION

## BACKGROUND

1. The US Army is placing emphasis on achieving fuel conservation relative to the operation of Army aircraft. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (DCSLOG), Aviation Logistics Office/Special Assistant (DALO-AV) supports a program that will investigate ways to minimize fuel consumption. The Directorate for Development and Qualification of the US Army Aviation Research and Development Command (AVRADCOM) and the US Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity (USAAEFA) have jointly developed a fuel conservation program for helicopters which was briefed to Headquarters, US Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) and DCSLOG on 28 January 1981. Both DCSLOG and DARCOM agreed to implement the program. DCSLOG additionally agreed to provide necessary Operation and Maintenance - Army (OMA) funding. AVRADCOM directed USAAEFA to conduct the Cobra portion of the fuel conservation program on the AH-1S (Prod) (ref 1, app A).

## TEST OBJECTIVE

2. The objective of this test program was to obtain flight test data to determine the most fuel efficient operating characteristics of the AH-1S (Prod).

## DESCRIPTION

3. The test aircraft, a production AH-1S serial number (S/N) 76-22573 (photo 1, app B) is a tandem seat, two-place helicopter with two-bladed main and tail rotors. The helicopter is powered by a Lycoming T53-L-703 turboshaft engine thermodynamically rated at 1800 shaft horsepower (SHP) at sea-level, standard-day conditions but limited by the main transmission to 1290 SHP for 30 minutes at airspeeds below 100 KIAS and 1134 SHP for continuous operation at any airspeed within the flight envelope. Distinctive features of this helicopter include the narrow fuselage, a modified flat plate canopy, stub wings with four stores stations, a model 212 tractor tail rotor and the K747 improved main rotor blades (K747 IMRB). A more complete description of the aircraft is presented in the operator's manual (ref 2, app A).

## TEST SCOPE

4. Level flight performance tests of the AH-1S (Prod) helicopter were conducted in the vicinity of Edwards Air Force Base, California, El Centro, California, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Project flying included 41 test flights which yielded 37.2 hours of productive test time from the 77.8 total hours flown. Of this total, there were 18.1 hours of ferry flight. The test aircraft and the test instrumentation were maintained by USAAEFA.

5. Flight restrictions and operating limitations contained in the operator's manual (ref 2, app A) and the airworthiness release issued by AVRADCOM (ref 3, app A) were observed. For this evaluation, maximum power-on main rotor speed was increased above the handbook limit of 324 RPM to 329 RPM. All tests were conducted at a mid longitudinal center of gravity (cg) location, a slightly right lateral cg, and with the engine bleed air OFF. Twenty-eight data sets (level flight speed-power polars) were flown in the clean configuration. Eight additional data sets were flown with XM-159/C rocket pods installed (photo 1, app B). Four sets were flown with the pods empty and the other four sets with the pods fully loaded.

6. The evaluation consisted of level flight performance tests using referred rotor speed ( $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ ) and thrust coefficient,  $C_T$ , as the major variables to supplement the range of currently available data. General test conditions are shown in table 1.

#### TEST METHODOLOGY

7. Established engineering flight test techniques and data reduction procedures were used and are described in appendix C. Test methods are also briefly discussed in the Results and Discussion section of this report. Test parameters were recorded from calibrated instrumentation by an onboard magnetic tape system installed and maintained by USAAEFA (photo 1, app D). Aircraft weight and balance measurements and fuel cell calibrations were conducted by USAAEFA prior to the start of performance testing. Airspeed and engine torquemeter calibrations utilized are presented in figures 39 through 42, appendix E. Performance data were not corrected for drag changes caused by addition of the nose boom system.

Table 1. Level Flight Performance Test Conditions<sup>1</sup>

| Average<br>N <sub>R</sub> /√θ<br>~RPM | Average<br>C <sub>T</sub> x 10 <sup>4</sup> | Average<br>Gross WT<br>~lb | Average<br>Density Alt<br>~ft | Average<br>Air Temperature<br>~°C | App E<br>Fig. No. |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 293                                   | 50.54                                       | 7860                       | 3080                          | 26.0                              | 3                 |
| 293                                   | 54.43                                       | 8400                       | 3560                          | 26.5                              | 4                 |
| 293                                   | 58.98                                       | 8440                       | 5840                          | 24.5                              | 5                 |
| 293                                   | 64.39                                       | 7840                       | 10,180                        | 17.0                              | 6                 |
| 293                                   | 68.25                                       | 8500                       | 9460                          | 16.0                              | 7                 |
| 304                                   | 49.92                                       | 8240                       | 4160                          | 30.5                              | 8                 |
| 303                                   | 54.66                                       | 8440                       | 5720                          | 27.0                              | 9                 |
| 303                                   | 58.38                                       | 7960                       | 9120                          | 20.5                              | 10                |
| 303                                   | 62.51                                       | 8540                       | 9060                          | 21.0                              | 11                |
| 303                                   | 68.81                                       | 8060                       | 12,880                        | 11.0                              | 12                |
| 314                                   | 49.97                                       | 8860                       | 3460                          | 26.5                              | 13                |
| 314                                   | 53.82                                       | 9080                       | 4900                          | 24.0                              | 14                |
| 314                                   | 57.52                                       | 8880                       | 7600                          | 22.0                              | 15                |
| 313                                   | 62.04                                       | 8980                       | 9260                          | 20.0                              | 16                |
| 314                                   | 68.26                                       | 9180                       | 11,400                        | 17.5                              | 17                |
| 324                                   | 50.03                                       | 8140                       | 5060                          | -3.0                              | 18                |
| 324                                   | 53.94                                       | 9220                       | 3420                          | -2.5                              | 19                |
| 324                                   | 58.13                                       | 8760                       | 6940                          | -6.5                              | 20                |
| 324                                   | 62.44                                       | 9020                       | 8100                          | -8.0                              | 21                |
| 325                                   | 67.70                                       | 9300                       | 9920                          | -9.5                              | 22                |
| 334                                   | 50.37                                       | 8780                       | 4440                          | -4.0                              | 23                |
| 334                                   | 54.22                                       | 9220                       | 5260                          | -5.5                              | 24                |
| 334                                   | 57.87                                       | 9160                       | 7400                          | -8.0                              | 25                |
| 334                                   | 62.01                                       | 8900                       | 10,140                        | -10.0                             | 26                |
| 336                                   | 67.57                                       | 9360                       | 11,460                        | -11.5                             | 27                |
| 339                                   | 50.57                                       | 9080                       | 4480                          | -6.5                              | 28                |
| 341                                   | 54.63                                       | 9360                       | 5820                          | -9.0                              | 29                |
| 340                                   | 58.79                                       | 9340                       | 8280                          | -9.0                              | 30                |
| 323 <sup>2</sup>                      | 54.42                                       | 8960                       | 7520                          | 24.0                              | 31                |
| 323 <sup>2</sup>                      | 58.39                                       | 8840                       | 9820                          | 19.5                              | 32                |
| 324 <sup>2</sup>                      | 62.25                                       | 8380                       | 12,940                        | 13.0                              | 33                |
| 323 <sup>2</sup>                      | 68.50                                       | 8960                       | 13,640                        | 12.5                              | 34                |
| 323 <sup>3</sup>                      | 54.42                                       | 9430                       | 5680                          | 24.5                              | 35                |
| 323 <sup>3</sup>                      | 58.51                                       | 9580                       | 7500                          | 22.5                              | 36                |
| 324 <sup>3</sup>                      | 62.21                                       | 9520                       | 9480                          | 19.5                              | 37                |
| 323 <sup>3</sup>                      | 68.41                                       | 9620                       | 11,380                        | 13.0                              | 38                |

## NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Clean configuration, zero sideslip, mid longitudinal cg, constant thrust coefficient and referred rotor speed method unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup>Flown with empty XM-159/C pods.

<sup>3</sup>Flown with full XM-159/C pods.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### GENERAL

8. This evaluation of the AH-1S (Prod) helicopter obtained level flight performance data to determine power required and fuel flow as a function of airspeed from approximately 20 knots true airspeed (KTAS) to the maximum level flight airspeed. The constant referred gross weight and rotor speed ( $W/\delta$ ,  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ ) method was used to obtain data at zero sideslip and a mid longitudinal cg location. Additional data were obtained by addition of two XM-159/C pods mounted inboard in the empty and fully loaded configurations. The power required characteristics determined by these tests can be combined with engine performance data to determine the most fuel efficient operating conditions.

### POWER REQUIRED

9. The power required for level flight data were analyzed using nondimensional power, thrust, and advance ratio ( $C_p$ ,  $C_T$ , and  $\mu$ ), as described in appendix C. The matrix flown, shown in table 1, consisted of 35 sets of speed-power data that covered a range of  $C_T \times 10^4$  from 50 to 68, and  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  from 294 to 342 RPM. The baseline data in this evaluation were flown at a target  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  of 294 RPM at Edwards AFB. Increased  $N/\sqrt{\theta}$  (324 RPM through 342 RPM) were flown at cold temperatures in St. Paul, Minnesota, where the maximum permitted power-on main rotor speed was raised for test purposes from the handbook limit of 324 RPM to 329 RPM. The lower limit of 294 RPM remained unchanged.

10. A nondimensional summary of the results is shown in figures 1 and 2, appendix E, and dimensional data for the individual tests (clean configuration) are presented in figures 3 through 30. Table 1 provides a cross-reference of test conditions with figure number.

11. For all values of  $\mu$ , the fairings of  $C_p$  versus  $C_T$  in figures 1 and 2, appendix E, do not vary with referred rotor speeds between  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 294$  through 314 RPM. However, for increasing values of  $\mu$ , a divergent trend from this baseline appears for the highest  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  flown (342 RPM) starting at  $\mu = 0.22$ . As  $\mu$  increases above 0.22, the fairings for  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 342$  eventually form a separate family of curves with higher values of  $C_p$  than those of the baseline. This same separate family of curves for  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 342$  also begin to appear at  $\mu = 0.12$  and is more pronounced for decreasing values of  $\mu$ . Similar trends emerge for other referred rotor speeds with increasing  $\mu$ :  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 334$  separates from the

baseline at  $\mu = 0.24$  and 324 at  $\mu = 0.26$ . As  $\mu$  increases, the divergent trends generally appear at lower  $C_{Ts}$  for the higher values of  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  and produce larger  $C_p$  increases at higher values of  $C_T$ . From  $\mu = .14$  to  $\mu = .20$  the curves are identical for all values of  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ . Power required is affected by compressibility above  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 314$  RPM in amounts which vary with  $C_T$  and  $\mu$ . The difference attributed to compressibility effects between baseline and high  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  amounted to 1.0% at  $C_T \times 10^4 = 50$  and varied to as much as 6.0% at  $C_T \times 10^4 = 58$ .

#### ROTOR SPEED

12. The nondimensional summary shows a  $C_p$  penalty for  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  above 314 RPM as a function of  $C_T$  and  $\mu$ . The dimensional data must be used to determine whether performance for varying gross weights, altitudes, temperature, and airspeeds can be maximized by reducing rotor speeds to operate at lower  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ . It should be noted that there is the possibility that decreasing  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  beyond some condition will incur a  $C_p$  penalty due to the increase of  $C_T$  and  $\mu$ .

#### CONFIGURATION VARIATION

13. Eight sets of data were flown to compare performance of the clean configuration with two XM-159/C pods installed inboard empty and fully loaded with dummy rockets (ten pound warheads). The data indicate an increase in drag of 3.3 square feet for the empty pods and 5.5 square feet for the pods fully loaded. Figures 31 through 38 show the data acquired in these configurations for various values of  $C_T$ . This data compares favorably with data taken in USAAEFA Project No. 66-06 (ref 4, app A).

#### ENGINE CHARACTERISTICS

14. Fuel flow characteristics of the Lycoming T53-L-703 engine were derived from Lycoming Engine Model Specification computer program, US Army Model T53-L-703, Model Spec 104.43, dated 1 May 1974 (ref 5, app A) using installation losses described in para 11, appendix D. Representative engine characteristics are shown in figures 40 through 42, appendix E. The consistency of these data indicate that engine power, based on the engine torque-meter system, did not change throughout the program. The engine, S/N LE12158Z was calibrated at Corpus Christi Army Depot on 30 June 1981.

#### FUEL EFFICIENCY

15. Specific range (nautical air miles per pounds of fuel) was calculated for an installed specification engine for each of the level flight performance tests and is shown in figures 3 through 38. The fuel flow data for the cold weather tests were unreliable and therefore not presented. Specification values agree closely with the measured data.

16. Maximum endurance occurs at minimum fuel flow rate, and best range at maximum nautical miles per pound fuel (specific range). Fuel efficiency for level cruise flight can be maximized at any temperature by flying at the right combination of airspeed, altitude and rotor speed. These conditions can be determined by examining the dimensional performance calculated by combining the engine characteristics with the power required from the summary in figures 1 and 2, appendix E. Aircraft performance and engine specification data from this report should be combined with existing data and presented in the operator's handbook in a format suitable for use by the aviator.

## CONCLUSIONS

17. The power required characteristics determined by these data tests can be combined with engine performance to determine the most fuel efficient operating conditions. Specific conclusions were:

a. Power required is effected by compressibility above  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta} = 314$  RPM in amounts which vary with  $C_T$  and  $\mu$  (para 11).

b. Empty XM-159/C pods increase the flat plate area of the AH-1S (Prod) by 3.3 square feet; fully loaded pods increase the flat plate area by 5.5 square feet (para 13).

## RECOMMENDATION

18. Aircraft performance and engine specification data from this report should be combined with existing data and presented in the operator's handbook in a format suitable for use by the aviator (para 16).

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## APPENDIX B. AIRCRAFT DESCRIPTION

### GENERAL

1. The test helicopter, S/N 76-22573, was an AH-1S (Prod) (photo 1) with no modifications other than test instrumentation. The external configuration was slightly modified by the installation of a pitot-static boom incorporating angle-of-attack, angle-of-sideslip vanes and a total air temperature probe. The boom was mounted below the telescope sighting unit at fuselage station (FS) 45. It extended forward of the nose 89 inches. The air temperature probe was mounted aft of the boom mounts at FS 57.

### POWER PLANT

2. The T53-L-703 turboshaft engine is installed in the AH-1S helicopter. This engine employs a two-stage, axial-flow free power turbine; a two-stage, axial flow turbine driving a five-stage axial and one-stage centrifugal compressor; variable inlet guide vanes; and an external annular combustor. A 3.2105:1 reduction gear located in the air inlet housing reduces power turbine speed to a nominal output shaft speed of 6604.3 RPM at 100 percent N<sub>2</sub>. A T7 interstage turbine temperature sensor harness measures interstage turbine temperatures and displays this information in the cockpit as TGT on the cockpit instruments.

### Principal Dimensions

3. The principal dimensions and general data concerning the AH-1S (Prod) helicopter (photo 1) are as follows:

#### Overall Dimensions

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Length, rotor turning       | 53 ft, 1 in. |
| Width, rotor turning        | 44 ft        |
| Height, tail rotor vertical | 13 ft, 9 in. |

#### Main Rotor

#### K747 IMRB

|                       |                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Diameter <sup>1</sup> | 44 ft                                                |
| Disc area             | 1520.53 ft <sup>2</sup>                              |
| Solidity              | 0.0625                                               |
| Number of blades      | 2                                                    |
| Planform              | Trapezoidal chord 30.0"<br>tapering to 10.0" at tip. |
| Blade twist           | -0.556 deg/ft                                        |
| Main rotor speed      | 324 RPM (100%)                                       |

<sup>1</sup>Blade tie-down fixture is not included in the diameter.

### Tail Rotor

|                       |                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diameter              | 8 ft, 6 in.                                                                                                        |
| Disc area             | 56.75 ft <sup>2</sup>                                                                                              |
| Solidity              | 0.1436                                                                                                             |
| Number of blades      | 2                                                                                                                  |
| Blade chord, constant | 11.5 in.                                                                                                           |
| Blade twist           | 0.0 deg/ft                                                                                                         |
| Airfoil               | NACA 0018 at the blade<br>root changing linearly<br>to a special cambered<br>section at 8.27 percent<br>of the tip |
| Tail rotor speed      | 1655.1 RPM (100%)                                                                                                  |

### Fuselage

|                                          |                      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Length, rotor removed                    | 44 ft, 7 in.         |
| Height:                                  |                      |
| To tip of tail fin                       | 10 ft, 8 in.         |
| Ground to top of mast                    | 12 ft, 3 in.         |
| Ground to top of transmission<br>fairing | 10 ft, 2 in.         |
| Width:                                   |                      |
| Fuselage only                            | 3 ft                 |
| Wing span                                | 10 ft, 9 in.         |
| Skid gear tread                          | 7 ft                 |
| Elevator:                                |                      |
| Span                                     | 6 ft, 11 in.         |
| Airfoil                                  | Inverted Clark Y     |
| Vertical Fin:                            |                      |
| Area                                     | 18.5 ft <sup>2</sup> |
| Airfoil                                  | Special cambered     |
| Height                                   | 5 ft, 6 in.          |
| Wing:                                    |                      |
| Span                                     | 10 ft, 9 in.         |
| Incidence                                | 17.0 deg             |
| Airfoil (root)                           | NACA 0030            |
| Airfoil (tip)                            | NACA 0024            |
| Airfoil                                  | Inverted Clark Y     |

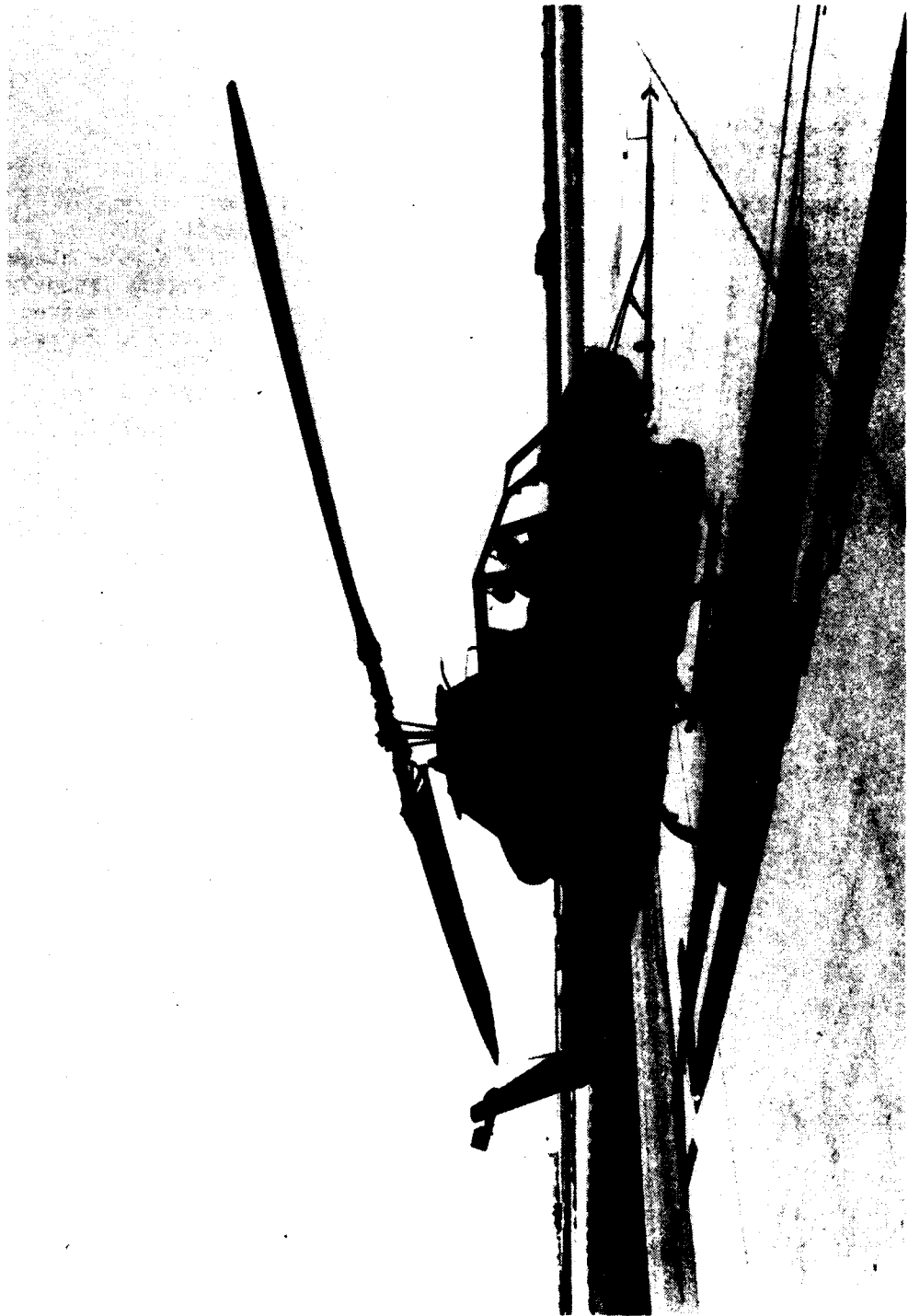


Photo 1. Test Aircraft, AH-1S (Prod) S/N 76-22573

## APPENDIX C. TEST TECHNIQUES AND DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

### General

1. Conventional level flight performance test techniques were used to conduct this evaluation (ref 6, app A). Speed-power data were obtained in increasing increments of airspeed from 20 KIAS until reaching an operating limitation (either  $V_{NE}$ , transmission torque, TGT, or gas producer speed). Specific points would be repeated as judged appropriate by using an onboard plot of indicated torque versus airspeed for each point taken. All tests were conducted under nonturbulent atmospheric conditions to preclude uncontrolled disturbances influencing the results. Data were recorded on magnetic tape once a stable condition was achieved, and each point used was held for 60 seconds.

### Weight and Balance

2. Prior to testing, the aircraft gross weight and center-of-gravity location were determined with calibrated scales (electrical load cells placed under the aircraft jack points). The aircraft was weighed in the configurations flown with instrumentation installed. The empty gross weight including full oil and trapped fuel was determined to be 6647 pounds with a longitudinal center-of-gravity (cg) at FS 201.6 inches and lateral cg at 0.1 inches right.

3. A manometer-type external sight gauge was calibrated and used to determine fuel volume. Fuel specific gravity was measured with a hydrometer. The fuel loading for each test flight was determined both prior to engine start and following engine shutdown. Fuel used in flight was recorded by a totalizer and verified with the pre- and post flight sight gauge reading. Fuel cg based on fuel volume contained in the fuel cell (259 gallon capacity) had been previously determined, and this measurement was used as a basis to calculate aircraft cg for each test point. Aircraft gross weight and cg were also controlled by ballast installed at various locations in the aircraft. All tests were flown at a mid longitudinal cg location.

### Level Flight Performance and Specific Range

4. The helicopter level flight performance data were generalized by the following nondimensional coefficients:

a. Coefficient of power ( $C_p$ ):

$$C_p = \frac{SHP(550)}{\rho A(\Omega R)^3} = 0.02958 \frac{SHP}{\rho(RPM)^3} \quad (1)$$

b. Coefficient of thrust ( $C_T$ ):

$$C_T = \frac{W}{\rho A (\Omega R)^2} = 0.00012 \quad \frac{W}{\rho (\text{RPM})^2} \quad (2)$$

c. Advance ratio ( $\mu$ ):

$$\mu = \frac{1.6878 V_T}{\Omega R} = 0.7326 \quad \frac{V_T}{\text{RPM}} \quad (3)$$

d. Advancing blade tip Mach number ( $M_{tip}$ ):

$$M_{tip} = \frac{1.6878 V_T + (\Omega R)}{a} = \frac{1.6878 V_T + 2.3038 (\text{RPM})}{a} \quad (4)$$

Where:

SHP = Engine output shaft horsepower  
 550 = Conversion factor (ft-lb/sec/shp)  
 $\rho$  = Air density (slug/ft<sup>3</sup>)  
 $\rho_o$  = Standard day sea level density (0.0023769 slugs/ft<sup>3</sup>)  
 $\delta$  = Ambient pressure ratio (test point to sea level standard)  
 $A$  = Main rotor disc area (ft<sup>2</sup>) = 1520.53  
 $\Omega$  = Main rotor angular velocity (radian/sec) =  $\frac{2\pi}{60} \times \text{RPM}$   
 $R$  = Main rotor radius (ft) = 22.0  
 $W$  = Gross weight (lb)  
 $\theta$  = Temperature ratio =  $(T + 273.15)/288.15$   
 $T$  = Ambient air temperature (°C)  
 1.6878 = Conversion factor (ft/sec/knot)  
 $V_T$  = True airspeed (knot)  
 $a$  = Speed of sound (ft/sec) =  $1116.45 \sqrt{\theta}$

5. Each speed power was flown at a predetermined constant  $C_T$  by maintaining a constant referred gross weight ( $W/\delta$ ) and referred rotor speed ( $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$ ). A constant  $W/\delta$  was maintained by increasing altitude to decrease ambient pressure ratio ( $\delta$ ) as aircraft gross weight decreased due to fuel burnoff. Rotor speed was also varied to maintain a constant  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  as the ambient air temperature varied.

6. Standard iterative carpet and cross-plotting techniques were applied to each set of data to provide smooth fairings in non-dimensional format and develop consistent families of curves continuous with each dimension ( $C_p$ ,  $C_T$ , and  $\mu$ ). Sets of data for

each configuration and  $N_R/\sqrt{\theta}$  were independently processed in this way, followed by comparison with each other to identify trends with referred rotor speed. Final adjustments to the fairings were made using combined data to arrive at a family of nondimensional curves (fig. 1 and 2, app E) that summarize the entire matrix of test results and include effects of each parameter varied.

7. Test-day (measured) level flight power was corrected to presentation flight conditions for each speed-power data point by assuming the test-day dimensionless parameters  $C_{p_t}$ ,  $C_{T_t}$ , and  $\mu_t$  are identical to  $C_{p_s}$ ,  $C_{T_s}$ , and  $\mu_s$  respectively.

From equation 1, the following relationship can be derived:

$$SHP_s = SHP_t \frac{(\rho_s)}{\rho_t} \quad (5)$$

Where:

Subscript t = test day (measured for each data point)  
Subscript s = presentation day for each set of speed power data point

8. Test specific range was calculated using level flight performance data and the measured fuel flow.

$$SR = \frac{V_T}{W_f} \quad (6)$$

Where:

SR = Specific range (nautical air miles per pound of fuel)  
 $V_T$  = True airspeed (knot)  
 $W_f$  = Fuel flow (lb/hr)

#### Shaft Horsepower Required

9. The engine output shaft torque was determined from the engine manufacturer's torque system using a calibration obtained at Corpus Christi Army Depot on 30 June 1981 (para 14). The output shp was determined from the engine output shaft torque and rotational speed by equation (7).

$$SHP = \frac{2\pi \times N_p \times Q}{33,000} \quad (7)$$

Where :

$N_p$  = Engine output shaft rotational speed (rpm)  
 $Q$  = Engine output shaft torque (ft-lb)  
33,000 = Conversion factor (ft-lb/min/shp)

#### Changes in Equivalent Flat Plate Area

10. Changes in the equivalent flat plate area due to change in aircraft configuration were calculated from the following equation.

$$\Delta F_e = \frac{2\Delta C_p A}{\mu^3} \quad (8)$$

Where:

$\Delta F_e$  = Change in equivalent flat plate area (ft<sup>2</sup>)  
 $\Delta C_p$  = Differential power coefficient (based on engine power)  
 $A$  = Main rotor disc area (ft<sup>2</sup>) = 1520.53  
 $\mu$  = Advance ratio

No power corrections were made to the data to account for nose boom drag.

