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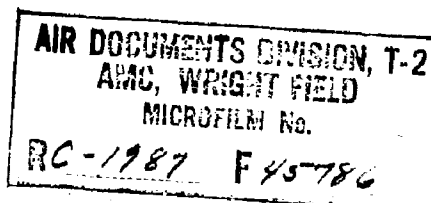
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### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to study the feasibility of conducting tests at this facility on a portion of the fuselage of the B-36B and C Airplane to prove the structural integrity of the aircraft for large bombs and the VDT engine installation.

A survey of the structural differences between the fuselages of the B-36A Airplanes and the B-36B or C Airplanes reveals that they are identical except for the bomb bay region (Sta. 4.0 to Sta. 10). It therefore follows that the fuselage forward of Sta. 4.0 and aft of Sta. 10 will have been tested adequately in the B-36A test program since the loadings in these regions are essentially the same for all three airplanes.

The greatest departure in the bomb bay region consists of the lower longeron which for the B-36B and C Airplanes is elastically supported at Stas. 6 and 8 when the swinging door track is open in flight prior to dropping bombs. The only satisfactory means of testing this longeron as a beam column with elastic supports is to test an entire section of fuselage. However, it is believed that this need only be done on the forward or aft portion of the bomb bay region. The feasibility of this idea is determined in Part I of this report and the results are shown on Pages 11 & 12. The general plan of testing and test set up are shown and discussed in Part II. Parts I and II will be worked out for the B-36B Airplane and the general effects of the B-36C loads as they effect the test are discussed on Page 13.

PART I

DETERMINATION OF MOST REPRESENTATIVE PORTION  
OF BOMB BAY FOR TEST

Assuming that it is highly desirable to test only one-half of the bomb bay region, (either forward or aft of wing) the following investigation is made to determine which half would be most representative and thereby prove the structural integrity of the entire region. To make this investigation three items are to be considered. They are the truss tubes, the side shear panels, and the lower longerons themselves.