#### Specification Fuel Flow and Shaft Horsepower

11. Specification fuel flow and shaft horsepower were obtained from Lycoming Engine Model Specification computer program, US Army Model T53-L-703, Model Spec 104.43, dated 1 May 1974 (ref 4, app A). The installation losses used are described in reference 4, appendix A (USAAEFA Project No. 66-06). Engine accessory shp losses were assumed to be a constant 4 shp with customer bleed air losses computed at 0.9%. All computations were made for a bleed air OFF condition.

#### Indicated Airspeed and Pressure Altitude

12. Airspeed and pressure altitude were measured from sensors mounted on a flight test boom installed on the nose of the aircraft. The output signals were recorded on magnetic tape, and the following expressions were used to calculate the parameters:

a. Instrument corrected airspeed ( $V_{ic}$ ):

$$V_{ic} = a_o \left\{ 5 \left[ \left( \frac{qc_{ic}}{Pa_o} + 1 \right)^{2/7} - 1 \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

b. Instrument corrected pressure altitude ( $HP_{ic}$ ):

$$HP_{ic} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{Pa_{ic}}{Pa} \right)^{1/5.255863} \right] \div (6.8755856 \times 10^{-6}) \quad (10)$$

Where:

$V_{ic}$  = Indicated airspeed corrected for instrument error (kt)  
 $a_o$  = Speed of sound at standard day, sea level = 661.479 kt  
 $qc_{ic}$  = Indicated differential pressure corrected for instrument error (in. Hg)  
 $Pa_o$  = Atmospheric pressure at standard day, sea level = 29.92125 in. Hg  
 $HP_{ic}$  = Indicated pressure altitude corrected for instrument error (ft)  
 $Pa_{ic}$  = Indicated pressure altitude corrected for instrument error (in. Hg)  
 $Pa$  = Atmospheric pressure at corrected altitude (in. Hg)

#### Airspeed Calibration

13. The boom pitot-static system was calibrated using the trailing bomb method to determine the airspeed position error. This calibration is shown in figure 1, appendix D. Calibrated airspeed ( $V_{cal}$ ) was obtained by correcting indicated airspeed ( $V_i$ ) using instrument ( $\Delta V_{ic}$ ) and position ( $\Delta V_{pc}$ ) error corrections.

$$V_{cal} = V_i + \Delta V_{ic} + \Delta V_{pc} \quad (11)$$

14. True airspeed ( $V_t$ ) was calculated from the calibrated airspeed and density ratio.

$$V_T = \frac{V_{cal}}{\sqrt{\sigma}} \quad (12)$$

Where:

$\sigma$  = Density ratio  $\left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_o} \right)$

### Corrected Pressure Altitude and Altitude Position Error

15.  $HP_{1c}$  was corrected for altimeter position error by using  $\Delta V_{pc}$ . The assumption was made that a pressure position error ( $\Delta P_p$ ) was produced entirely at the static source. Since both airspeed and altitude systems utilize the same static source, the following relationships were used:

$$q_c = \left\{ \left[ 0.2 \left( \frac{V_{cal}}{a_o} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^{3.5} - 1 \right\} Pa_o \quad (13)$$

$$\Delta P_p = q_c - q_{c1c} \quad (14)$$

$$Pa = Pa_{1c} - \Delta P_p \quad (15)$$

$$H_p = \left[ 1.0 - \left( \frac{Pa}{Pa_o} \right)^{1/5.255863} \right] \div (6.8755856 \times 10^{-6}) \quad (16)$$

Where:

$q_c$  = Differential pressure corrected for position and instrument error (in. Hg)

$q_{c1c}$  = Indicated differential pressure corrected for instrument error (in. Hg)

$V_{cal}$  = Calibrated airspeed (knots)

$a_o$  = Speed of sound at standard day sea level = 661.479 knots

$Pa_o$  = Atmospheric pressure at standard day, sea level = 29.92125 in. Hg

$\Delta P_p$  = Pressure position error (in. Hg)

$Pa$  = Atmospheric pressure at corrected altitude (in. Hg)

$Pa_{1c}$  = Indicated pressure altitude corrected for instrument error (in. Hg)

$H_p$  = Corrected pressure altitude (ft)

### Static Temperature

16. Static temperature was obtained by correcting the measured total temperature for temperature rise due to compressibility. The assumption was made that the temperature probe recovery factor is equal to 1.

The following expressions were used:

$$T_{T1c} = OAT_{1c} + 273.15 \quad (17)$$

$$T_a = \frac{T_{Tic}}{\left(\frac{q_c}{P_a} + 1\right)^{2/7}} \quad (18)$$

$$OAT = T_a - 273.15 \quad (19)$$

Where:

$OAT_{ic}$  = Indicated ambient temperature corrected for instrument error ( $^{\circ}C$ )

$T_{Tic}$  = Indicated temperature corrected for instrument error ( $^{\circ}K$ )

$T_a$  = Static temperature ( $^{\circ}K$ )

$P_a$  = Atmospheric pressure at corrected altitude (in. Hg)

$q_c$  = Differential pressure corrected for position and instrument error (in. Hg)

OAT = Static temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ )

## APPENDIX D. INSTRUMENTATION

1. The test instrumentation system was designed, calibrated, installed, and maintained by USAAEFA (photo 1). Digital and analog data were obtained from calibrated instrumentation and were recorded on magnetic tape and/or displayed in the cockpit. The digital instrumentation system consisted of various transducers, signal conditioning units, a ten-bit pulse coded modulation (PCM) encoder, and the Ampex AR 700 tape recorder. The digital data were telemetered to a ground station for in-flight monitoring. Time correlation was accomplished with a pilot/engineer event switch and on-board recorded and displayed Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG) B time. Various specialized test indicators displayed data to the pilot and engineer continuously during the flight. A boom with the following sensors was mounted on the nose of the aircraft: swiveling pitot-static head, sideslip vane, angle-of-attack vane, and total-temperature sensor (photo 1, app B). Boom airspeed system calibration is shown in figure 1C. The ship's airspeed calibration is shown in figure 39.

2. Calibrated cockpit monitored parameters and special equipment are listed below.

### Pilot Station

- Airspeed (boom)
- Airspeed (ship's system)
- Altitude (boom)
- Altitude (ship's system)
- Rate of climb (ship's system)
- Rotor speed (sensitive)
- Engine torque
- Measured gas temperature (TGT)
- Gas generated speed ( $N_1$ )
- Power turbine speed ( $N_2$ )
- Angle of sideslip
- Outside air temperature (ship's system)
- Event switch

### Copilot/Engineer Station

- Airspeed (boom)
- Altitude (boom)
- Engine torque
- Event switch
- Fuel used (totalizer)
- Gas generated speed (ship's system)
- Instrumentation controls and displays

Measured gas temperature  
Record Counter  
Rotor speed  
Time of day  
Total air temperature (boom)

3. Parameters recorded on magnetic tape were as follows:

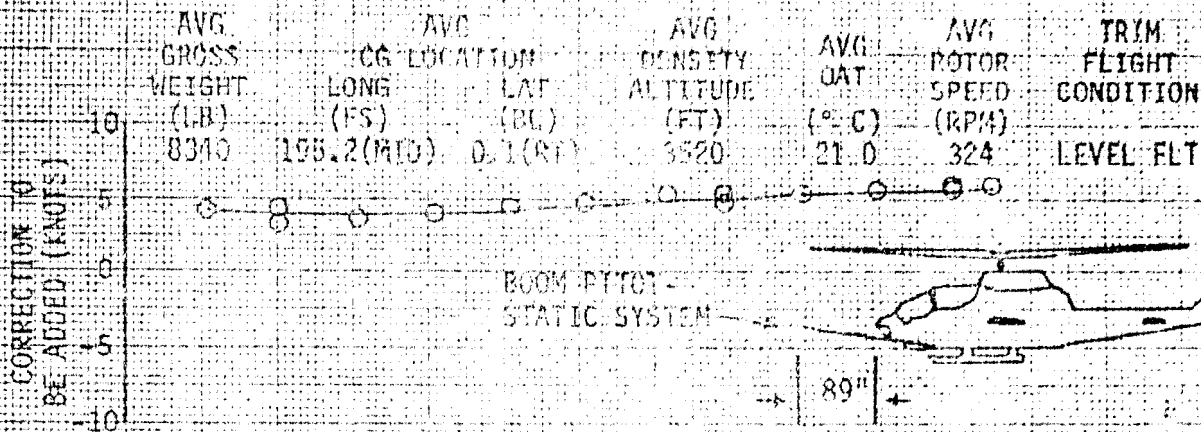
PCM Parameters

Airspeed (boom)  
Airspeed (ship's system)  
Altitude (boom)  
Altitude (ship's system)  
Angle of attack  
Angle of sideslip  
Control position  
    Longitudinal  
    Lateral  
    Directional  
    Collective  
Engine speed (N<sub>2</sub>)  
Fuel used  
Gas generator speed  
Pilot/engineer event  
Rotor speed  
Time of day  
Fuel flow  
T<sub>4</sub>T  
Q

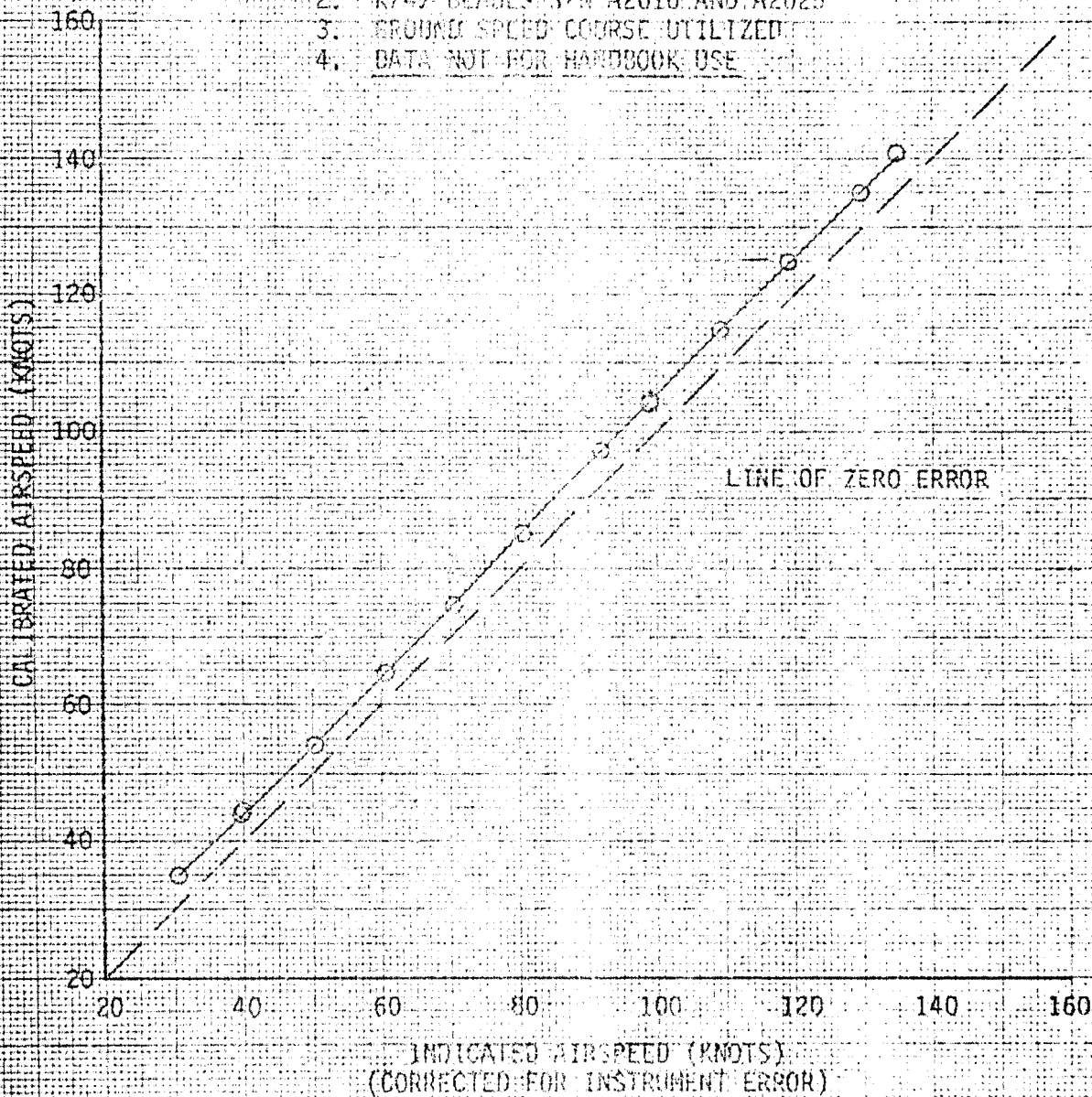


Photo 1. Instrumentation System

FIGURE 10  
BOOM AIRSPEED CALIBRATION  
AR-ES-USA 3/10-76-225/3



- NOTES:
1. CLEAN CONFIGURATION
  2. K742 BLADES S/N A2016 AND A2025
  3. GROUND SPEED COURSE UTILIZED
  4. DATA NOT FOR HANDBOOK USE



## APPENDIX E. TEST DATA

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FIGURE 1  
NONDIMENSIONAL LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE  
AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

- NOTES: 1. CONFIGURATION: CLEAN  
2. AVG LONG CG = 195.3 MID  
3. ZERO SIDESLIP  
4. CURVES ARE DERIVED FROM FIGURES 3 THROUGH 30  
5. SYMBOLS  $N_R/\bar{\theta}$

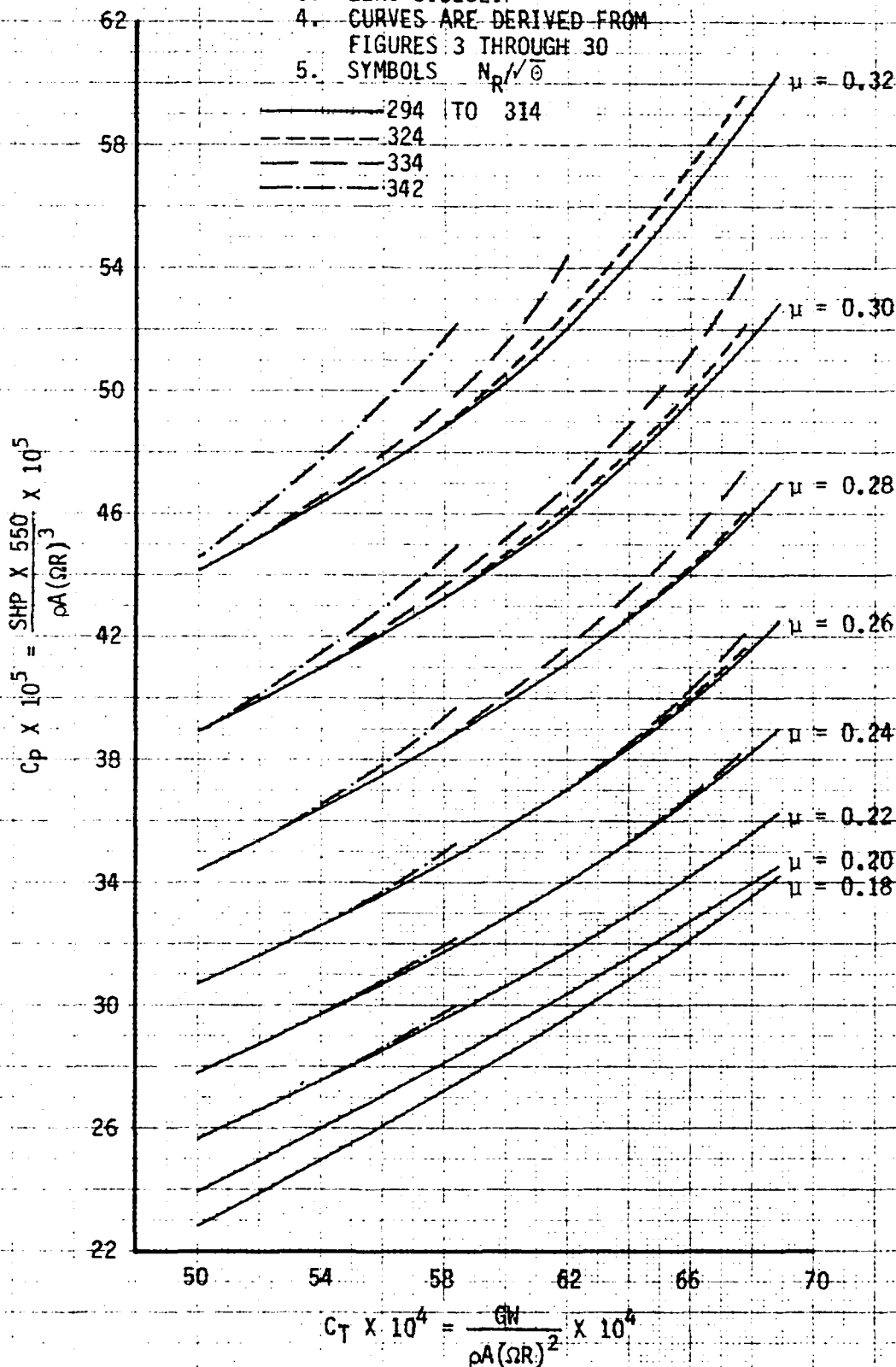
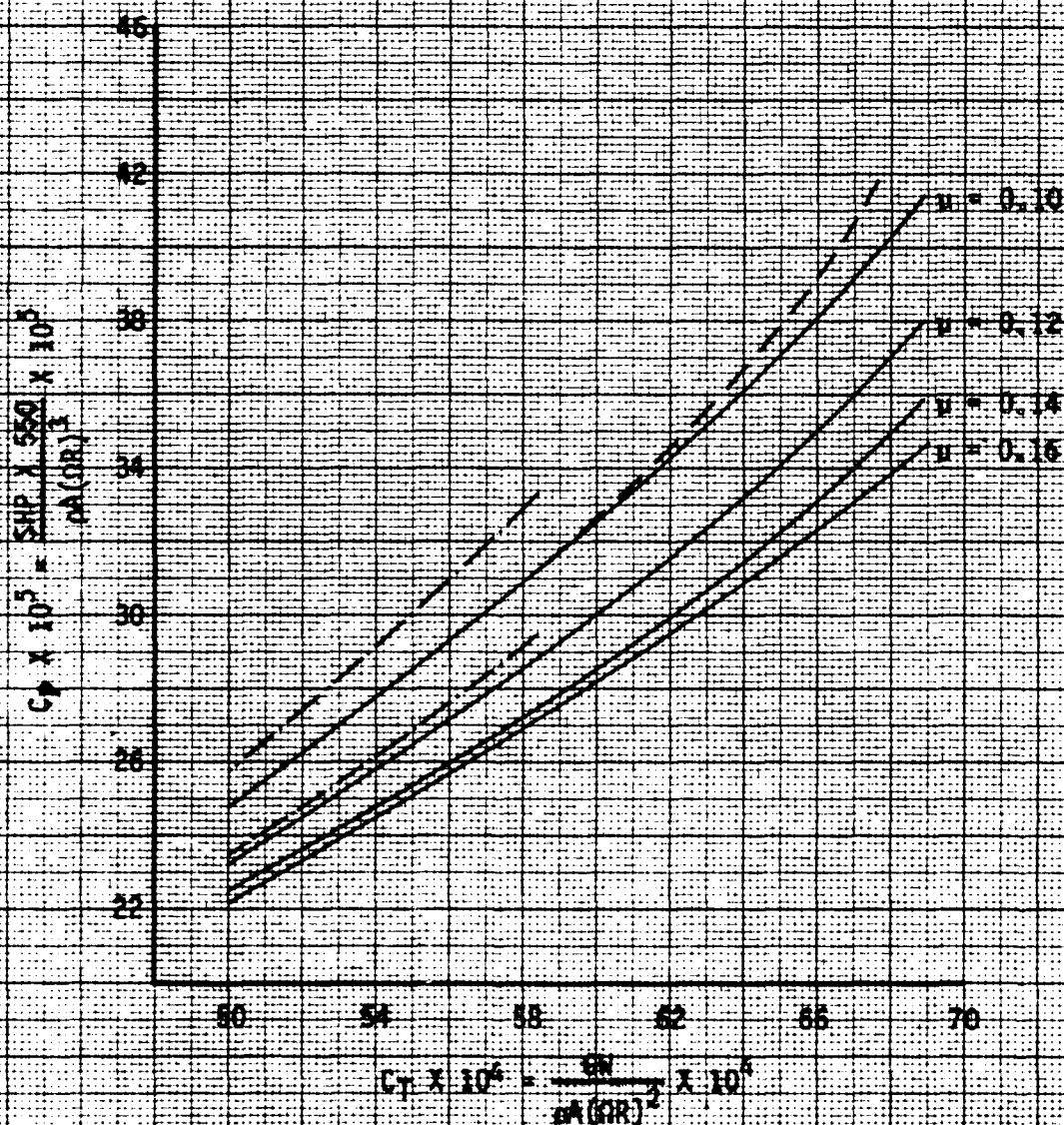


FIGURE 2  
 NONDIMENSIONAL LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE  
 AD-15 USA C/N 76-22573

- NOTES: 1. CONFIGURATION: CLEAN  
 2. AVG LONG CG = 195.3 MID  
 3. ZERO SIDESLIP  
 4. CURVES ARE DERIVED FROM  
 FIGURES 3 THROUGH 30  
 5. SYMBOLS:  $N_z/W$

|       |     |    |     |
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| ----- | 304 |    |     |
| ----- | 314 |    |     |
| ----- | 324 |    |     |

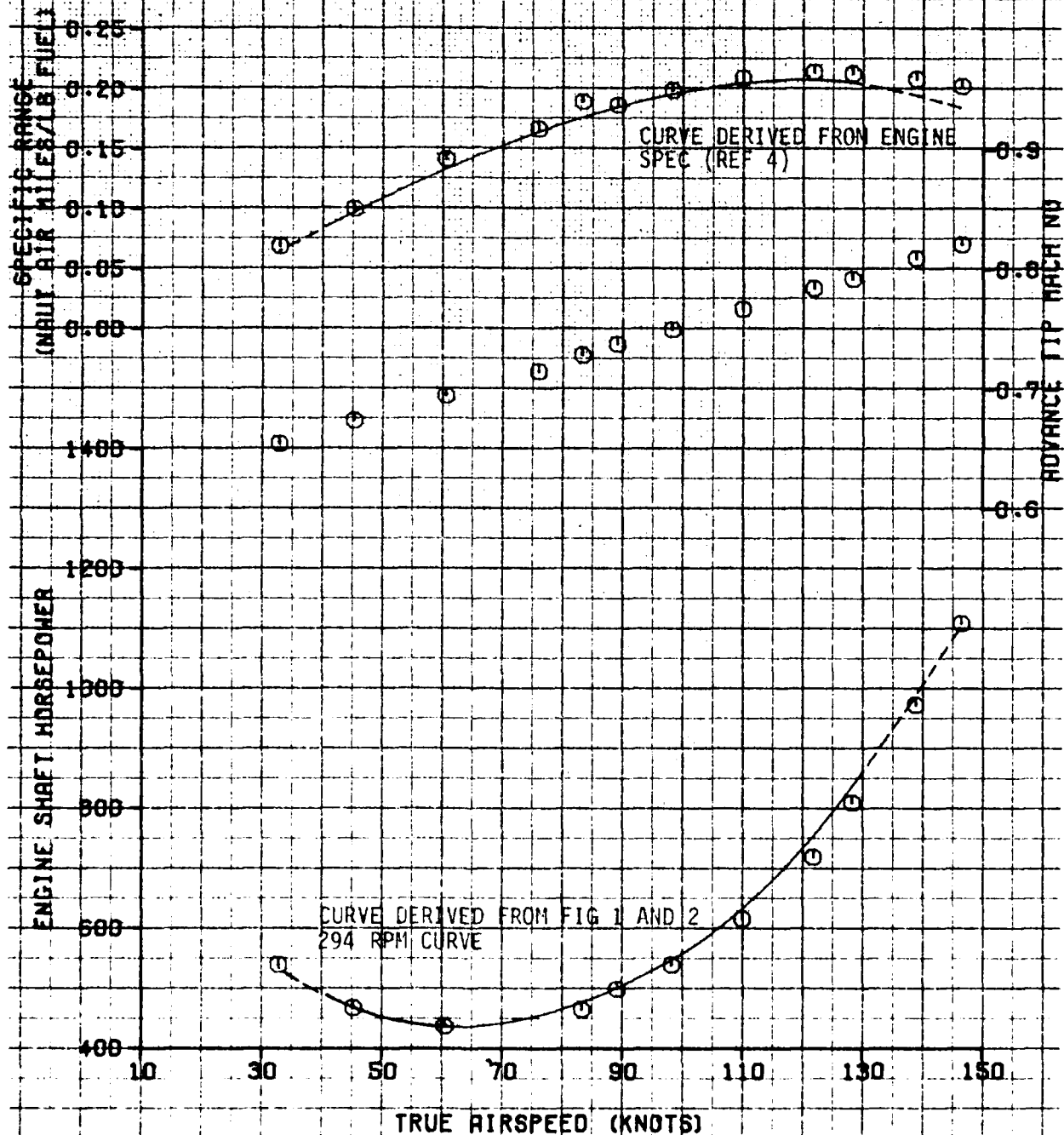


# FIGURE 3 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

RH-1S USA S/N 75-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LBS) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(F) | LAT<br>(S) | AVG<br>DENSE<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>S<br>T<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7880.                           | 194.7 (MID)                       | .1 (RT)    | 5085.                       | 26.8              | 298.                         | 50.64                             |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-298 RPM. ZERO SLICE SLIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