Truss Tubes

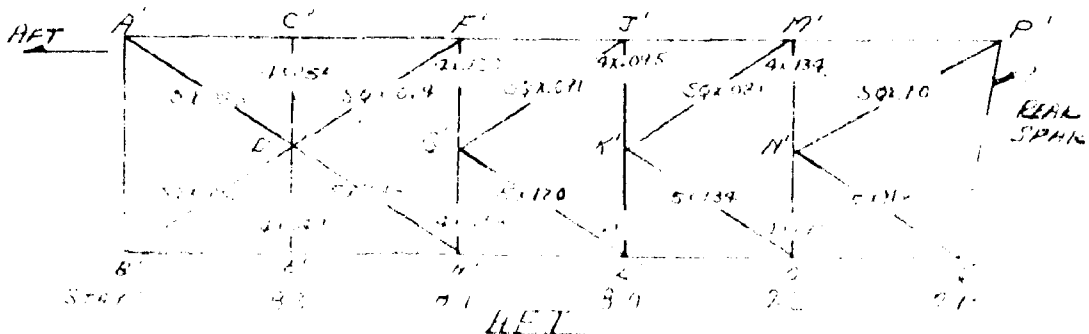
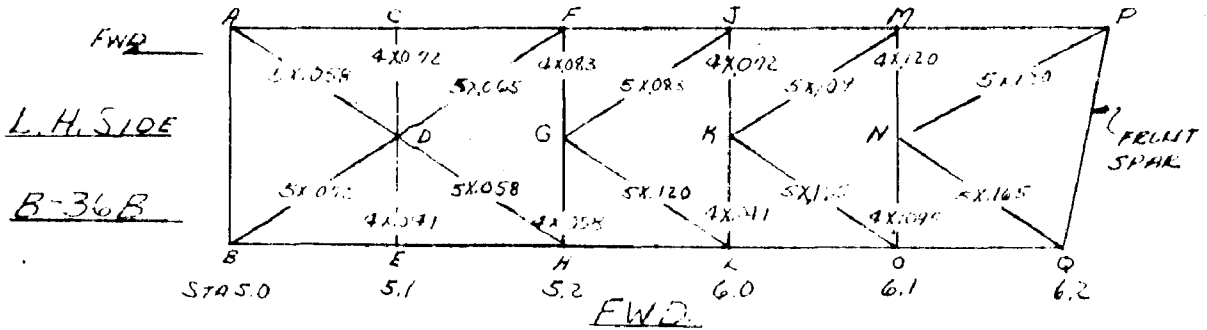
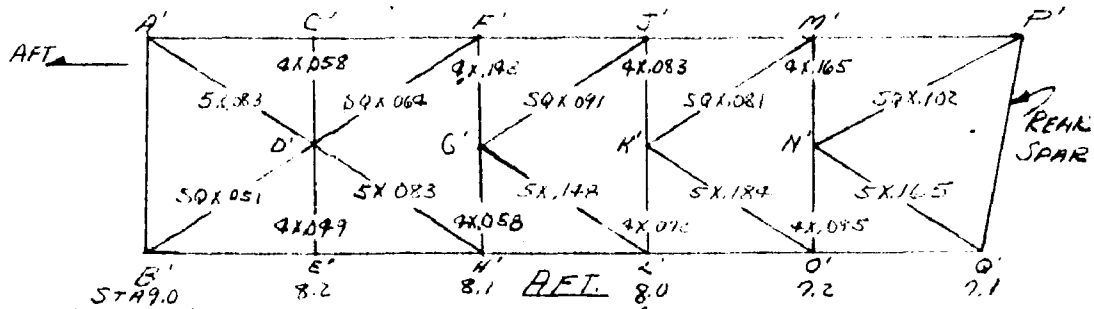
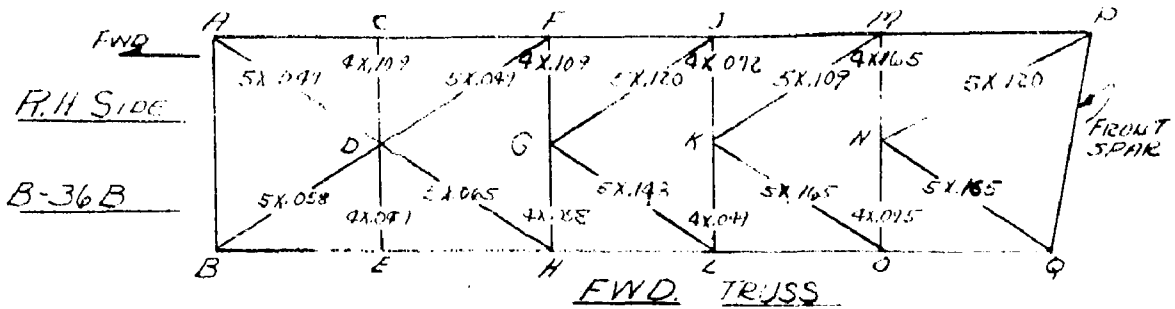
The truss tube sizes (based on 24ST81) are shown for left and right hand sides, forward and aft in Fig. 1. Column (1) of Table 1 lists all of the different sizes of tubes shown in this figure and Columns 3 and 4 identifies all of the members either forward or aft where each size is used. The next two columns (5 & 6) list the most critical Grand Slam loading for each size both forward and aft. An inspection of this data makes it possible to list in Column 7 in which portion (forward or aft) the most critical loading occurs. This makes it possible to see immediately if one or the other portion is tested what tube sizes will not be covered. However, the results of this table are influenced by which tubes will have been substantiated in the B-26A test program. Therefore, Table 2 is shown to introduce this factor and is believed to be self explanatory. Column 5 of this table summarizes which tubes of the untested end will remain without substantiation depending upon which end is tested. It may be seen that a test of either portion alone leaves some tubes without static test coverage. However, further comments on these untested tubes are shown in Table 3. From these comments, and all of the data presented so far, it definitely appears that the most satisfactory test will be obtained on the truss tubes if the forward portion is tested.

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FIG. 1 B-36B TRUSS TUBE SHEET  
20 SHEET - R. H. SIDE - MES - 1557 SQUARE TUBES



PROPS	TYPE	NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS	STATUS
5X-084	END			AD = 11830 (G.M.A.); LT = 18500 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-084	END	HE, ER	BU	12 = 14120 (G.M.A.); 13 = 15000 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-085	END	DF	FR	14 = 13700 (G.M.A.); 15 = 14500 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-072	END	EO		16 = 14200 (G.M.A.); 17 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-083	END	GO, AU, SO, AU	AD, DW	18 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-104	END	KN	KN	19 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-100	PROG	GL, W, PE	GL, W, PE	20 = 14100 (G.M.A.); 21 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-124	HIT	L, O'	R, O'	22 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-128	END	M, O'	GL, O'	23 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-105	END	K, O, R, G	COM, N, G, R	24 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-087	END	GL, O'	GL, O'	25 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-088	END	GL, O'	GL, O'	26 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-070	END	CO		27 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-085	END	H, G		28 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-085	END	GL, O'	GL, O'	29 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-100	END	GL, O'	GL, O'	30 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-084	HIT	M, O'	M, O'	31 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-085	HIT			32 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END
5X-085	HIT			33 = 14100 (G.M.A.)	END	END

TABLE I

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(1) FORWARD LANDING IS TESTED FOR TWO CONDITIONS (A) 100% WING DOWN, 100% HIGH SPEED, 3000', AND (2) 3/4 WHEEL LANDING - INCLUDED REACTIONS.