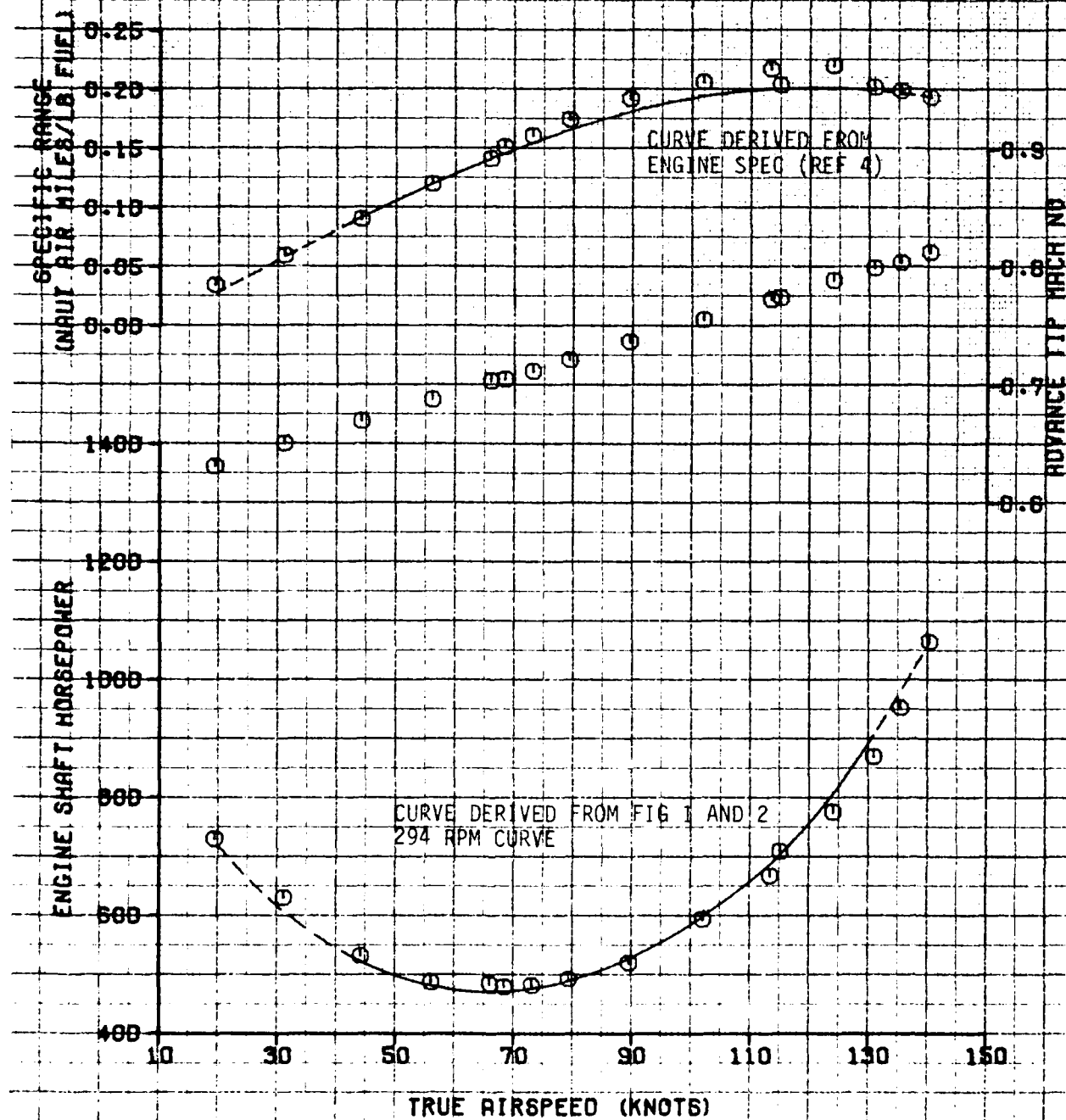


# FIGURE 4 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

RH-16 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(F) | LAT<br>(BT) | AVG<br>DENSE<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8400.                          | 106.2 (MID)                       | .1 (RT)     | 5680.                       | 26.5              | 299.                         | 54.43                         |

NOTE: REPEATED ROTOR SPEED-299. RPM. LEAD BLOEBLIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

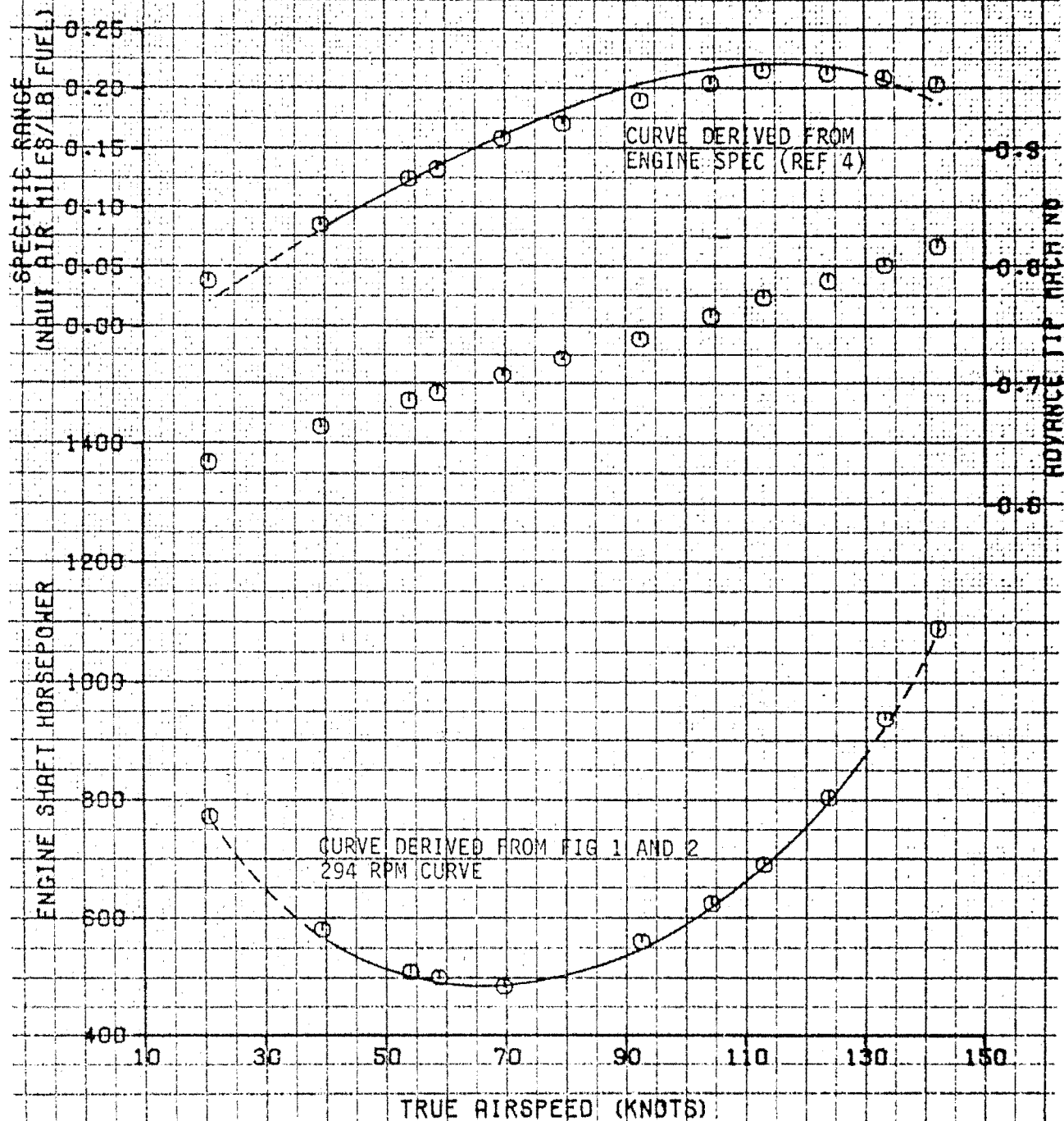


# FIGURE 5 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LBS) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(FBS) | LAT<br>(BU) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8440.                           | 188.2 (MID)                         | .1 (RT)     | 5840.                      | 24.5              | 298.                         | 58.88                                     |

NOTE: REPERED ROTOR SPEED-293 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

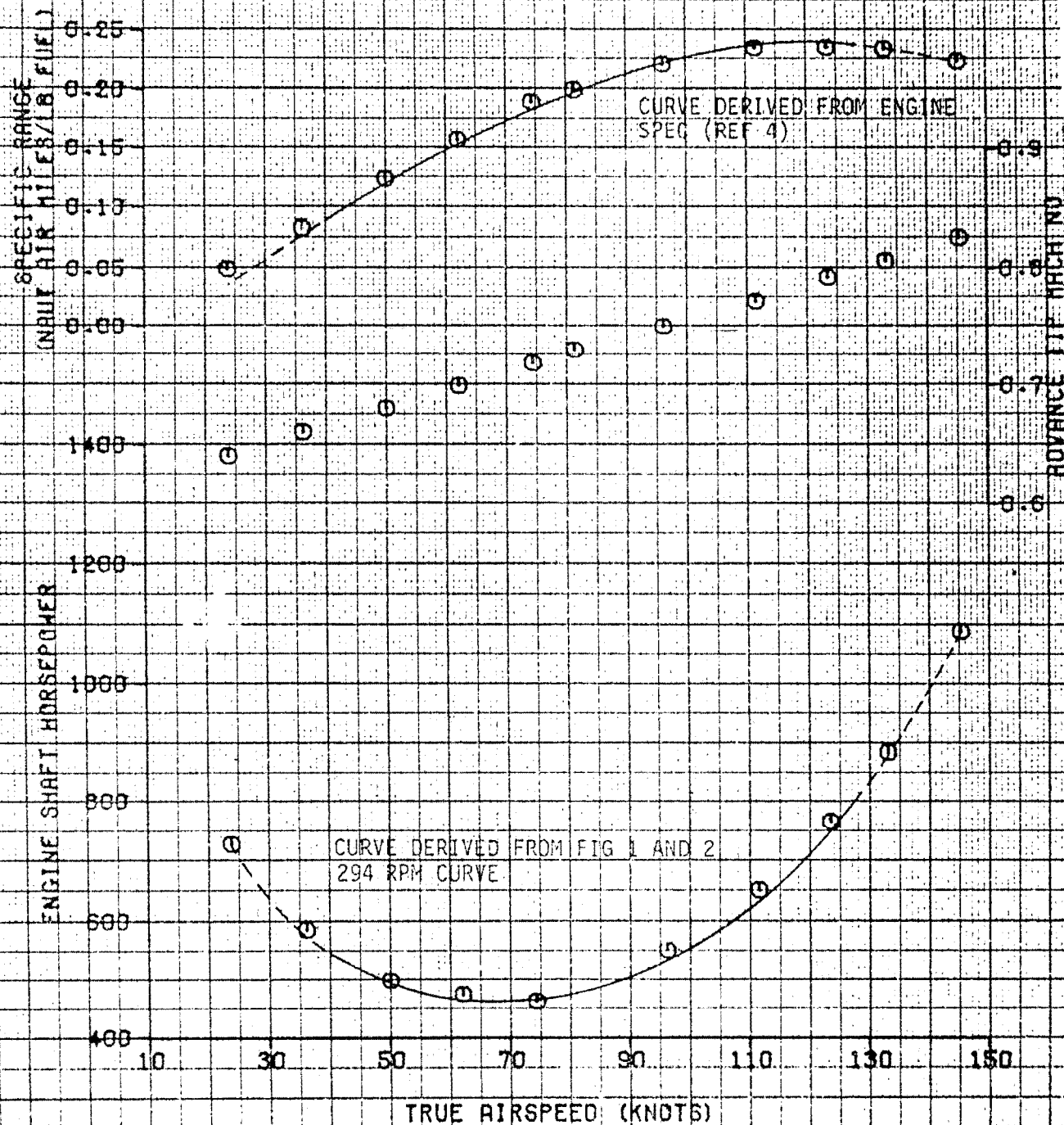


# FIGURE 6 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FB) | AVG CG LOCATION LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED RPM | AVG CT X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2840.                 | 184.7 (MID)               | .1 (RT)                  | 10180.            | 17.0        | 294.                | 84.89                   |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-299 RPM; ZERO SLIP/SLIP CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

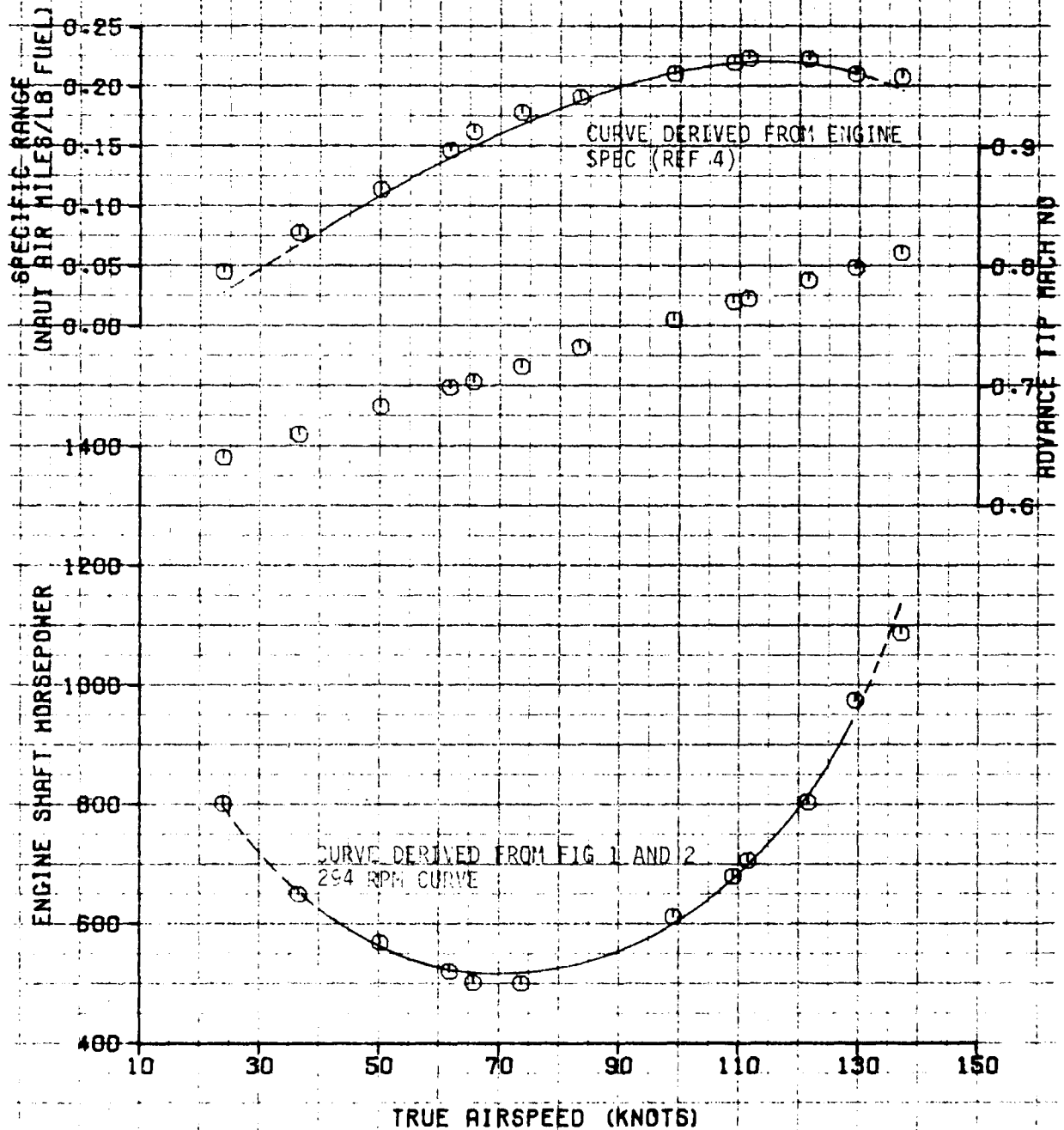


# FIGURE 7 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

RH-1B USA S/N 76-22578

| AVG GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG TA<br>(°C) | AVG ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 8600.                       | 195.3 (MIO)                        | .1 (RT)     | 9480.                   | 16.0           | 294.                      | 68.25                                  |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED=293 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

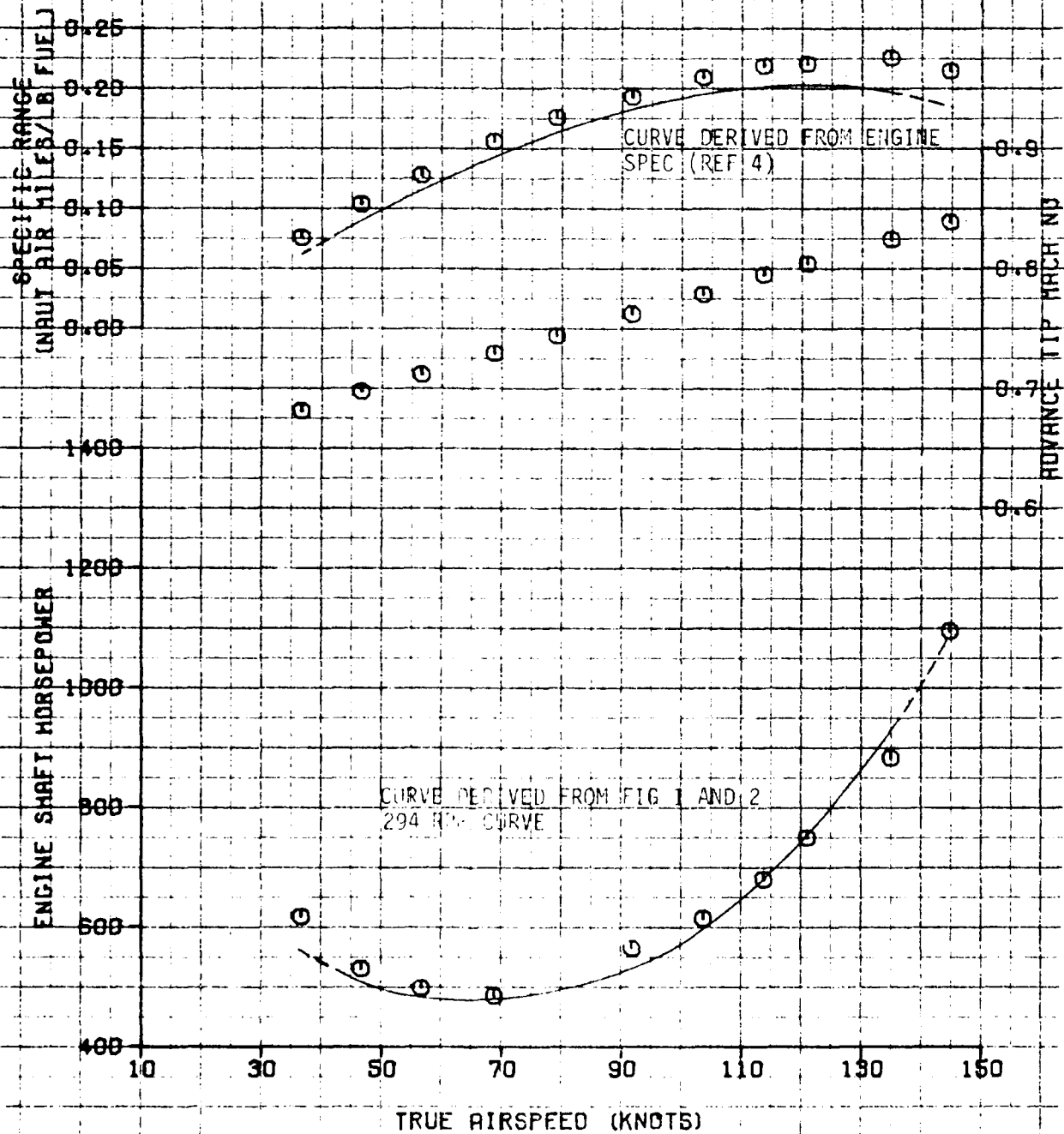


# FIGURE 8 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

RH-1B USA S/N 75-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(Ft) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(Ft) | LAT<br>(ft) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(ft) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>K10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8240.                          | 194.7 (MID)                        | .1 (RT)     | 4160.                      | 50.5              | 312.                         | 48.82                         |

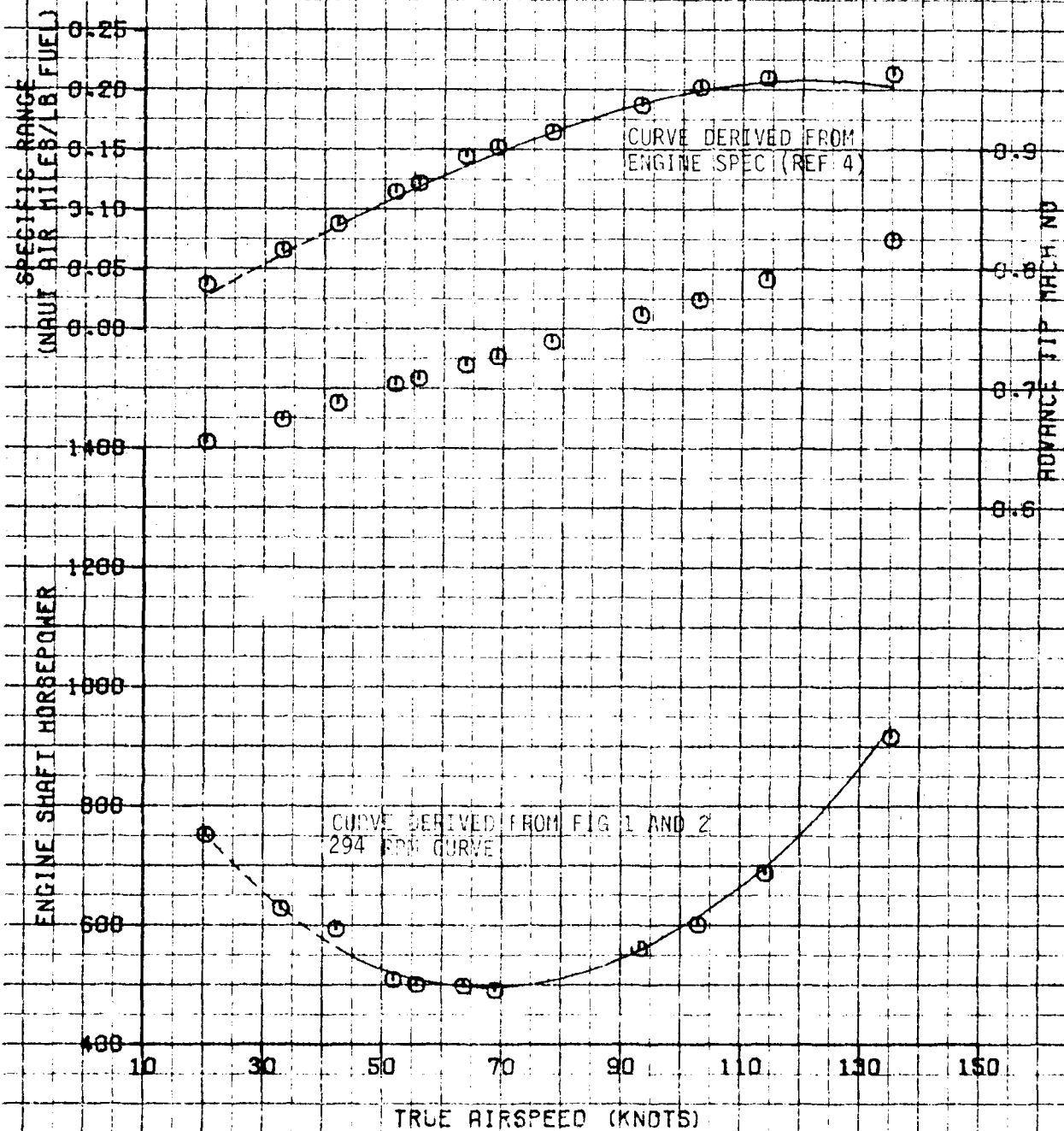
NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED=304 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 9**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-16 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION | LONG (FST) | LAT (BLT) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8440.                 | 195.9 (MTD)     | -1 (RT)    | 5720.     | 27.0              | 309.        | 54.86                 |                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 309 RPM; ZERO SLIDE SLIP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

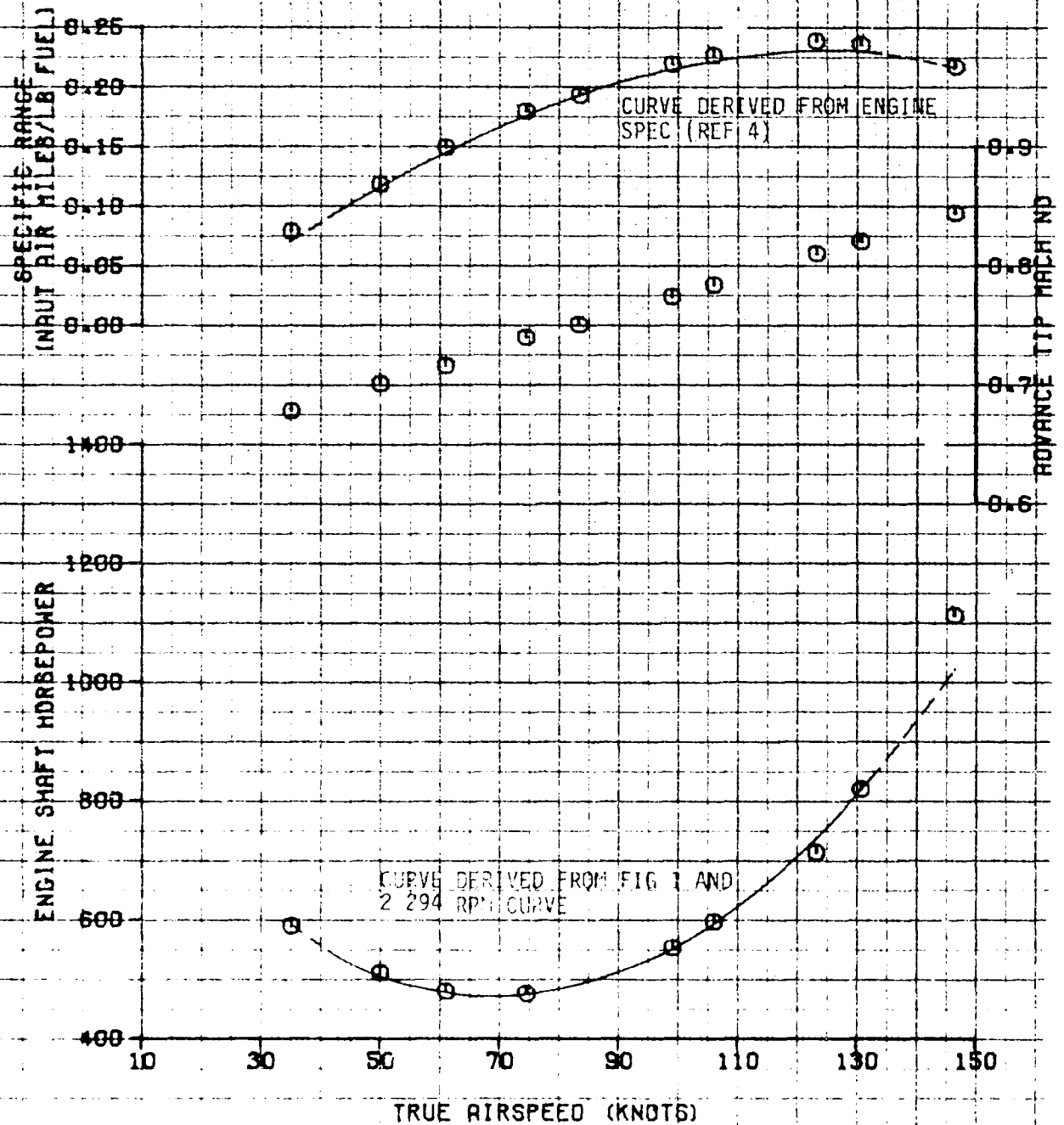


# FIGURE 10 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-16 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>CROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(FT) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7950.                          | 154.8 (HTD)                        | 1.1 (RY)    | 8120.                      | 20.5              | 308.                         | 88.38                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED=303. RPM; ZERO GLIDER/LP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

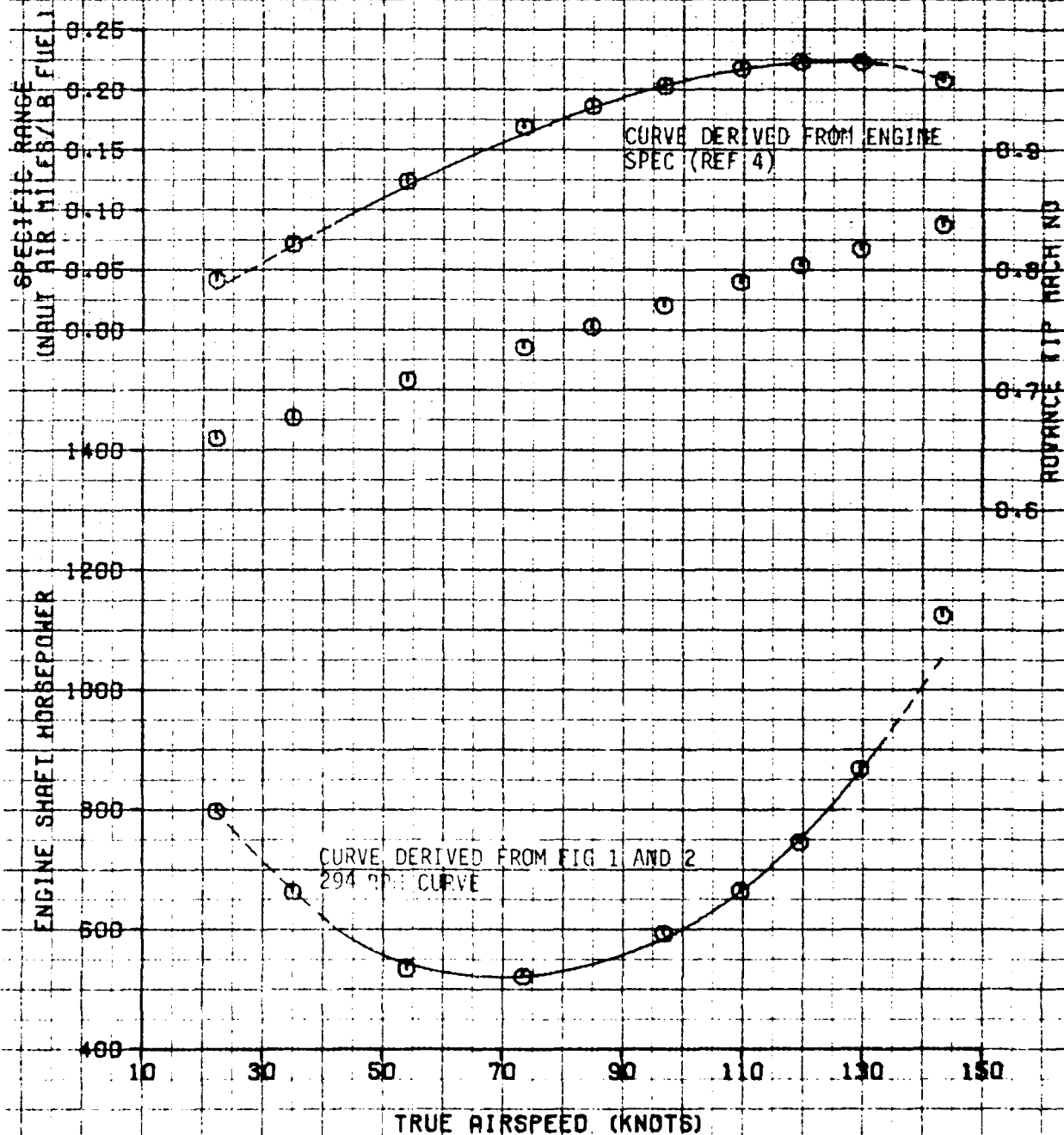


# FIGURE 11 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-16 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(LBS) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG (P8) | LAT<br>(BU) | AVG DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG TA<br>(°C) | AVG ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>K104 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8540.                        | 185.5 (HYD)                     | .1 (RT)     | 8080.                   | 21.0           | 308.                      | 82.51                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-303 RPM; ZERO BLADE TIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



# FIGURE 12 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LBS) | AVG CG LOCATION | LAT (DB) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG PA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG C <sub>T</sub> X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8080.                  | 198.0 (H10)     | -1.1KRT  | 12880.            | 11.0        | 301.                  | 88.81                               |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-303 RPM; ZERO SLIDER LIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

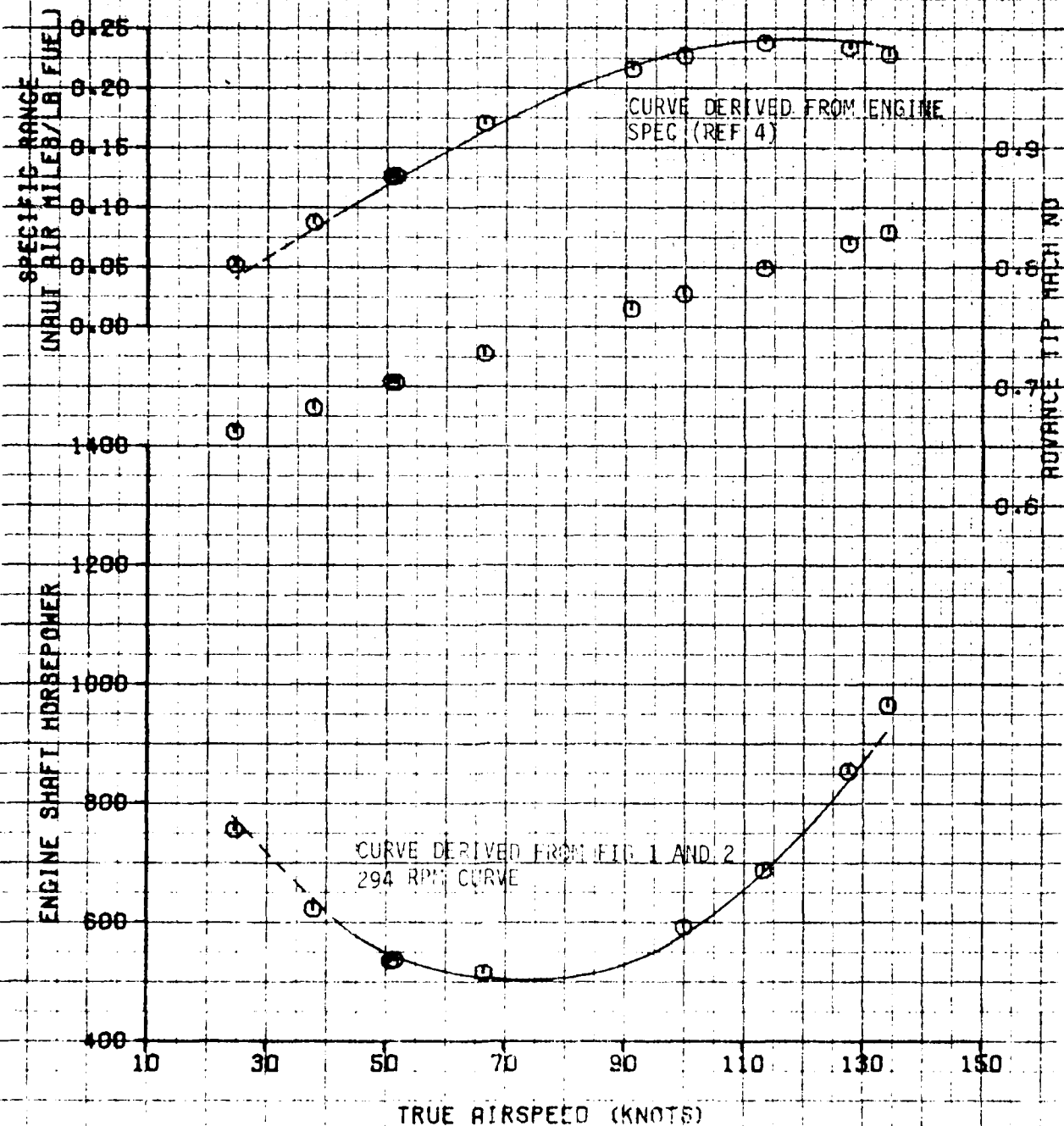
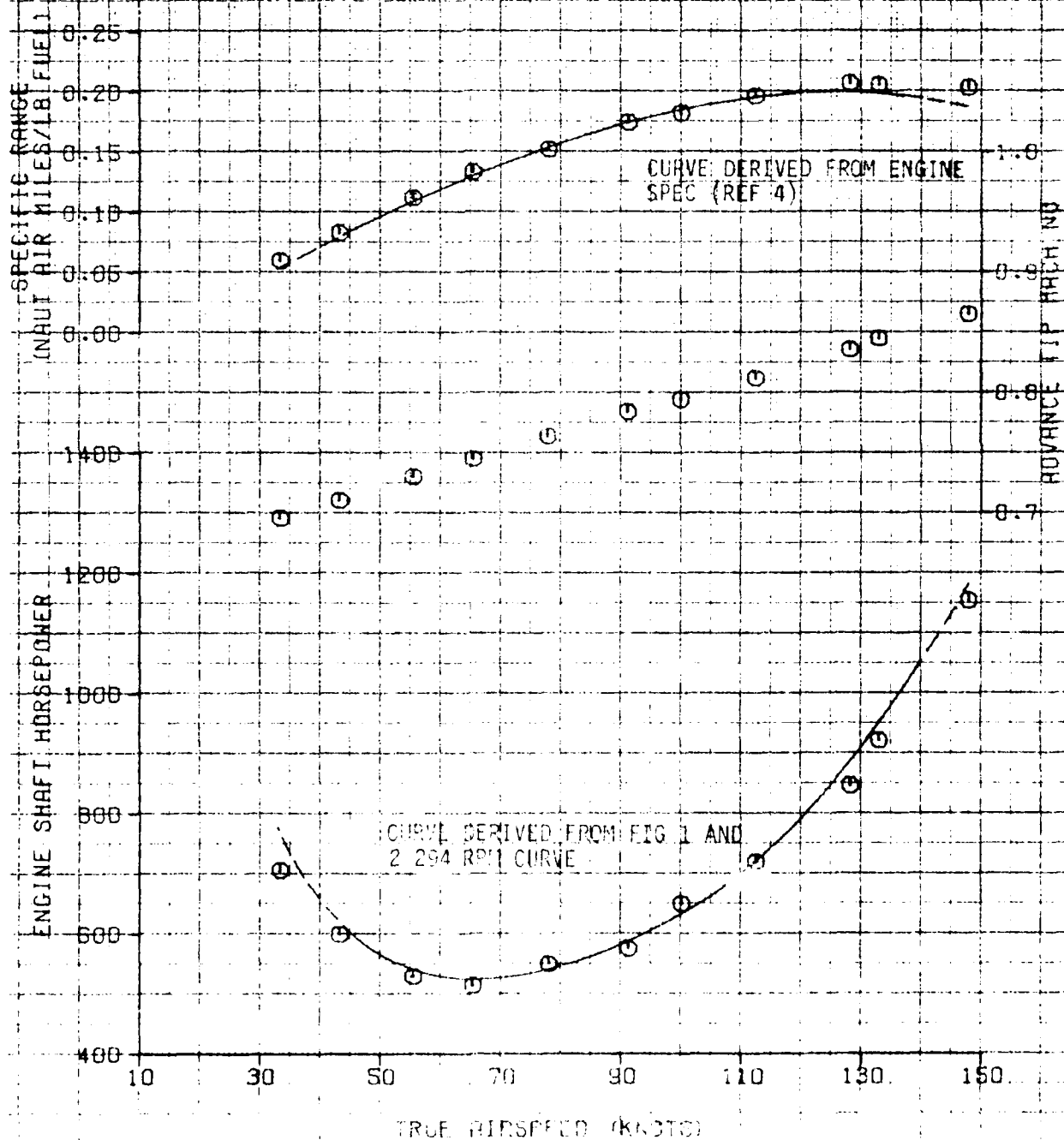


FIGURE 13  
LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE  
AH-1S USA S/N 75-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FB) | AVG CG LOCATION LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG C <sub>T</sub> X 10 <sup>-4</sup> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8860.                 | 195.0 (MID)               | .1 (RT)                  | 3460.             | 26.5        | 320.                  | 49.97                                 |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-314 RPM; ZERO SLIDE/SLIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

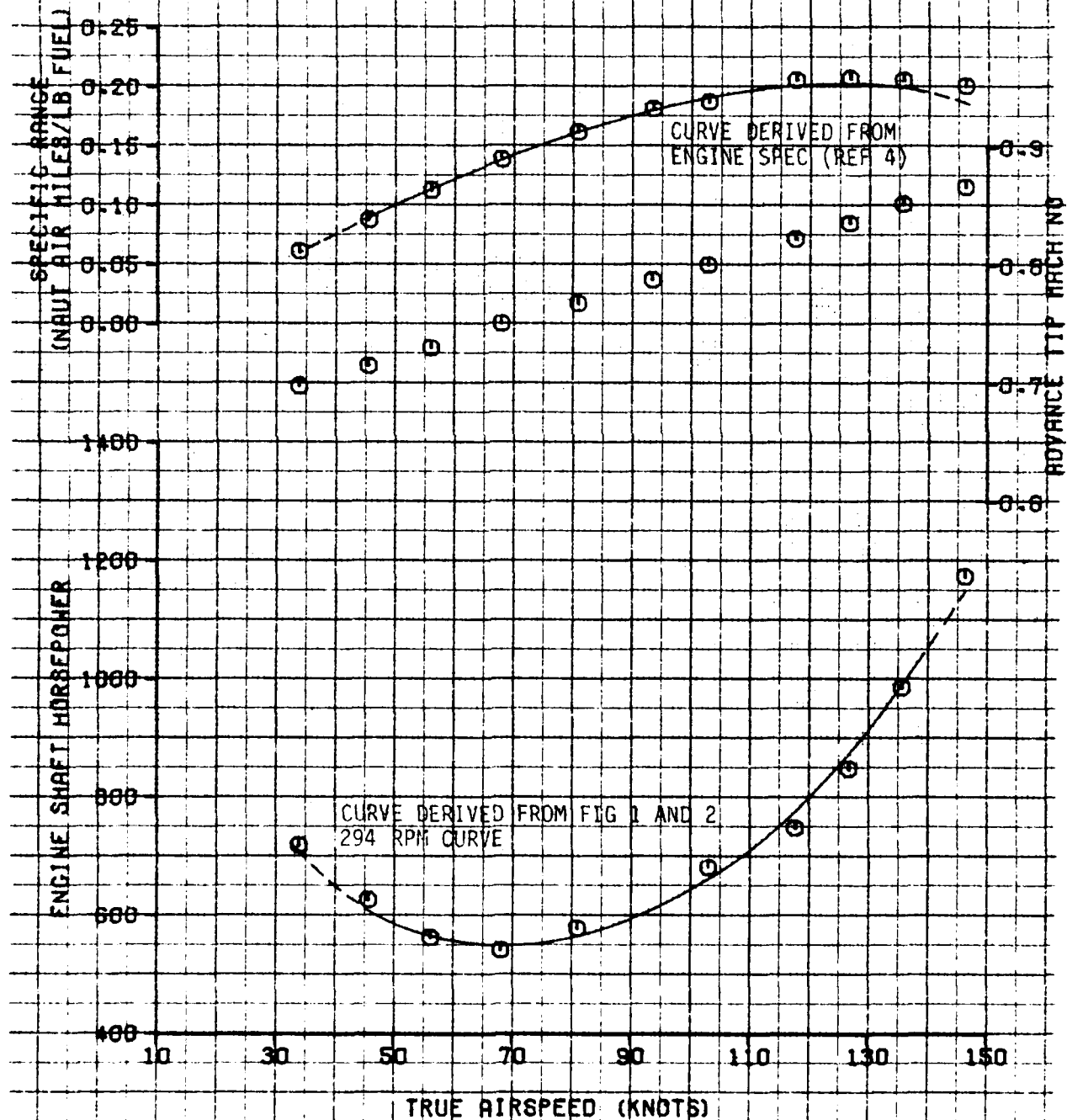


# FIGURE 14 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-16 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>CRUISE<br>HEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(F) | LAT<br>(BT) | AVG<br>ENG<br>RPT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>FA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9080.                           | 186.6 (MID)                       | .1 (RT)     | 4900.                     | 24.0              | 318.                         | 53.82                         |

NOTE: REFERRED Rotor SPEED-314 RPM: ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

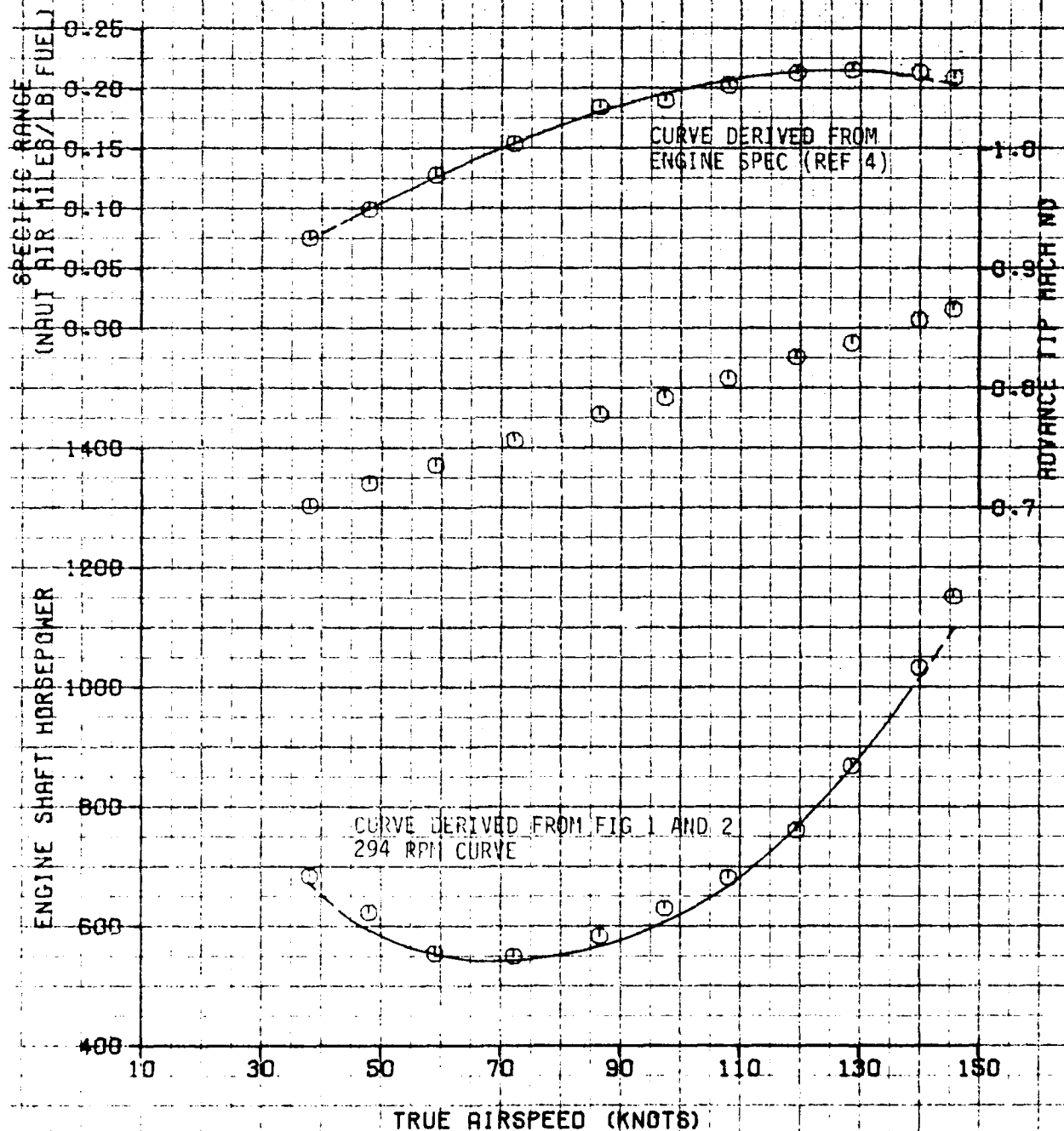


# FIGURE 15 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-16 USA S/N 76-22578

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(LBS) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION |             | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>PA<br>(°Q) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8880.                           | LONG<br>(°S)       | LAT<br>(°E) | 7600.                      | 22.0              | 318.                         | 57.52                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-314. RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



# FIGURE 16 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1B USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(F) | LAT<br>(IN) | AVG<br>DENS.<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8980.                          | 195.2 (MID)                       | -1 (RT)     | 9260.                       | 20.0              | 316.                         | 62.04                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 313 RPM. ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

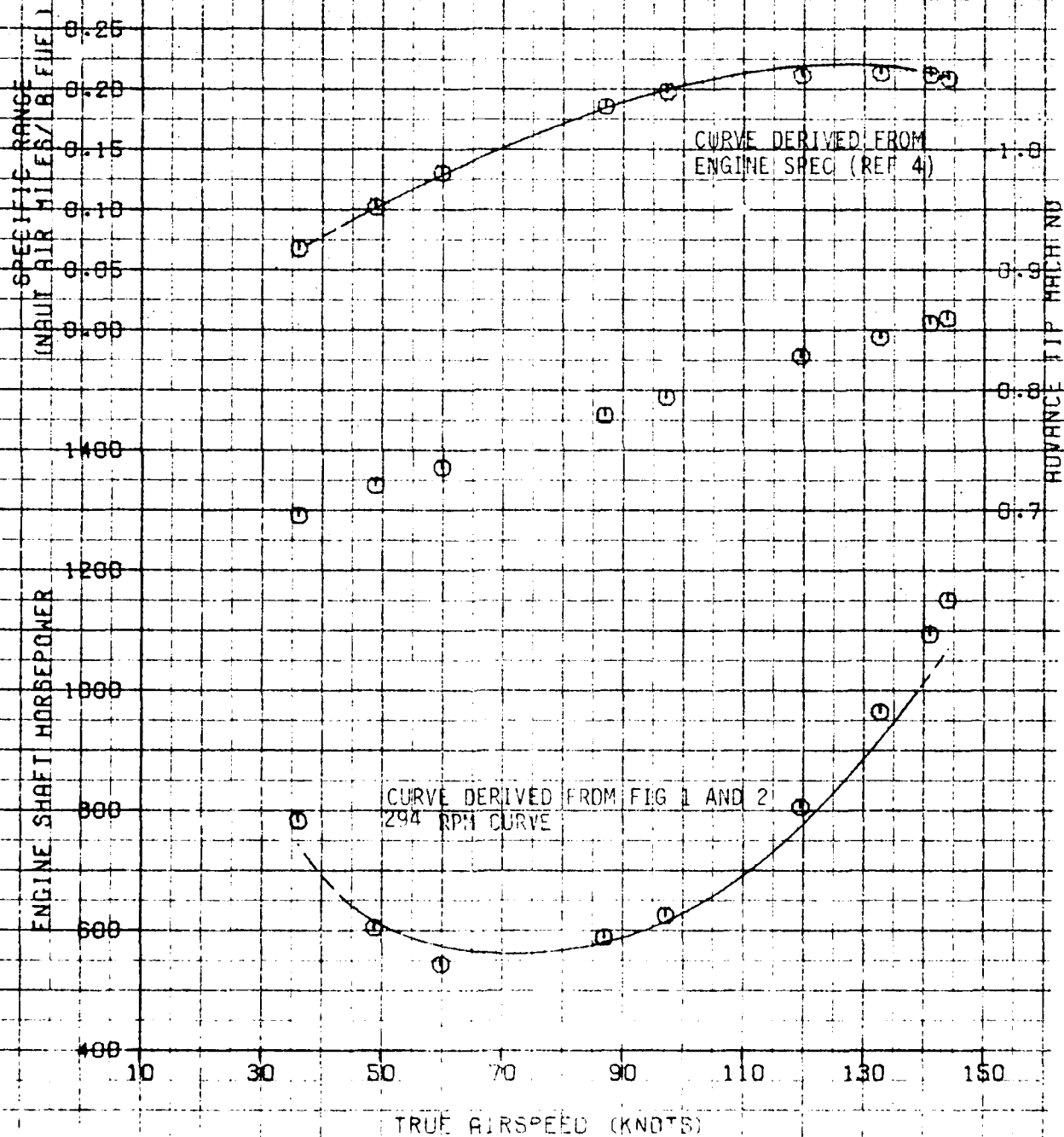
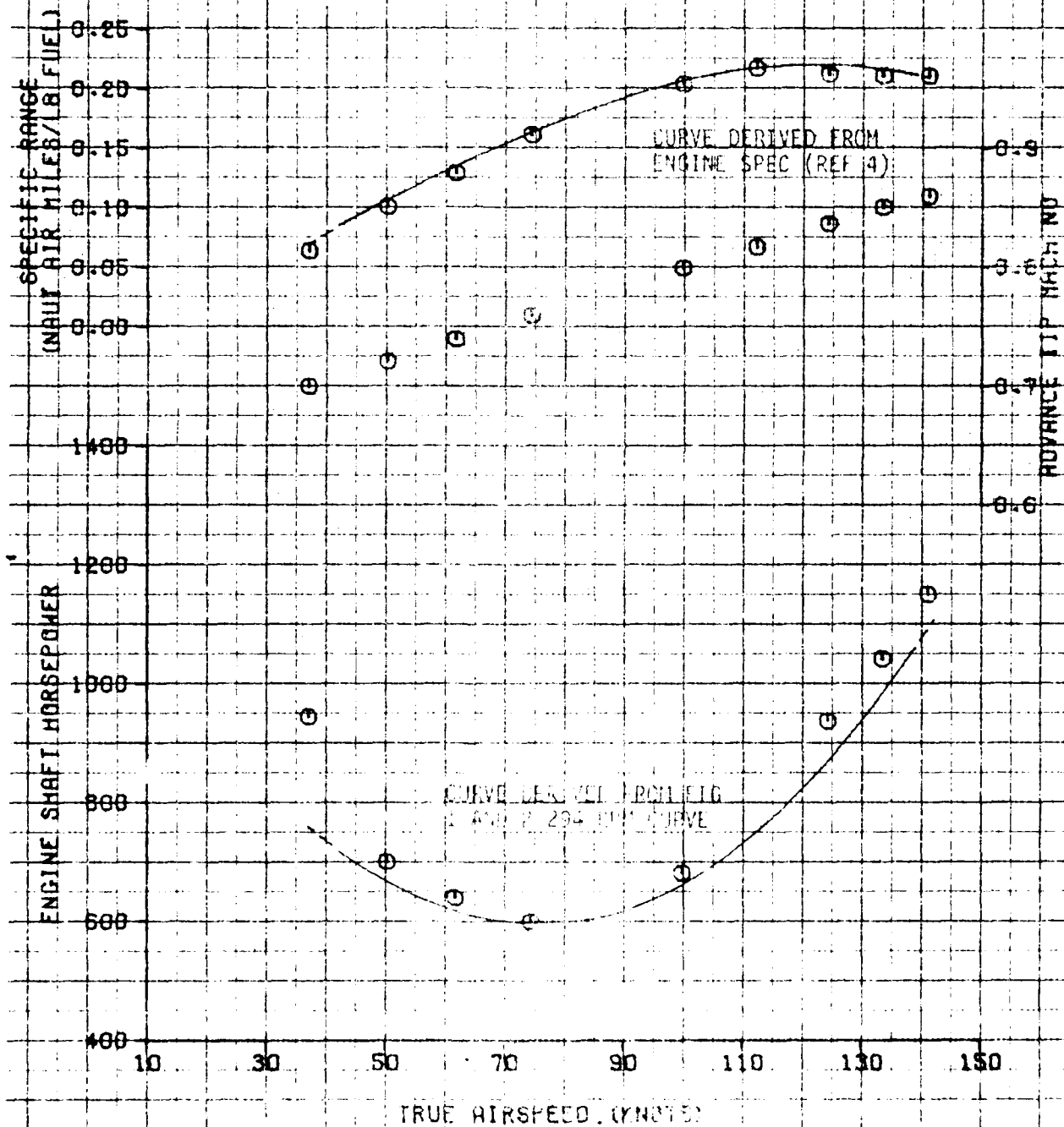


FIGURE 17  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-15 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (FBI) | LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9180.                 | 188.4 (MID)                   | .1 (RT)  | 11400.            | 17.5        | 315.                  | 88.28                   |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-314 RPM. ZERO SLIDEBLIP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

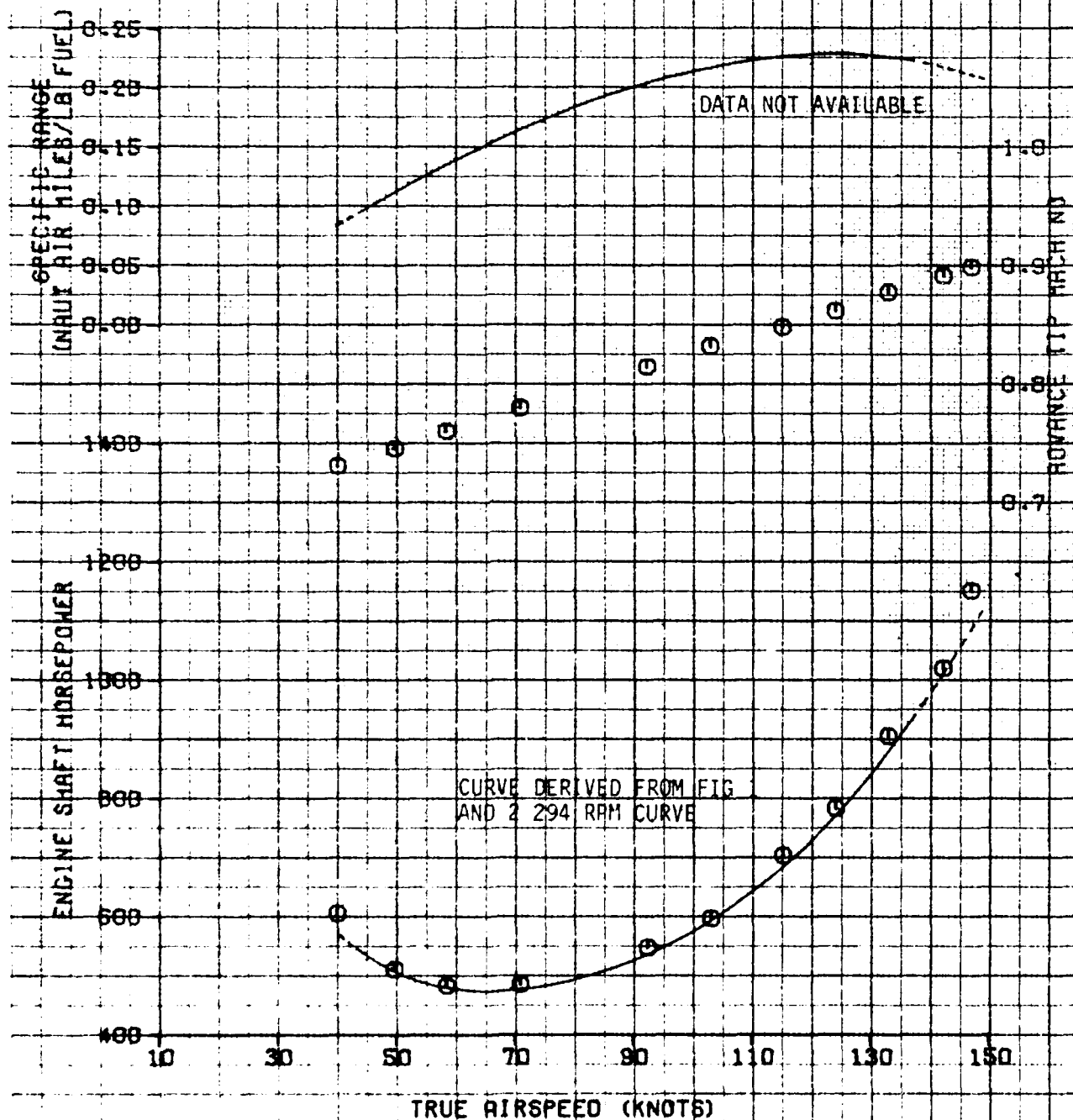


# FIGURE 18 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-16 USA S/N 75-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(F8) | LAT<br>(80) | AVG<br>SENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>FA<br>(°) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8140.                          | 196.2 (M10)                        | .14RT       | 8060.                      | -3.0             | 314.                         | 50.03                                     |

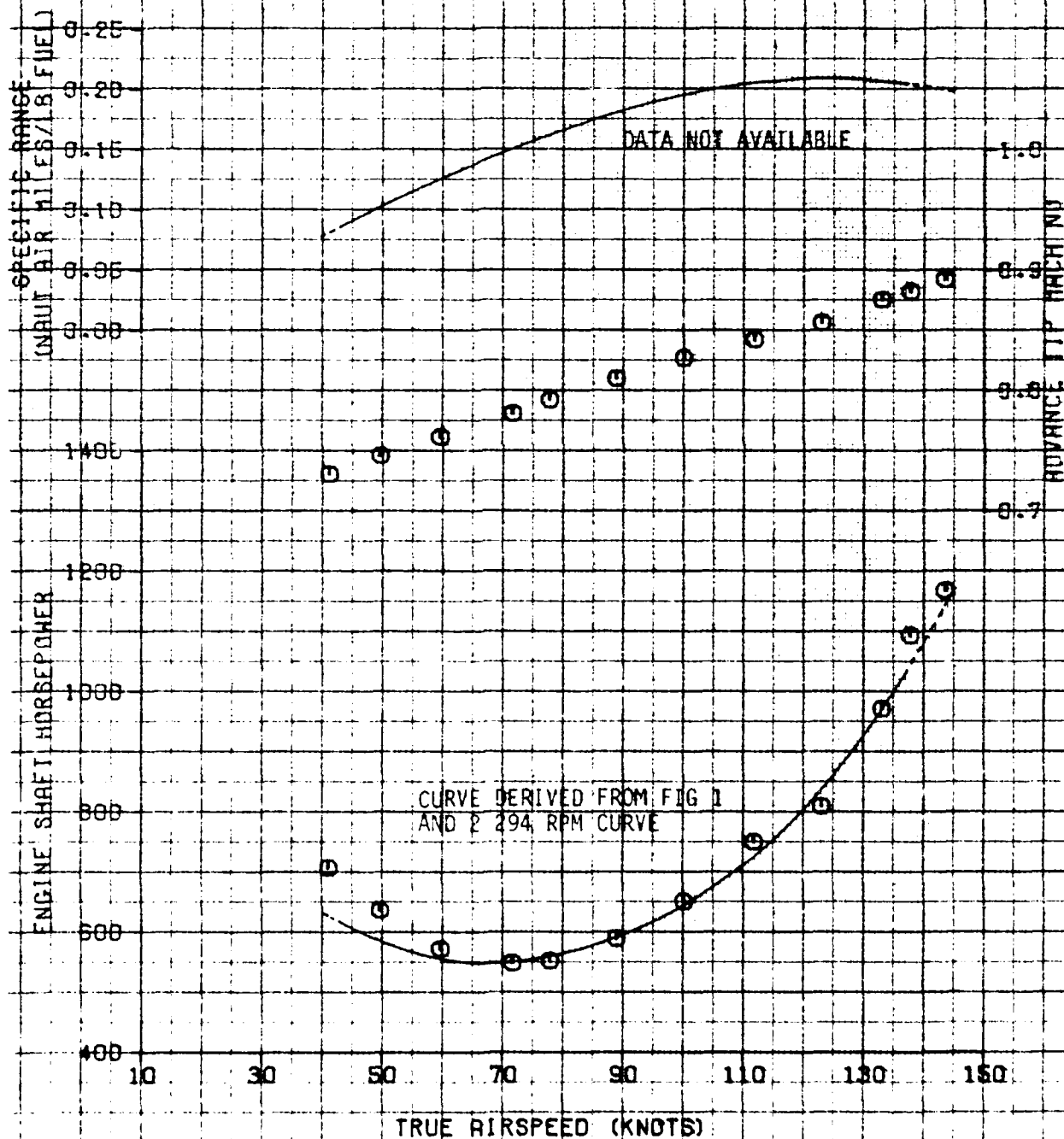
NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-384 RPM: ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 19**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1G USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS HEIGHT (LBS) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (FB) LAT (BT) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT (KIAS) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 9220.                  | 194.9 (M10) .1 (RT)                   | 3420.             | -2.6        | 314.                  | 53.84         |

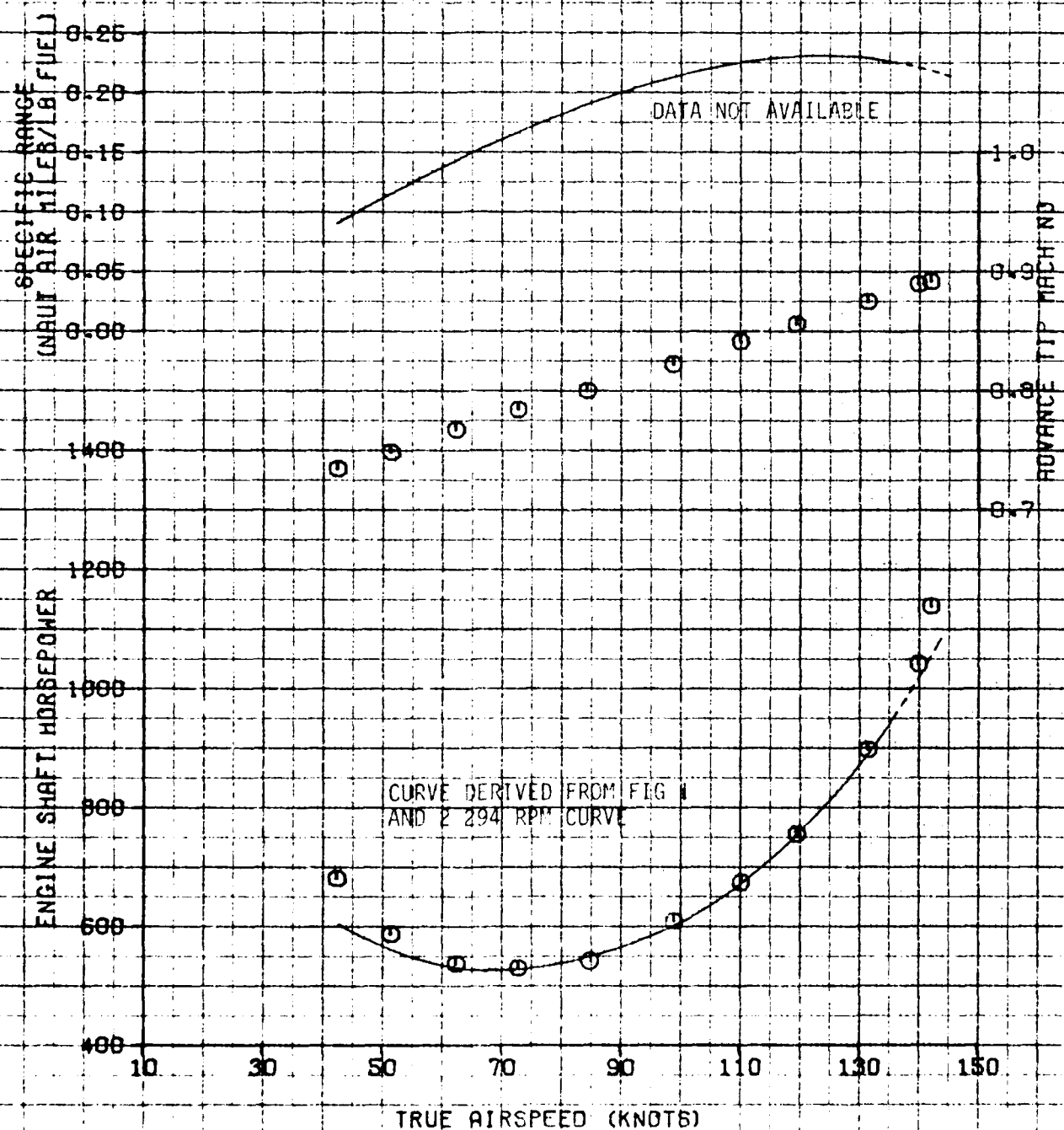
NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-324 RPM; ZERO BLADELIP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 20**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1B USA S/N 76-22678

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (IN) | LAT (IN) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG PA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT X104 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 8780.                 | 196.0 (MID)                  | -1 (RT)  | 6940.             | -6.5        | 311.                  | 68.13       |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED=324 RPM; ZERO SLOESLOP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

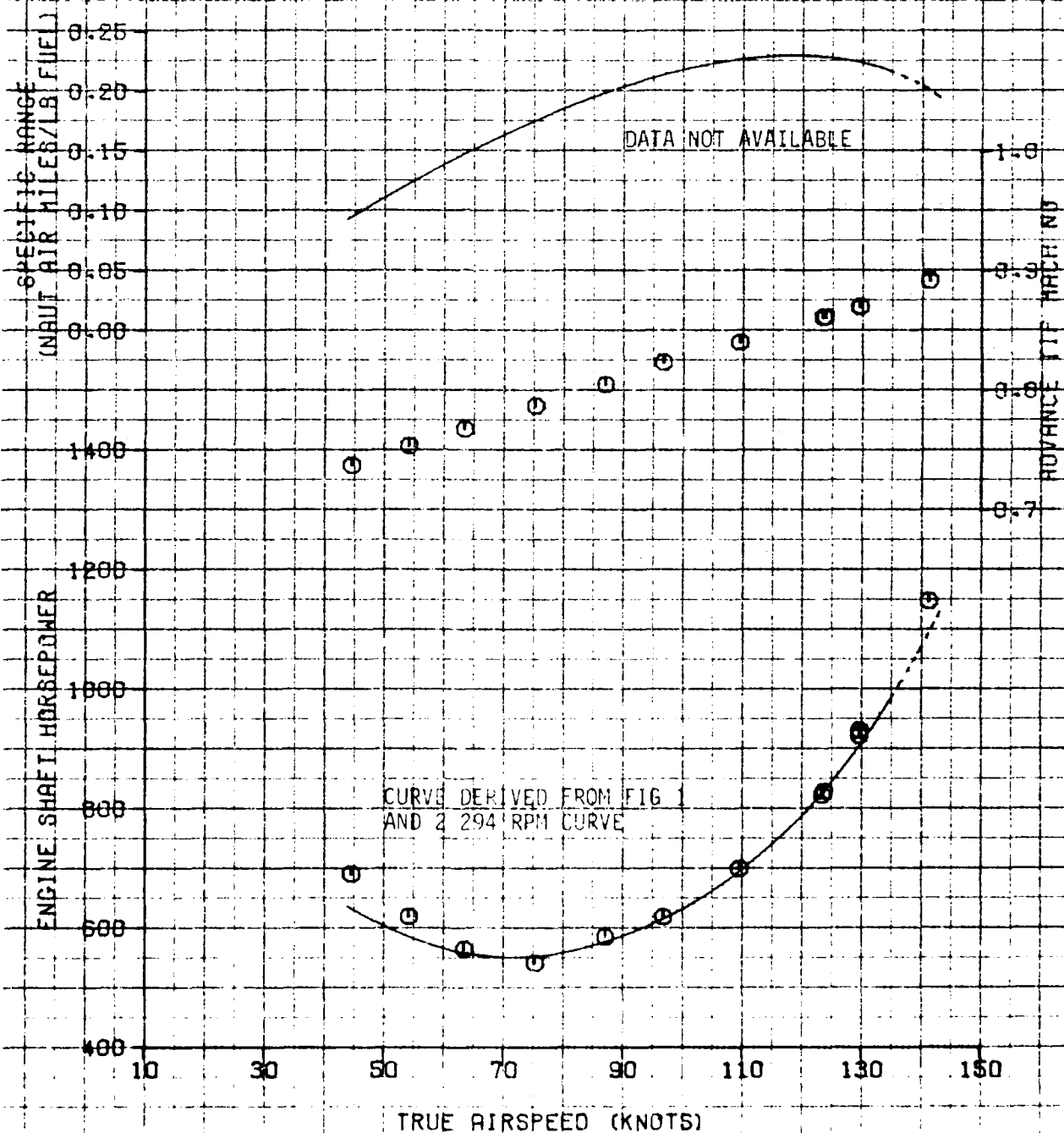


# FIGURE 21 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LBS) | AVG CG LOCATION                         | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG C <sub>T</sub> X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9020.                  | LONG (F57) 198.2 (MID) LAT (BC) .1 (RT) | 8100.             | -8.0        | 310.                  | 82.44                               |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-324 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

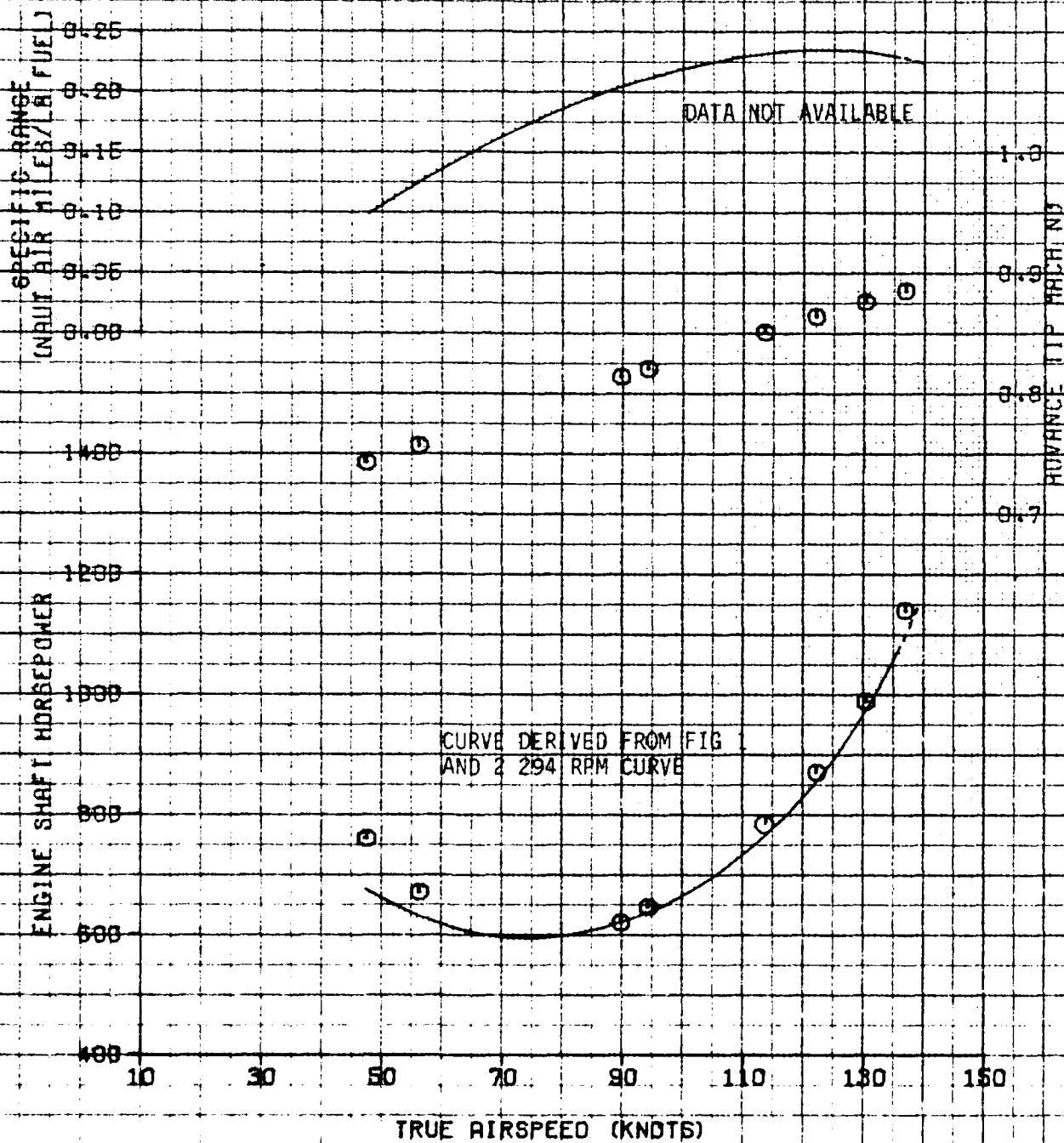


# FIGURE 22 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-15 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8900.                          | 188.5 (N10)                        | 1 (RT)      | 8820.                      | -8.5              | 311.                         | 67.70                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-325. RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 23**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1G USA 8/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION                | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT K104 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 8780.                 | LONG (FBI) 186.0 (MID) -1 (RT) | 4440.             | -4.30       | 322.                  | 80.37       |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-334 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

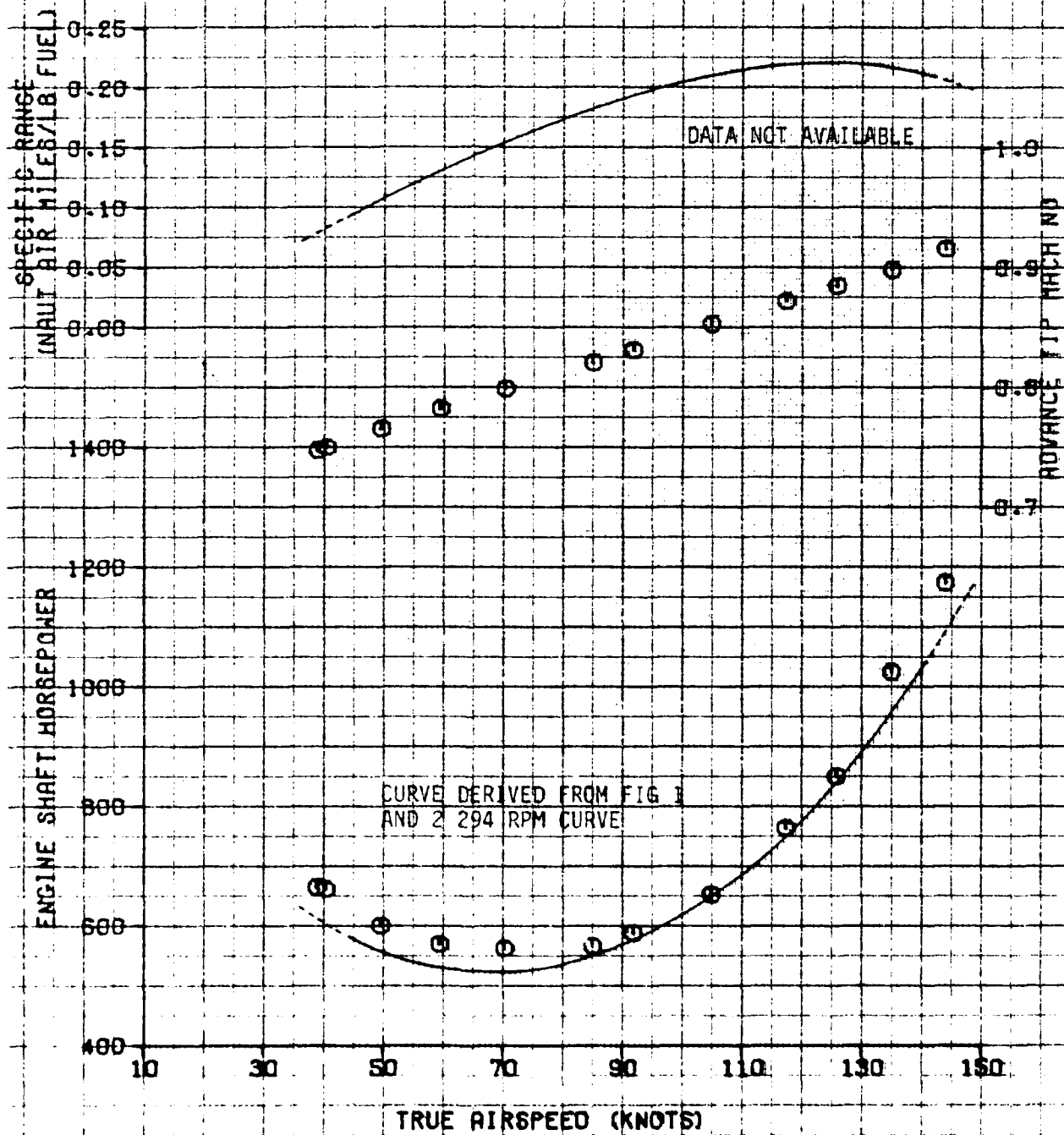
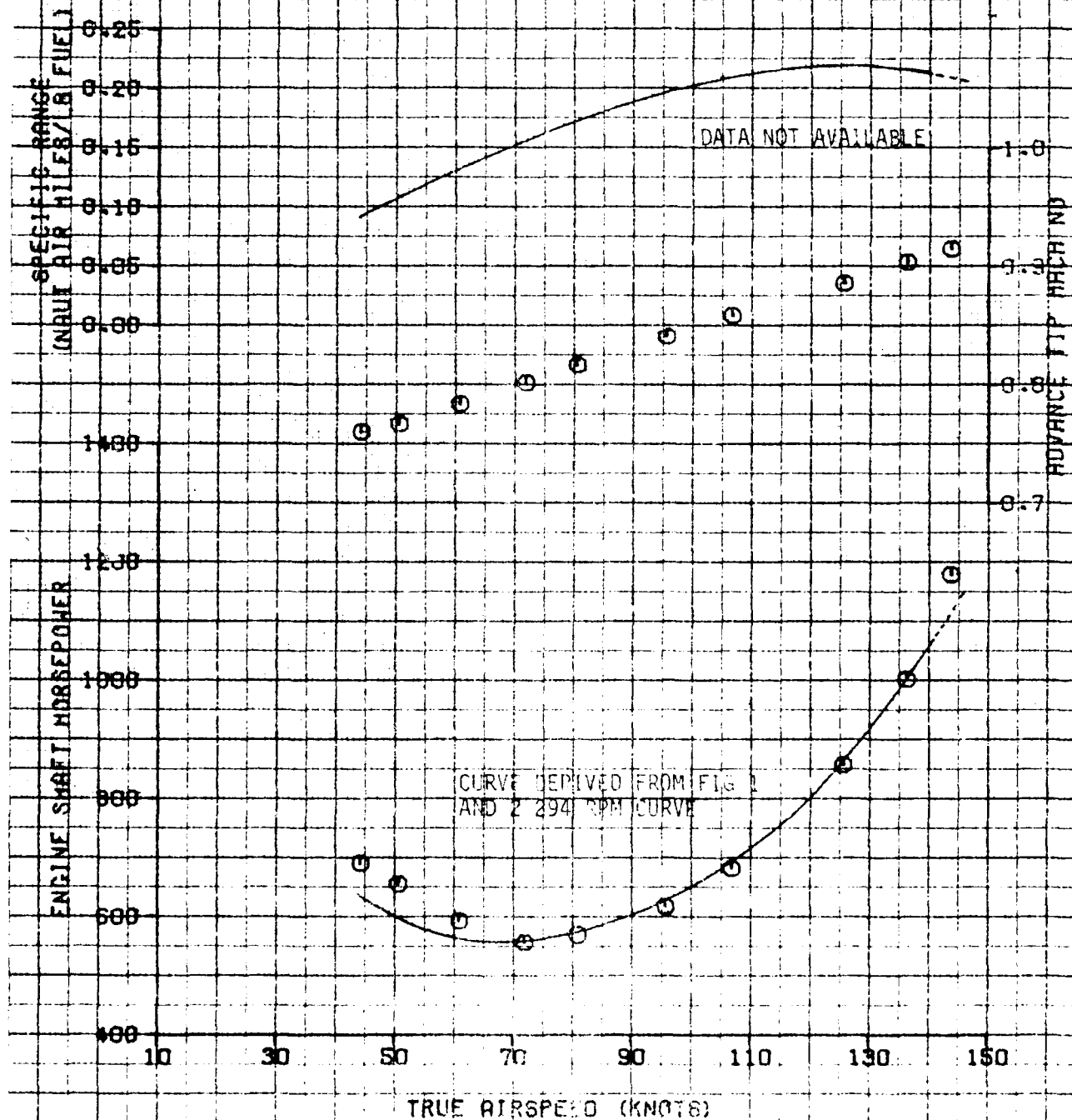


FIGURE 24  
LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE  
AH-1S USA S/N 76-22578

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (F8) LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG FA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG $G_T$ X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 9220.                 | 195.3 (M10) -1 (RT)                   | 5260.             | -5.5        | 322.                  | 54.22                      |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 334 RPM; ZERO BLADESLIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

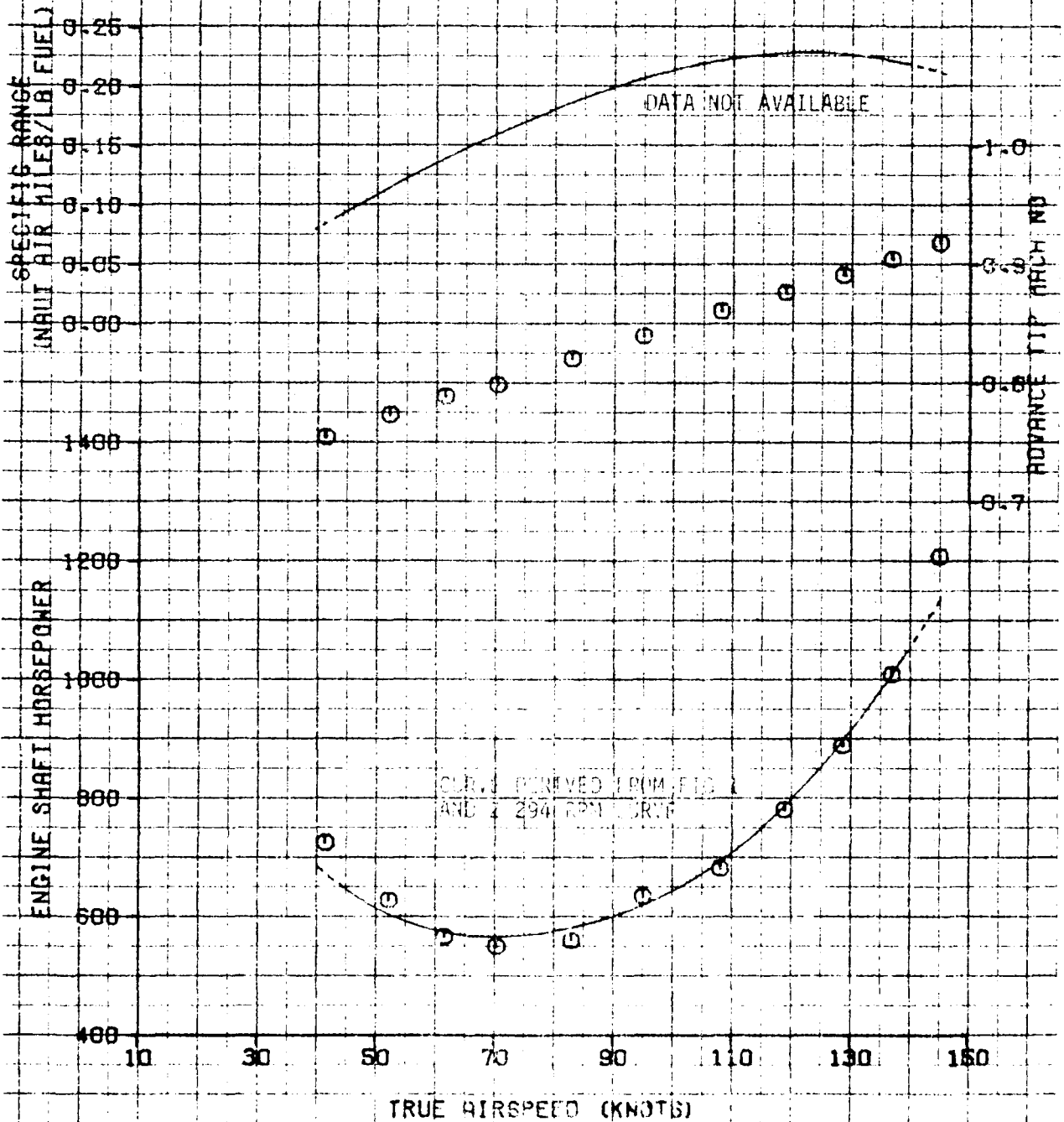


# FIGURE 25 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION | LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CR (X10 <sup>4</sup> ) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 9160.                 | 198.4 (MID)     | .1 (RT)  | 7400.             | +8.0        | 321.                  | 57.87                      |

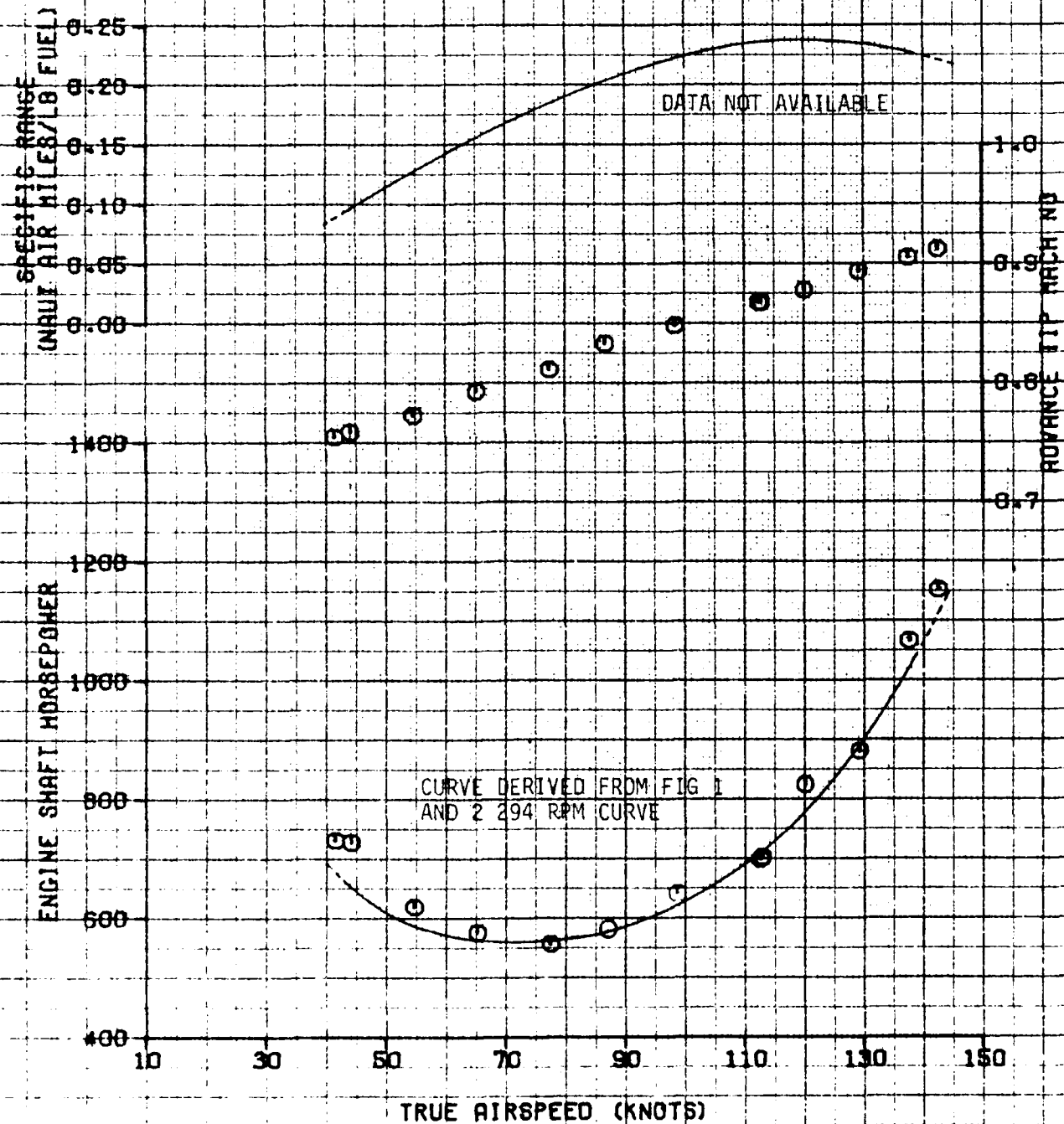
NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-394 RPM; ZERO BLADESLIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 26**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1B USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 5900.                          | 198.1 (MID)                        | -1 (RT)     | 10140.                     | -10.0             | 518.                         | 62.01                                     |

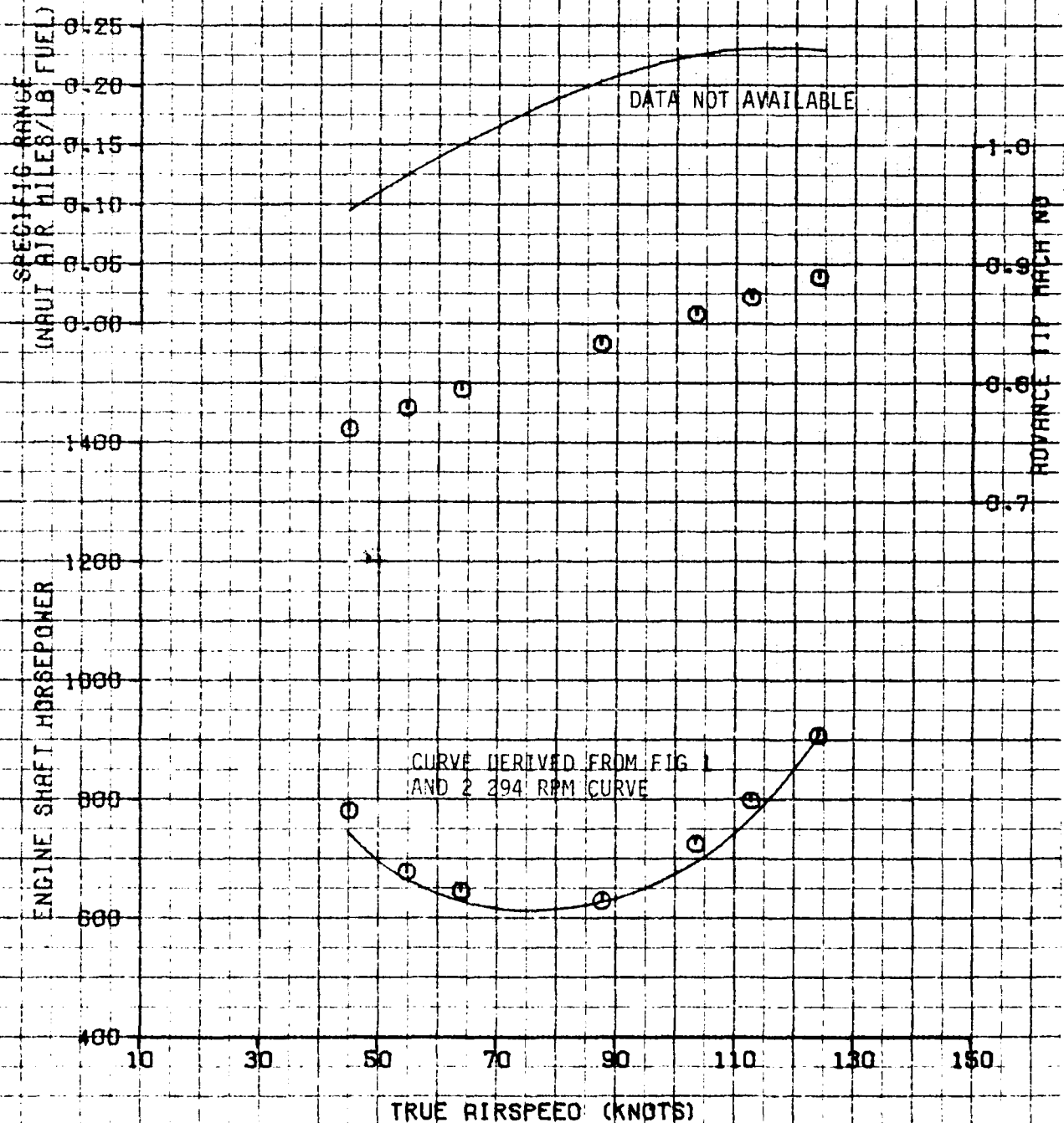
NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-394 RPM ZERO BLADES LEF  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



**FIGURE 27**  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1B USA S/N 76-2257B

| AVG GROSS HEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION | LONG (F5) | LAT (BU) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG PA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG C <sub>T</sub> X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9360.                 | 188.6 (M10)     | -1 (RT)   | 11460.   | -11.5             | 920.        | 67.67                 |                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-998 RPM, ZERO SLIDELAP  
 CONFIGURATION: CLEAN



# FIGURE 28 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-1B USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION |        | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>FA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| LONG<br>(F5)                   | LAT<br>(80)        |        |                            |                   |                              |                                           |
| 9080.                          | 395.2 (M10)        | 1 (RT) | 4480.                      | -6.5              | 327.                         | 50.57                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 339. RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

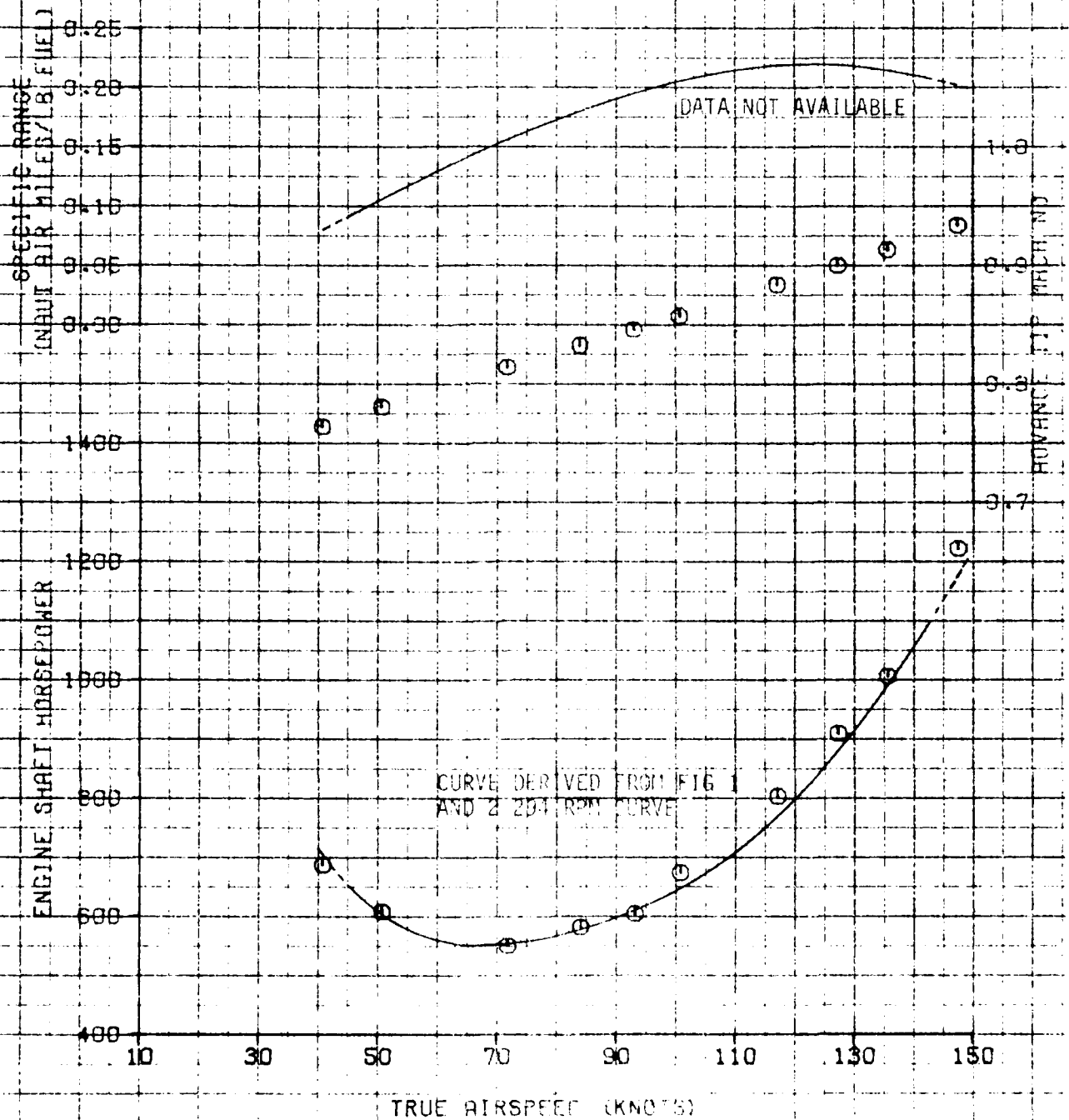
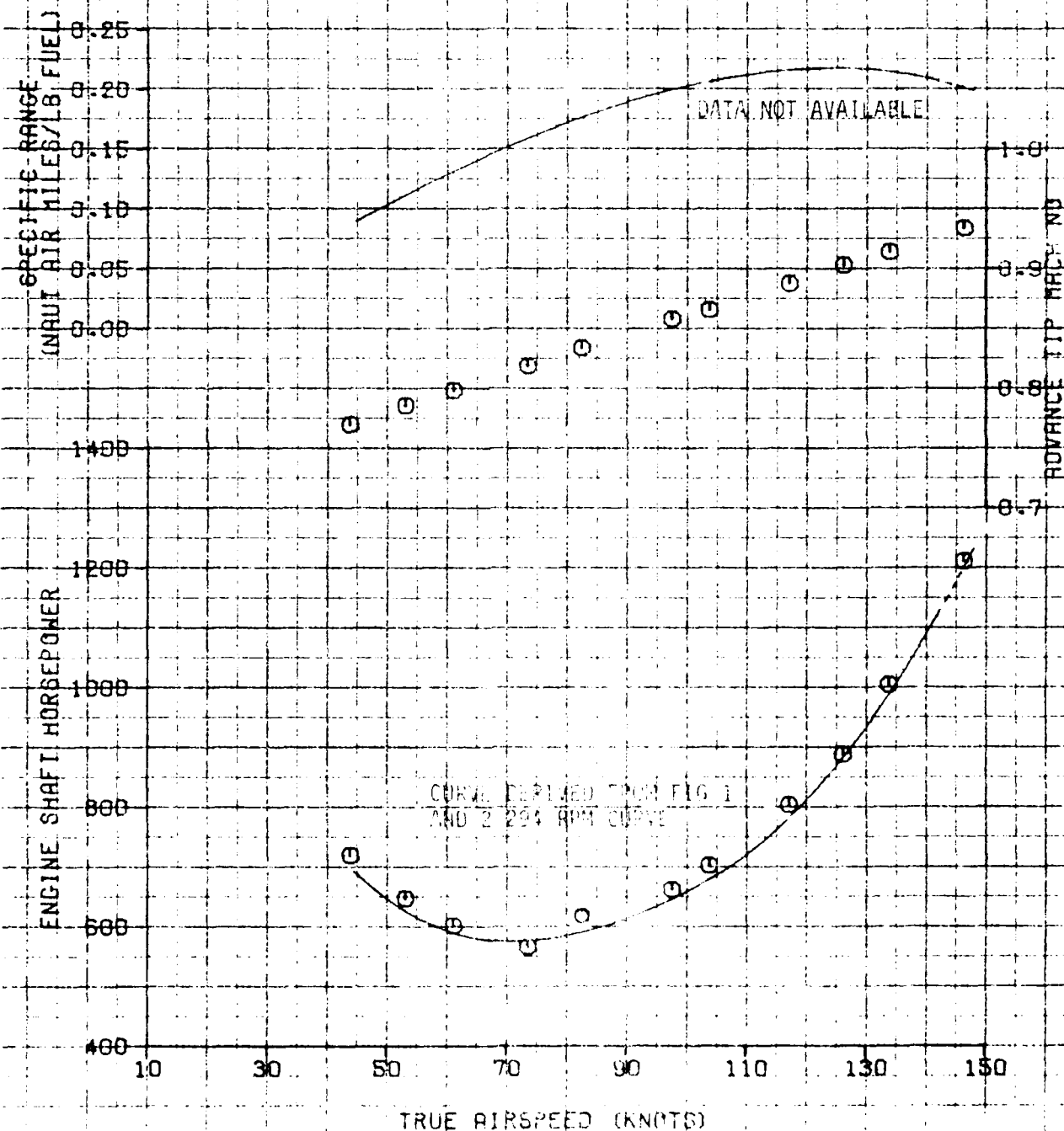


FIGURE 29.  
LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE  
AH-1S USA S/N 76-22578

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (FBI) LAT (BL) | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT $\times 10^4$ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 9980.                 | 198.4 (MID) .1 (RT)                    | 5820.             | -9.0        | 926.                  | 54.85                |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-341 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

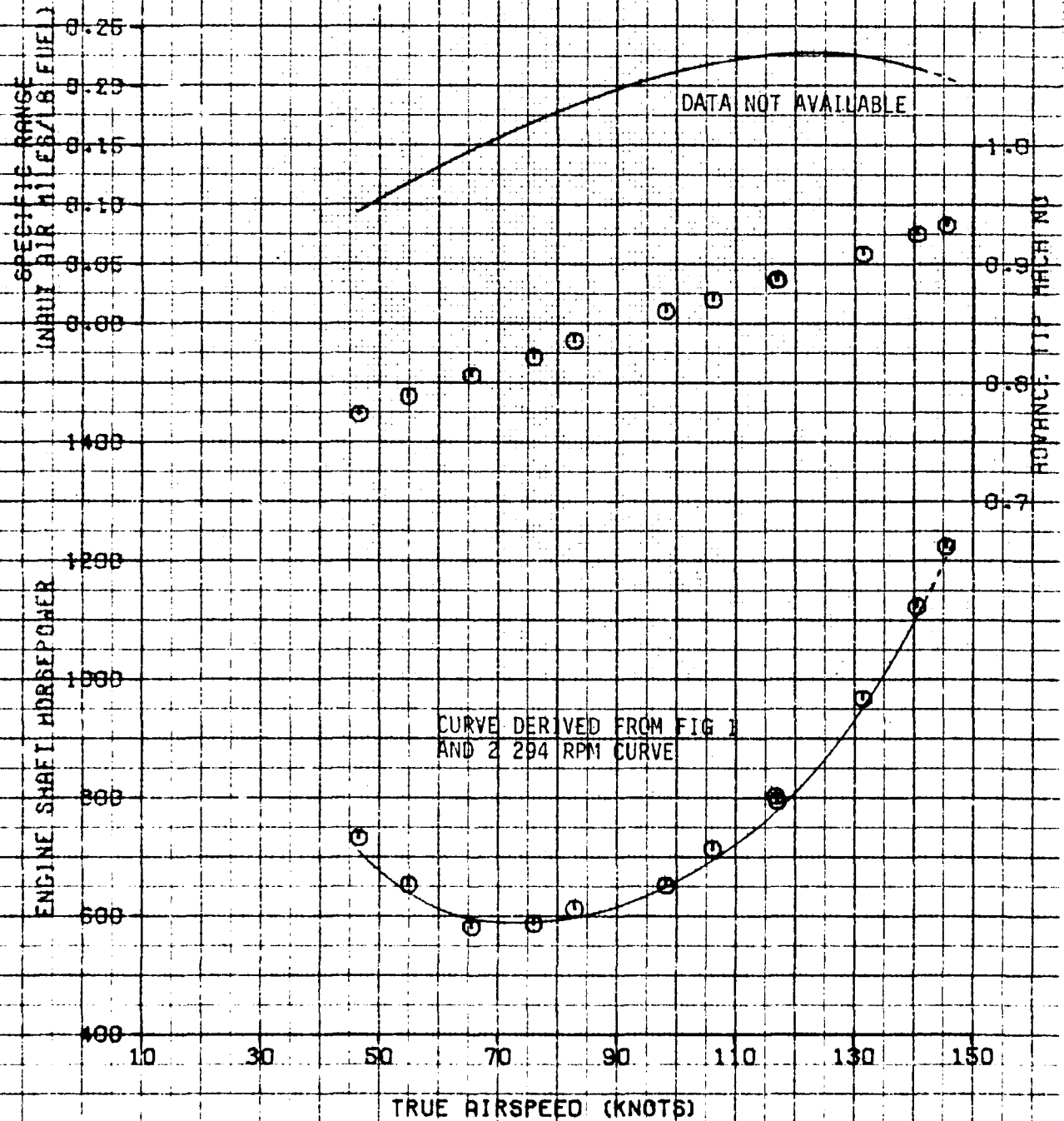


# FIGURE 30 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1G USA S/N 75-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION | LAT<br>(BT) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>PA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9340.                          | 198.4 (MID)        | .1 (RT)     | 8280.                      | -9.0              | 326.                         | 58.79                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-340 RPM- ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: CLEAN

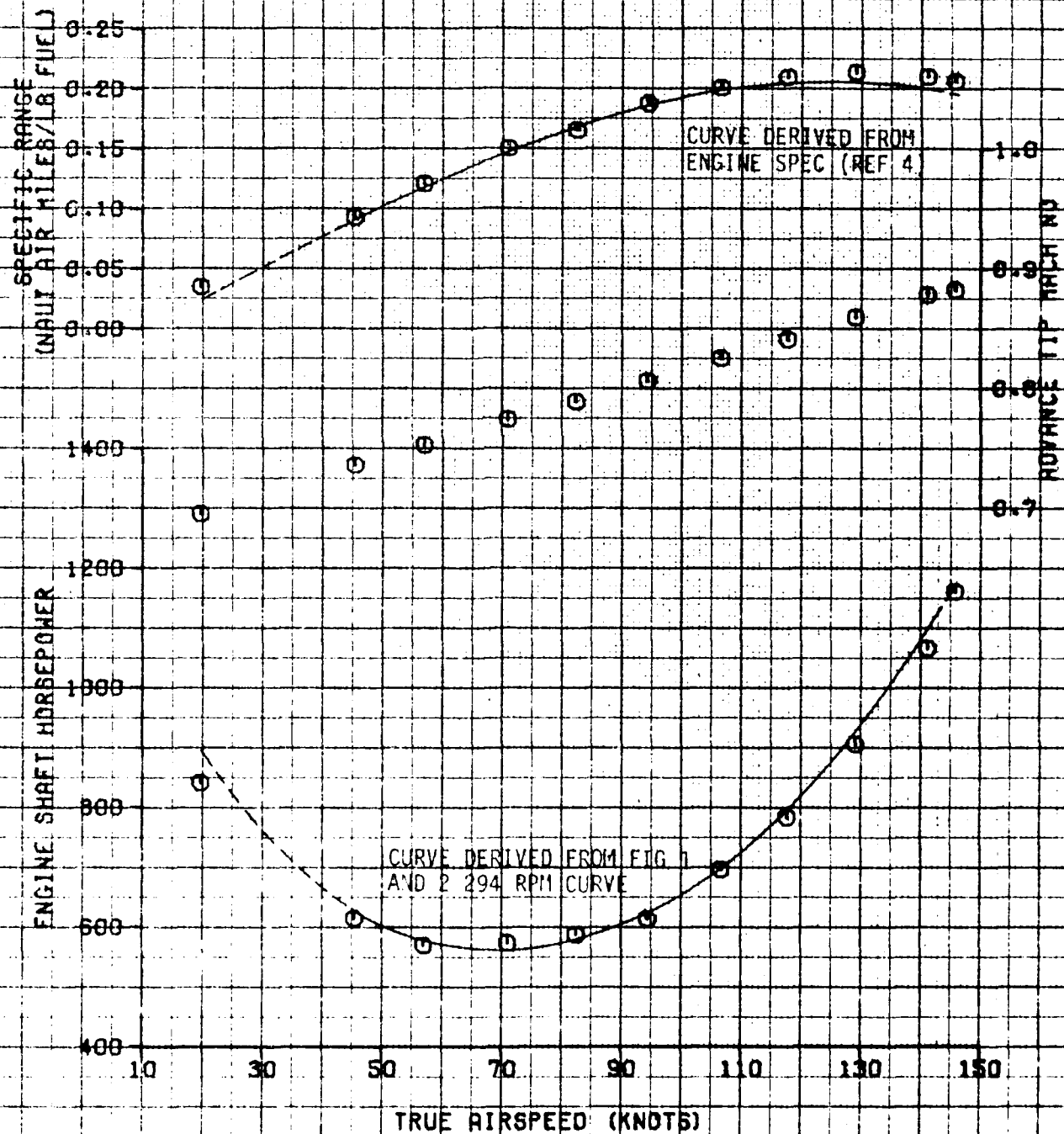


# FIGURE 31 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1B USA 8/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CY<br>KTS |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| 8980.                          | 185.0 (MID)                        | -1 (RT)     | 7520.                      | 24.0              | 328.                         | 84.42            |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-325 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: EMPTY XM 159/C PODS



# FIGURE 32 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-15 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°S) | LAT<br>(°E) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CY<br>X104 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8840.                          | 192.5 (HYD)                        | .1 (RT)     | 8820.                      | 19.5              | 328.                         | 58.98             |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED 323 RPM; ZERO BLIND FLIP  
CONFIGURATION: EMPTY XM 159/C PODS

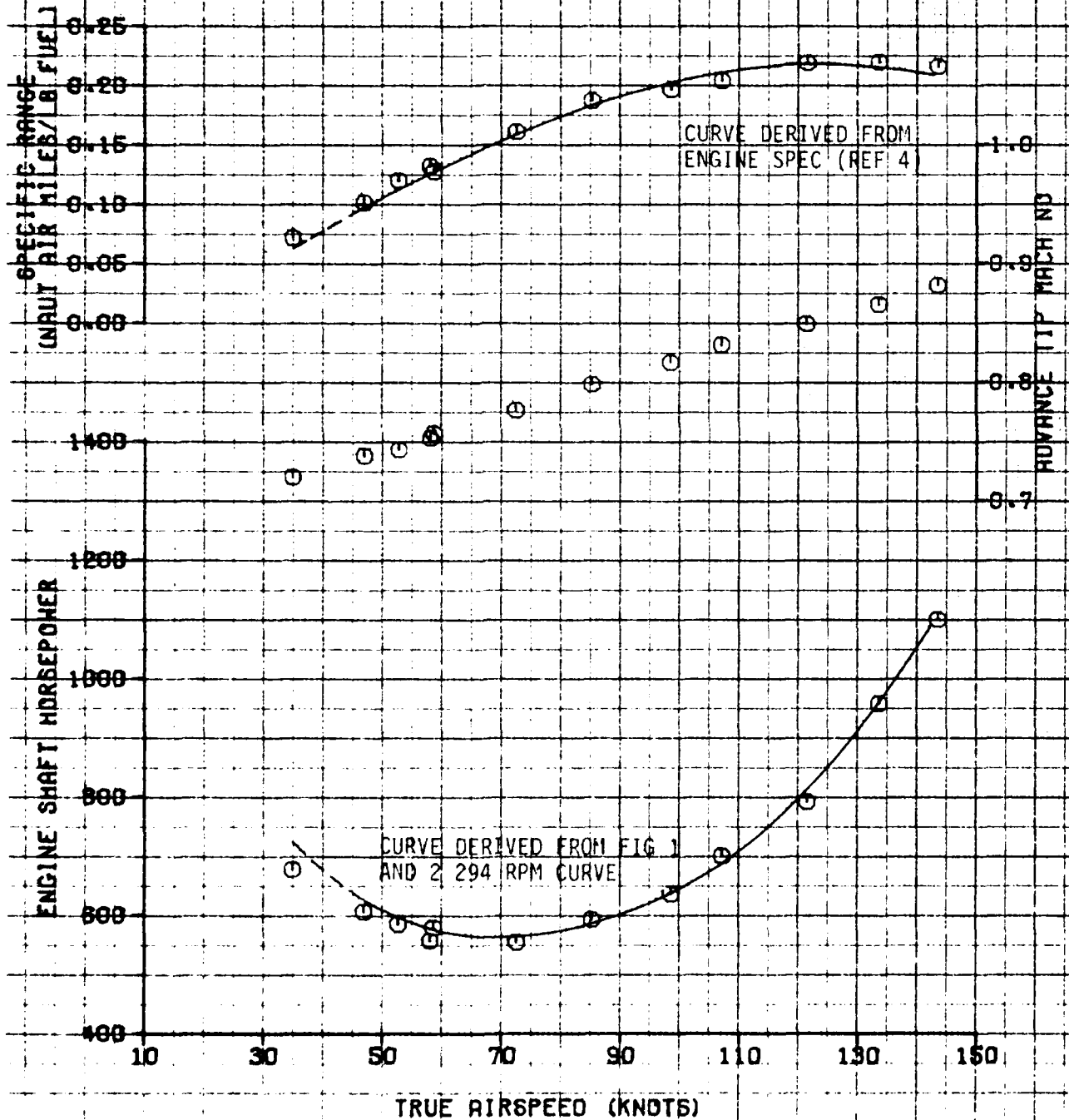
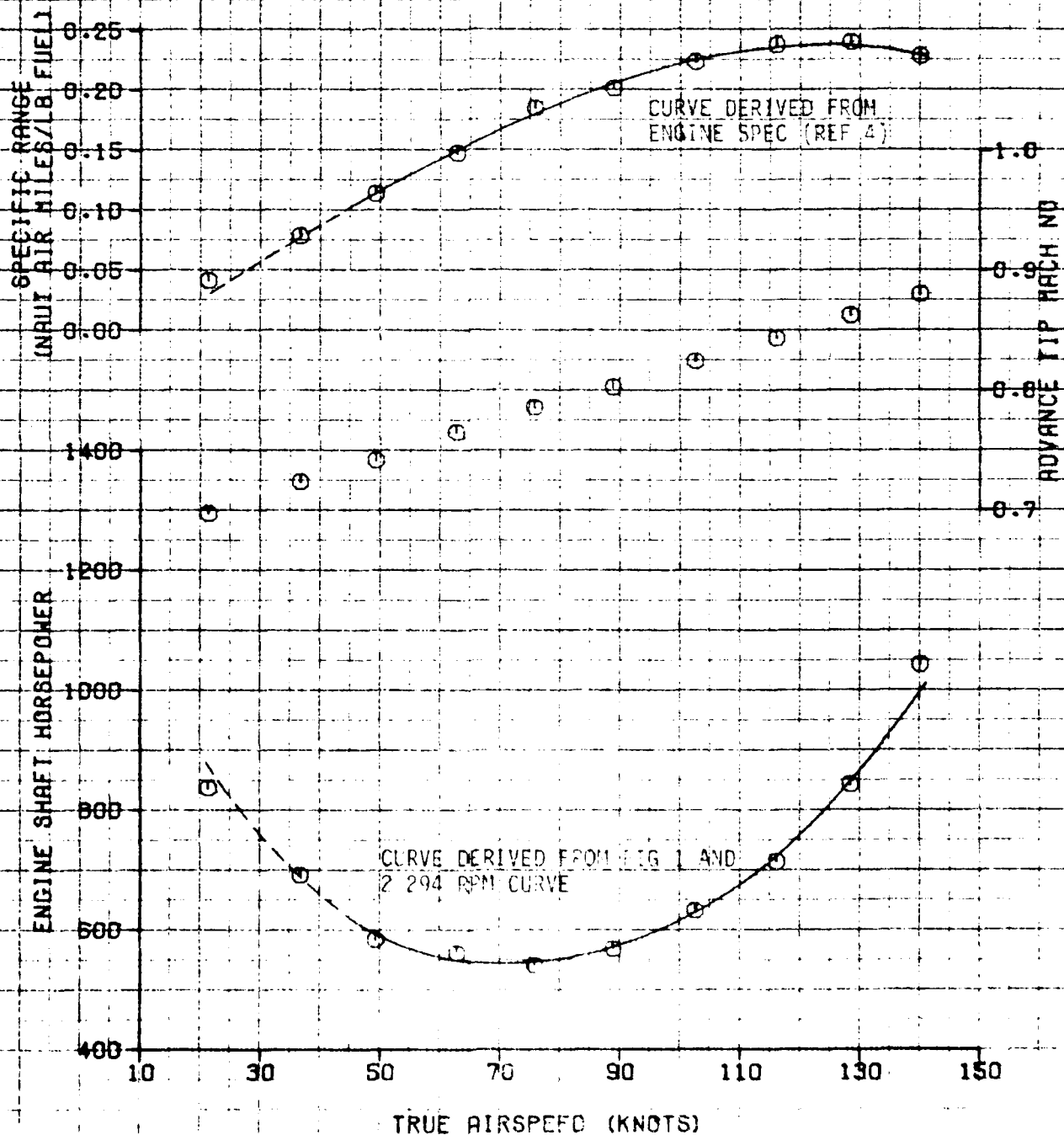


FIGURE 33  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-1S USA S/N 76-22578

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(LBS) | LONG<br>(F6) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LAT<br>(BL) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>C <sub>T</sub><br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 8380.                           | 192.3 (MID)  | .1 (RT)                           | 12840.                     | 13.0              | 323.                         | 82.28                                     |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 324 RPM; ZERO SLIDE/SLIP  
 CONFIGURATION: EMPTY XM 159/0 PODS

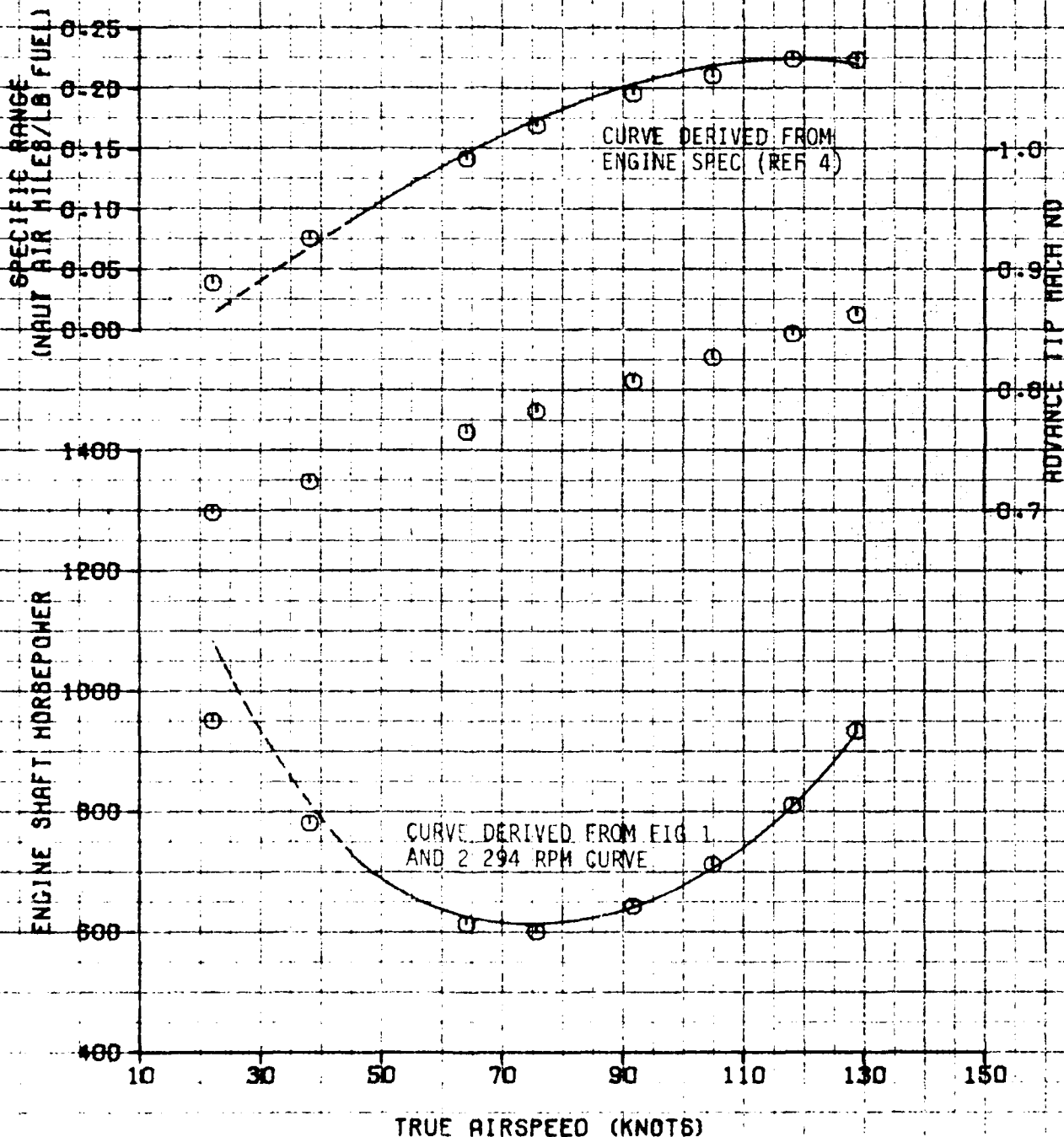


# FIGURE 34 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-1B USA SYN 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION | AVG DENS ALT (FT) | AVG FA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8980.                 | 193.0 (MID)     | 13640.            | 12.5        | 922.                  | 88.60                   |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-929 RPM; ZERO BLADESLIP  
CONFIGURATION: EMPTY XM 159/C PODS



# FIGURE 35 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-16 USA 8/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>WEIGHT<br>(LB) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°S) | LAT<br>(°E) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TEMP<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8480.                          | 102.1 (MID)                        | .1 (RT)     | 5680.                      | 24.5                | 328.                         | 84.42                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED-323 RPM; ZERO SLIDELIP  
CONFIGURATION: FULL XM 159/G PODS

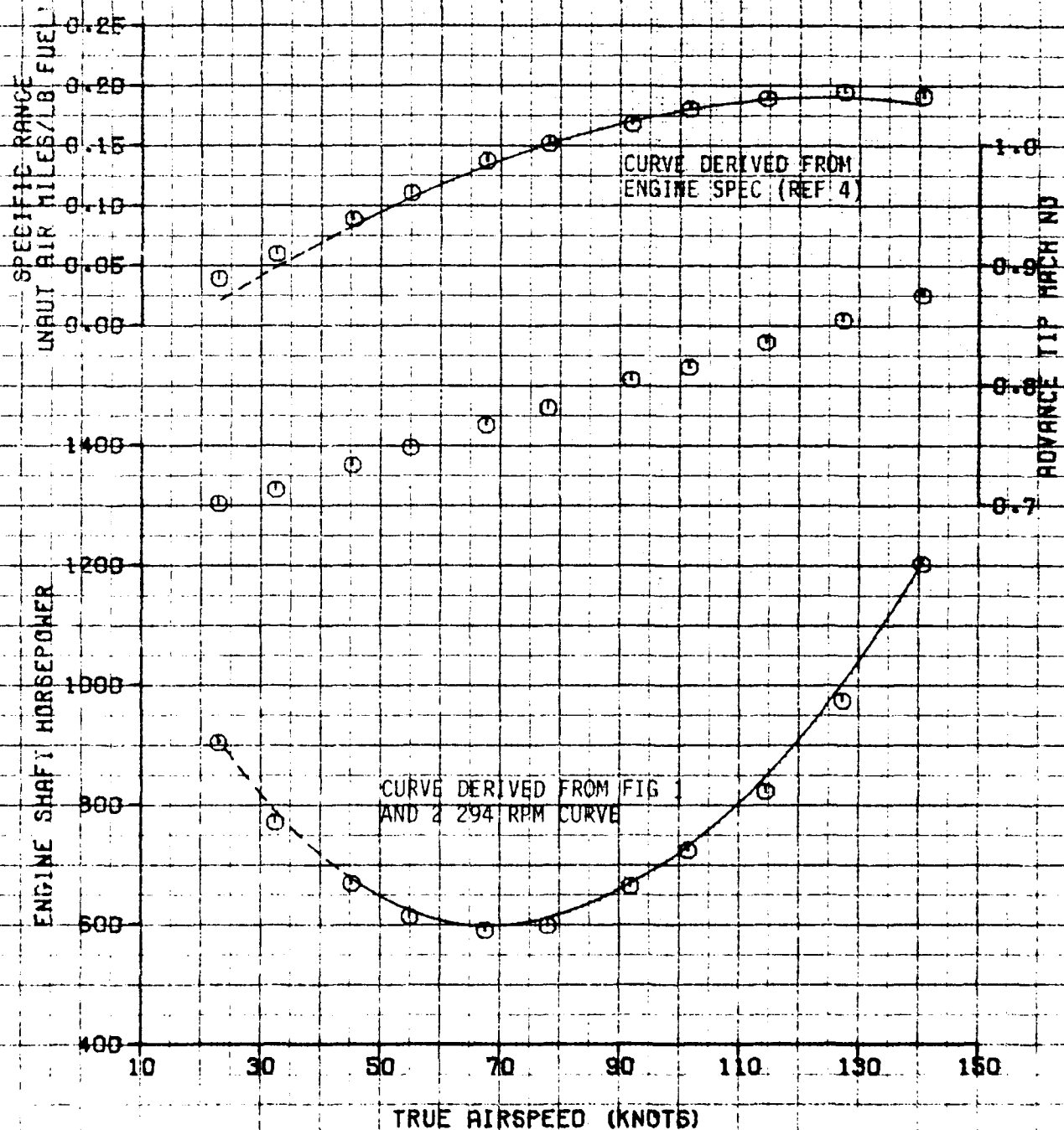
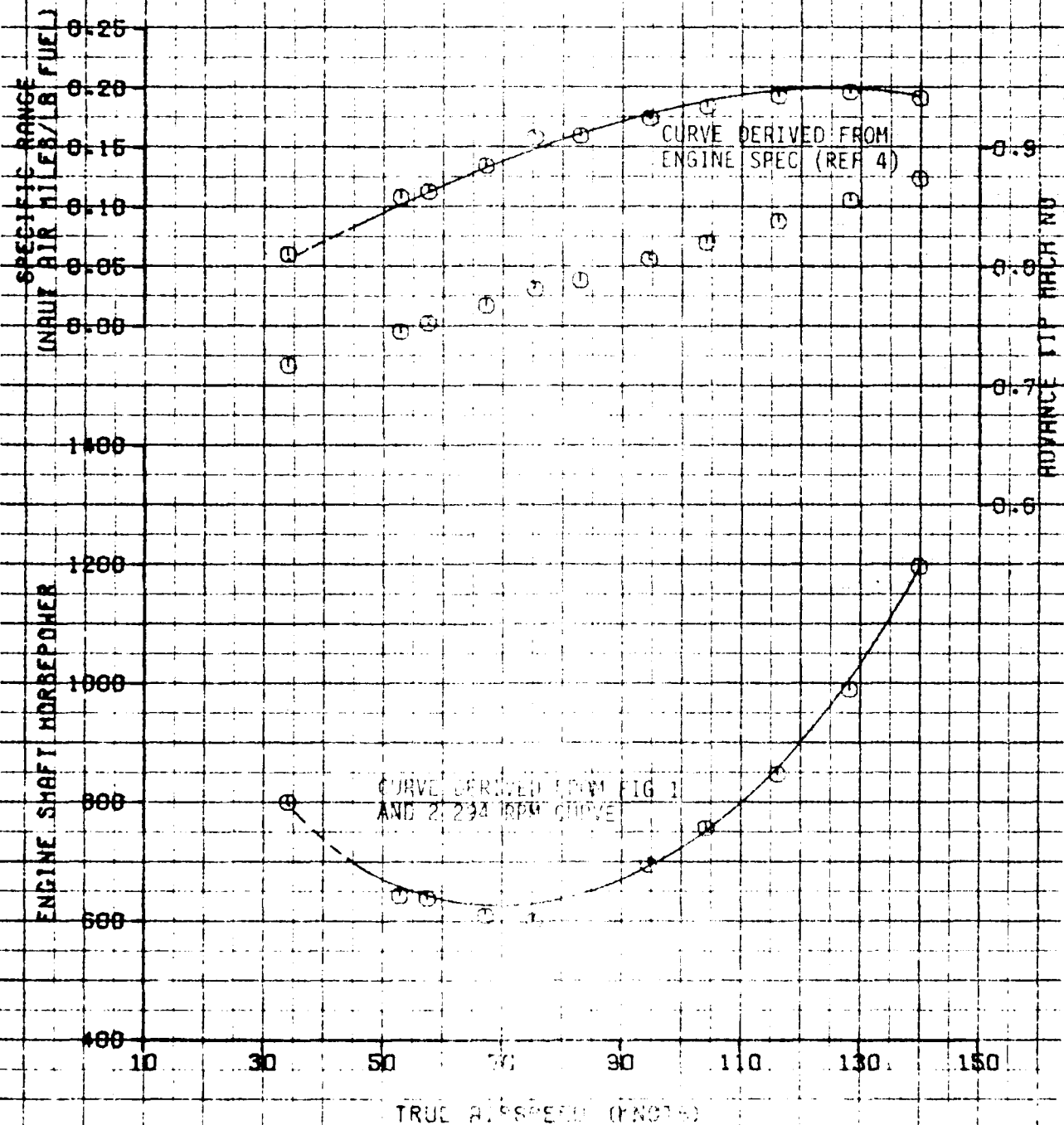


FIGURE 36  
**LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE**  
 AH-15 USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS HEIGHT (LBS) | AVG CG LOCATION<br>LONG (F6) LAT (BLT) | AVG DENSE ALT (RT) | AVG TA (°C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | AVG CT X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9580.                  | 192.2 (M10) .1 (RT)                    | 7500.              | 22.5        | 327.                  | 58.51                   |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED 329. RPM: ZERO SLIDELIP  
 CONFIGURATION: FULL XM 159/0 PODS

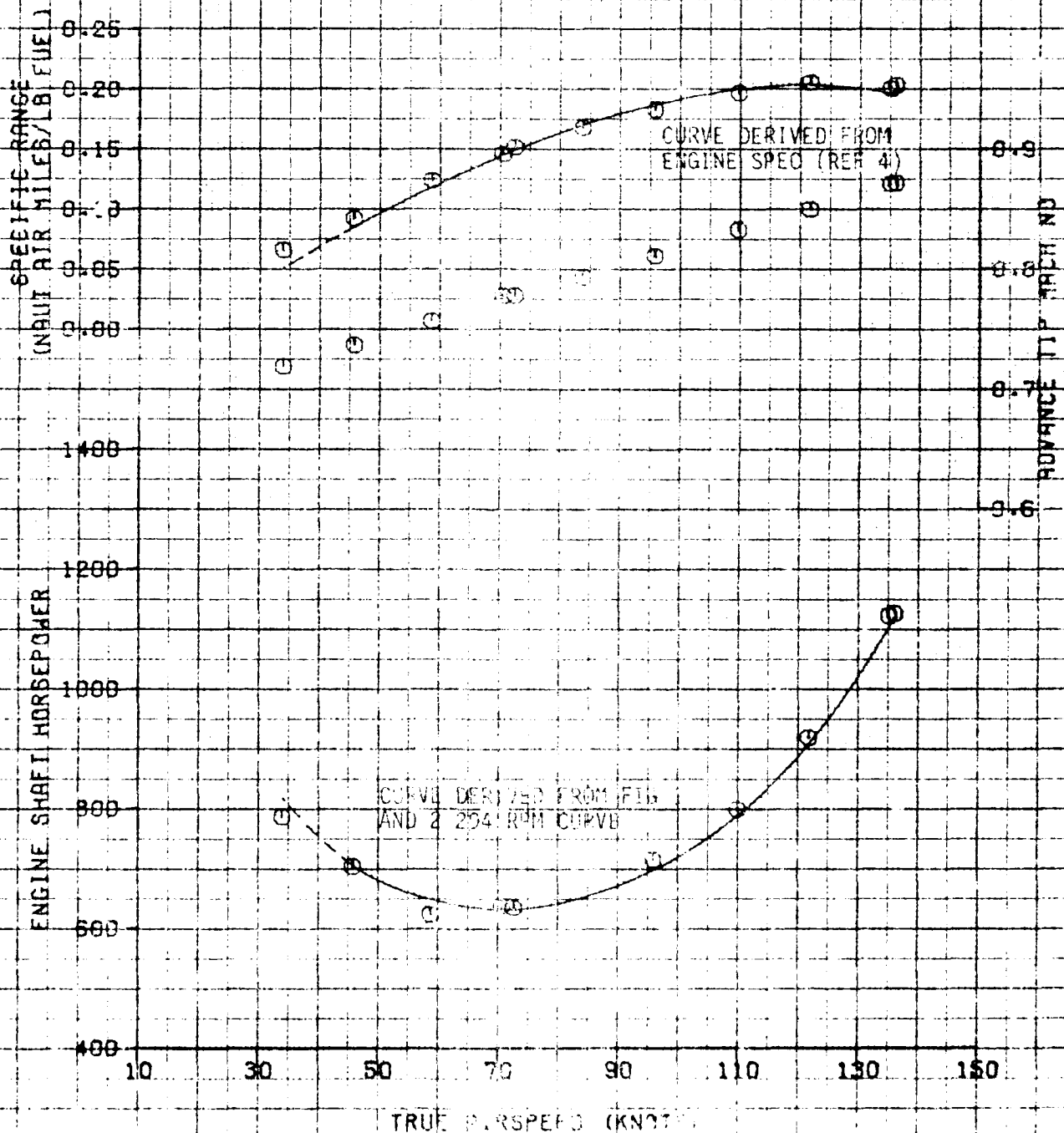


# FIGURE 5 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG<br>GROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(FT) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°E) | LAT<br>(°N) | AVG<br>DENSE<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TA<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>RPM | AVG<br>CT<br>X10 <sup>4</sup> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9520.                          | 192.1 (MID)                        | -1 (NY)     | 8480.                       | 19.5              | 328.                         | 82.21                         |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 324 RPM ZERO SLIP  
CONFIGURATION: FULL 411 159/6 PODS



# FIGURE 38 LEVEL FLIGHT PERFORMANCE

AM-1B USA S/N 25-22573

| AVG<br>CROSS<br>HEIGHT<br>(FT) | AVG CG<br>LOCATION<br>LONG<br>(°S) | LAT<br>(°E) | AVG<br>DENS<br>ALT<br>(FT) | AVG<br>TQ<br>(°C) | AVG<br>ROTOR<br>SPEED<br>(RPM) | AVG<br>CY<br>TIME<br>(SEC) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 9820.                          | 192.2 (N10)                        | -1 (RT)     | 11980.                     | 15.0              | 322.                           | 88.41                      |

NOTE: REFERRED ROTOR SPEED: 323. RPM: ZERO SLIP  
CONFIGURATION: FULL XM 159/0 PODS

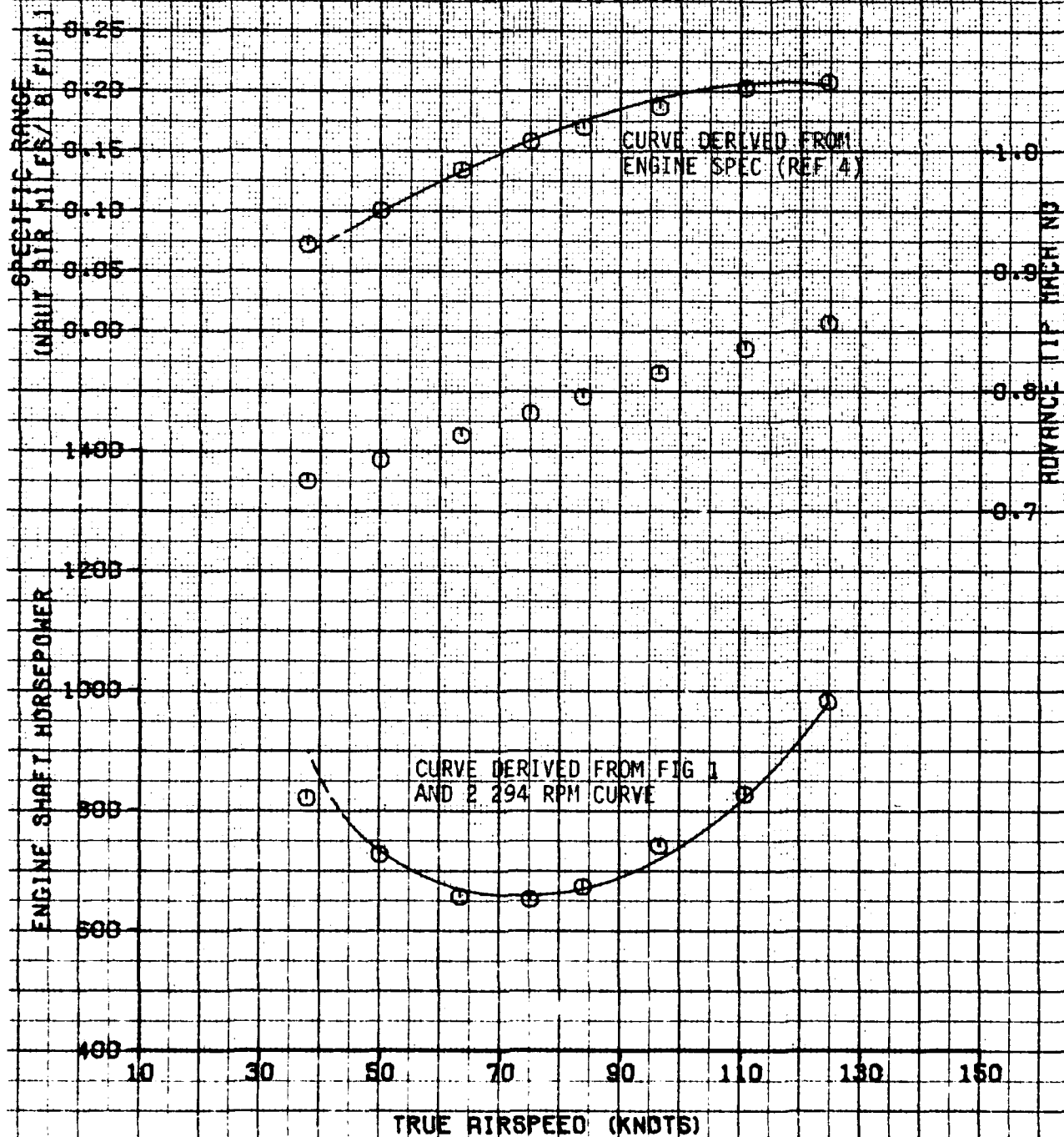
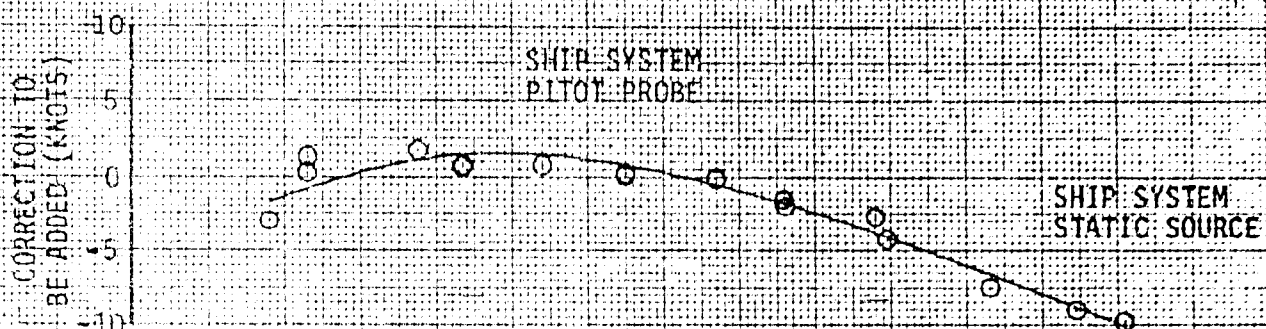


FIGURE 39  
SHIP'S AIRSPEED CALIBRATION  
AH-1S USA S/N 76-22573

| AVG GROSS WEIGHT (LB) | AVG CG LOCATION LONG (FS) | AVG CG LOCATION LAT (BL) | AVG DENSITY ALTITUDE (FT) | AVG OAT (° C) | AVG ROTOR SPEED (RPM) | TRIM FLIGHT CONDITION |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 8340                  | 195.2 (MID)               | 0.1 (RT)                 | 3520                      | 21.0          | 324                   | LEVEL FLT             |



- NOTES:
1. CLEAN CONFIGURATION
  2. K747 BLADES S/N A2016 AND A2025
  3. GROUND SPEED COURSE UTILIZED

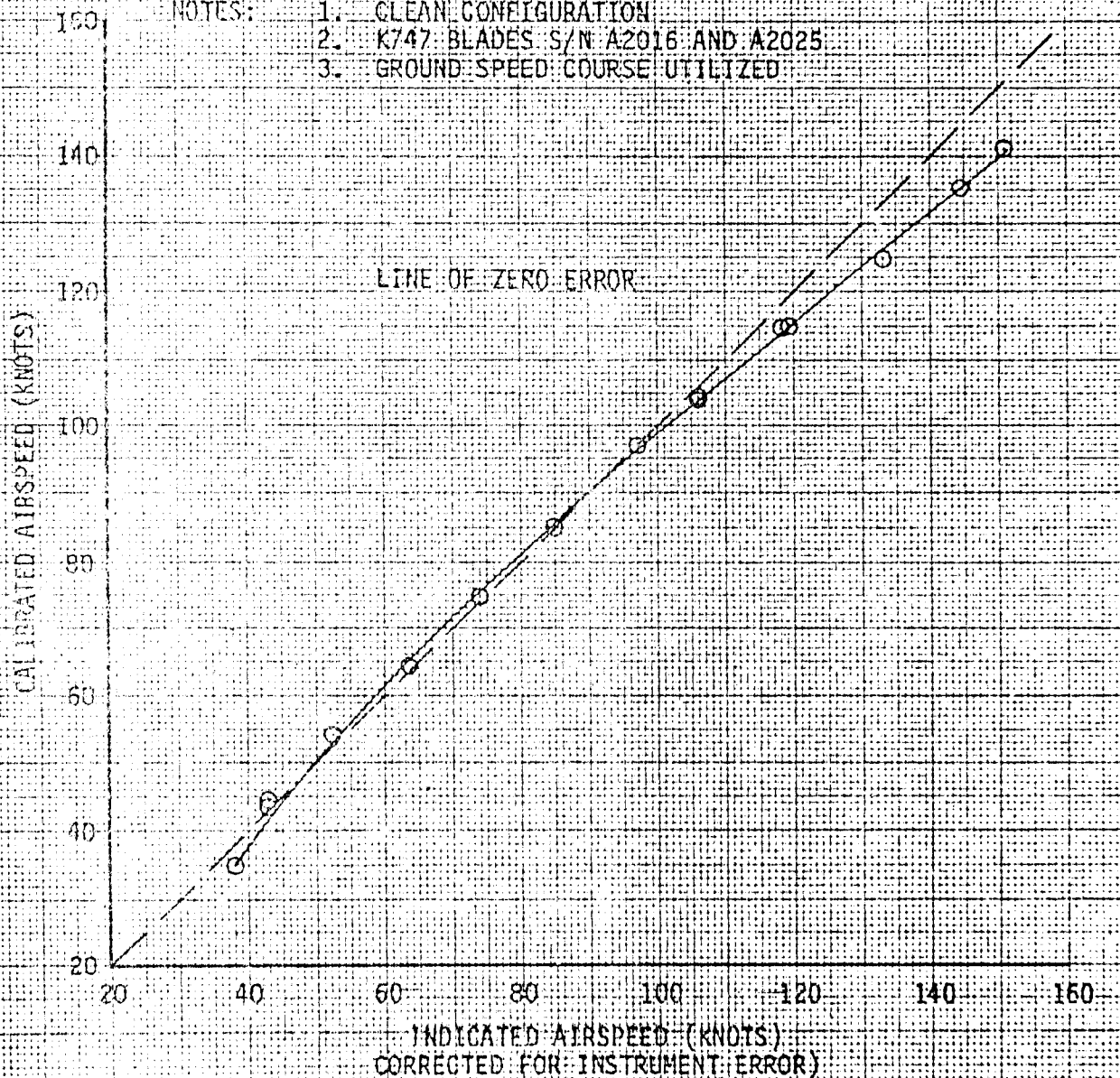


FIGURE 40  
REFERRED ENGINE CHARACTERISTICS

| SYM | AVG<br>DENSITY<br>ALTITUDE<br>(FT) | AVG<br>OAT<br>(°C) | TEST<br>LOCATION |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ○   | 4180                               | 25.0               | EL CENTRO, CA    |
| □   | 6280                               | 21.0               | EDWARDS, CA      |
| △   | 5050                               | -3.0               | MINNEAPOLIS, MN  |

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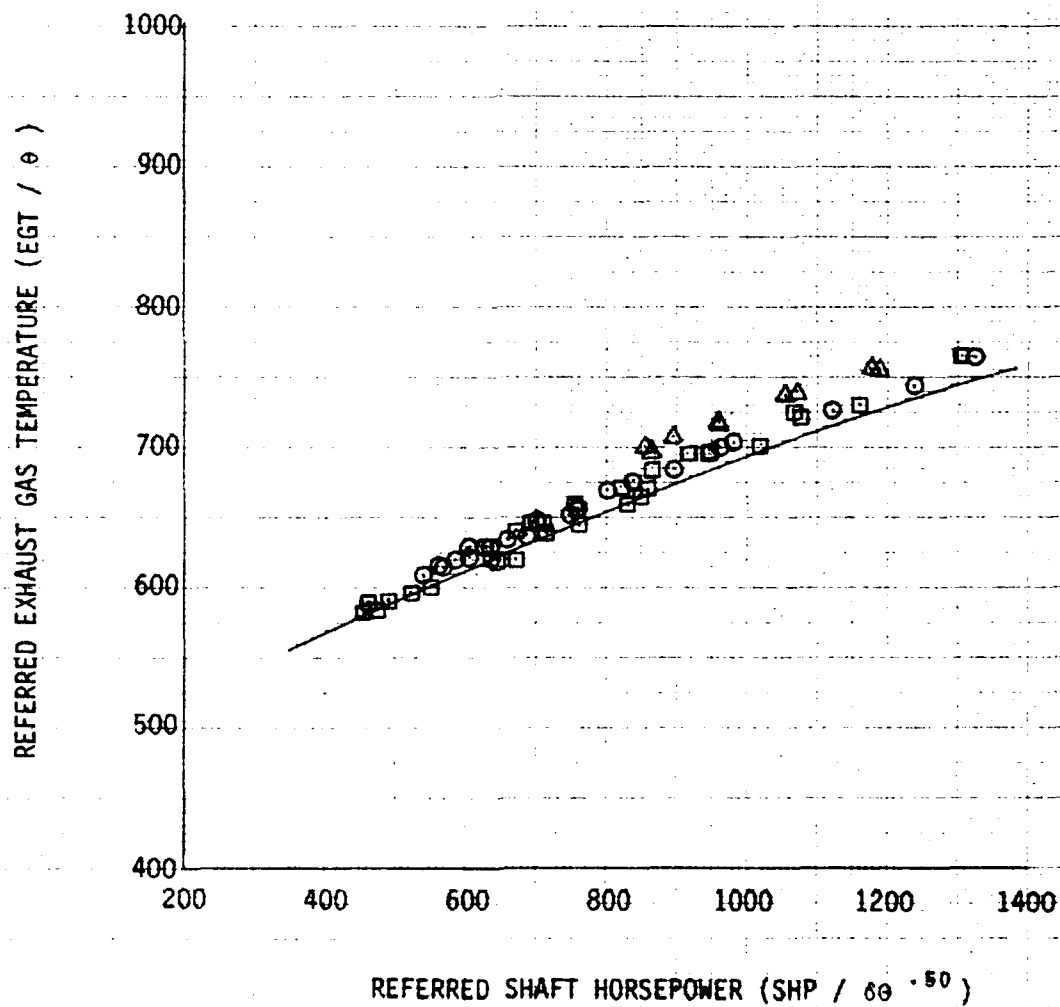


FIGURE 41  
REFERRED ENGINE CHARACTERISTICS

| SYM | AVG<br>DENSITY<br>ALTITUDE<br>(FT) | AVG<br>OAT<br>(°C) | TEST<br>LOCATION |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ○   | 4180                               | 25.0               | EL CENTRO, CA    |
| □   | 6280                               | 21.0               | EDWARDS, CA      |
| △   | 5050                               | -3.0               | MINNEAPOLIS, MN  |

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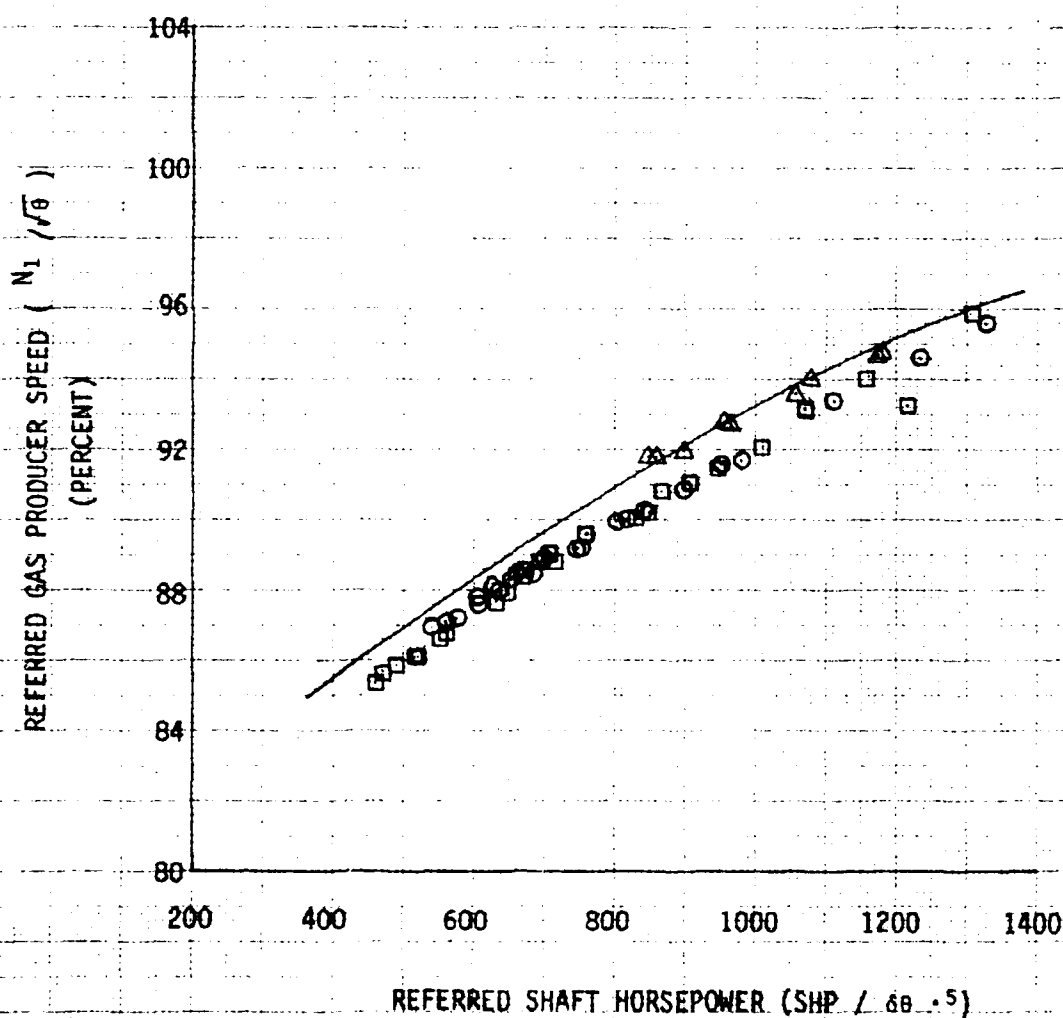
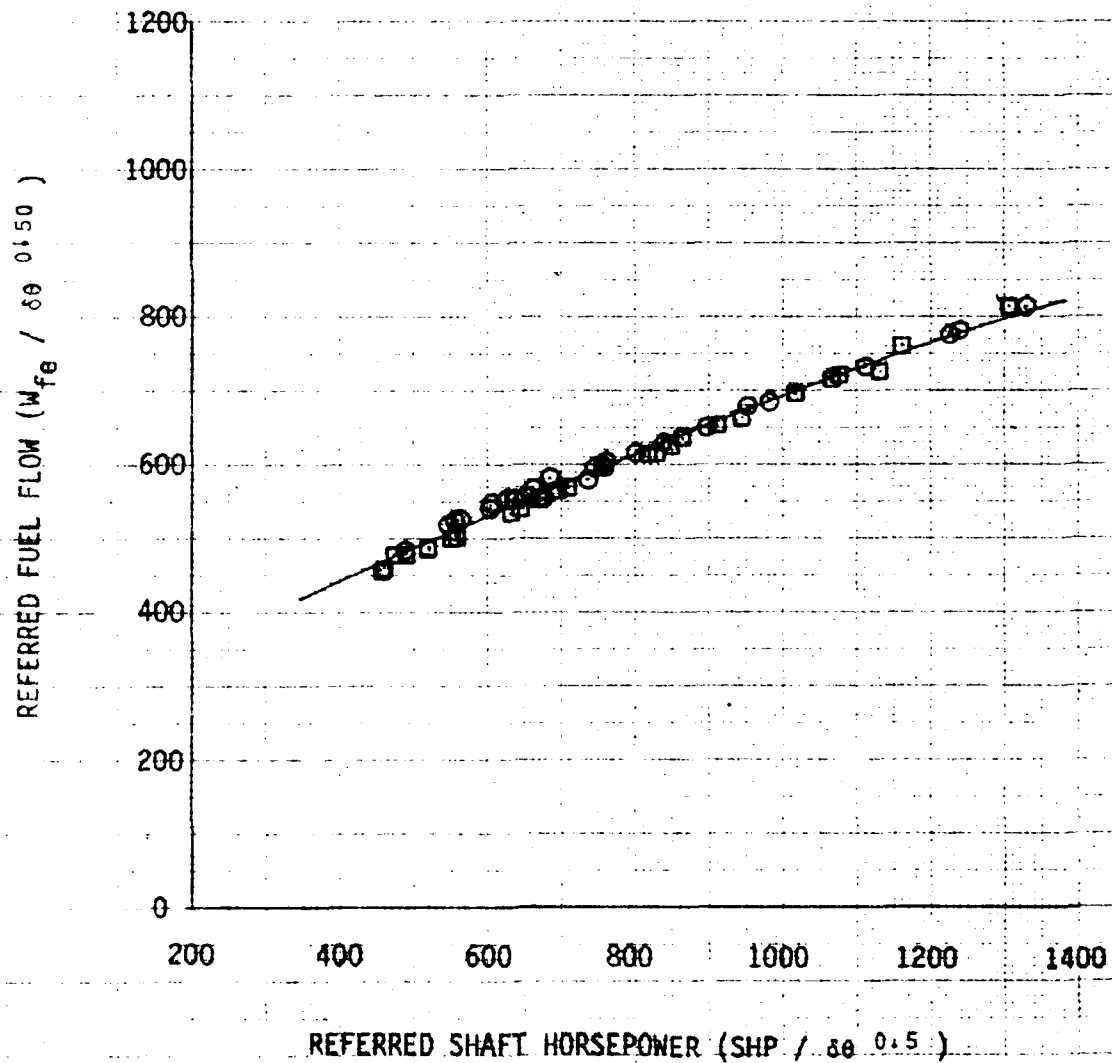


FIGURE 42  
REFERRED ENGINE CHARACTERISTICS

| SYM | AVG<br>DENSITY<br>ALTITUDE<br>(FT) | AVG<br>OAT<br>(°C) | TEST<br>LOCATION |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| ○   | 4180                               | 25.0               | EL CENTRO, CA    |
| □   | 6280                               | 23.0               | EDWARDS, CA      |

NOTE: 1. CURVE DERIVED FROM ENGINE CALIBRATION, 30 JUN 81



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