TAXI	TRUCKS ON	APPROXIMATE	APPROXIMATE	TRUCKS ON						
DRIVE	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT						
DRIVE	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT						
APPROXIMATE	(185)	(185)	(185)	(185)						
(1) FORWARD LANDING IS TESTED FOR TWO CONDITIONS (A) 100% WING DOWN, 100% HIGH SPEED, 3000', AND (2) 3/4 WHEEL LANDING - INCLUDED REACTIONS.										
5X.083	HFT	-32,100	-32,100							
5X.134	AFT	-75,810	(WING DOWN)	X						
5X.148	AFT	-16,660	-17,300							
5X.165	HFT	-76,600	-77,600							
4X.049	HFT	-1014	-15,300							
4X.015	HFT	+50,100	-46,000	X						
4X.134	AFT	-98,150	6,400							
4X.148	HFT	-19,450	-64,100							
4X.165	HFT	-89,750	-63,600							
SQUABLES										
.051	HFT	+34,300	+43,500							
.064		+27,600	+36,100							
.051		+74,500	(WING DOWN)	X						
.051		+20,000	+68,900							
.102	HFT	+79,380	+73,100							
(2) 3/4 WHEEL LANDING IS TESTED FOR TWO CONDITIONS (A) 100% WING DOWN, 100% HIGH SPEED, 3000', AND (2) 3/4 WHEEL LANDING - INCLUDED REACTIONS.										
5X.041	W/D	11,000	11,000							
5X.134	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.148	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.165	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.041	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.165	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.041	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.165	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.041	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						
5X.165	W/D	11,000	11,000	X						

TABLE 2

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TABLE 5. REMARKS PERTAINING TO RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF TUBES FOR PROPOSED STRESS TEST OF THE B-36B AIRPLANE

(1) ASSUMING FORWARD FUSELAGE IS TESTED FOR TWO CONDITIONS:  
 (a) 5-WHEEL LANDING, AND (b) LHA @ 5000'

TUBES NOT COVERED BY B-36B OR B-36A TESTS	DESIGN LOADS LBS.	REMARKS
ROUND 5X 134	-75,310	TUBES USED IN AFT FUSELAGE ONLY, NONE ON B-36A
ROUND 4X 1015	+50,100	LOAD IN AFT TUBES +50,100 WHILE LOAD IN FWD. TUBES IS +45,350 WITH M.S. = 23%. ON B-36A MEMBER IS PLUMBING A COMPRESSION TUBE WITH -41,600 & +19,600
SQUARE 1081	+74,300	TUBE USED IN AFT FUSELAGE ONLY. NONE OF THIS GAGE ON B-36A.

(2) ASSUMING AFT FUSELAGE IS TESTED FOR TWO CONDITIONS:  
 (a) 2-WHEEL LANDING, AND (b) LHA @ 5000'

TUBES NOT COVERED BY B-36B OR B-36A TESTS	DESIGN LOADS LBS.	REMARKS
ROUND 5X 138	+41,450	NONE AFT ON B-36B. B-36A LOADS FOR DESIGN ARE: +28,300 & -31,500
ROUND 5X 1065	-33,710	NONE AFT ON B-36B. B-36A LOADS ARE -32,700 & +48,000
ROUND 5X 1072	-42,100	NONE AFT ON B-36B AND NOT USED AT ALL ON B-36A.
ROUND 5X 109	+73,200	NONE AFT ON B-36B AND NOT USED AT ALL ON B-36A
ROUND 4X 107	-37,710	LOAD IN AFT TUBES +70,200, WHILE LOAD IN FWD. TUBES IS +75,400 WITH M.S. = 23% & +36,400
ROUND 4X 107	+42,800	NONE AFT ON B-36B. ON B-36A PLUMBING A COMP. MEMBER WITH LOADS = -10,000 & +12,500
ROUND 4X 107	-37,710	LOAD IN AFT TUBES +70,200, WHILE LOAD IN FWD. TUBES IS +75,400 WITH M.S. = 23% & +36,400

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### Side Shear Panels

The side shear panel gages and maximum shears for each panel both forward and aft are shown in Table 4. It should be noted that the LAA condition should be run with the arch open and also with the arch closed, since this affects the side shear panel shear distribution. The B-36A shear flows are also shown on this table, since they will have been substantiated by the B-36A static test program.

Investigation of the data shows that if the forward portion is tested to LAA and FLLR, the maximum shear flow for the .051 sheet of the aft portion will not be attained. However, if the aft portion is tested, the maximum shear flow for the .040 sheet of the forward portion will not be attained. In addition to this, if the aft portion is tested, no test will be made of the forward vertical shear panel in the turret bay. On this basis it appears desirable to test the forward portion and to introduce local shears in the region of the .051 sheet which will substantiate the shear flow which exists in the aft .051 skin. Such a local shear could not be introduced in the aft end turret bay panel to substantiate the forward turret bay, because the sheet gage of the forward turret bay panel is .016 whereas the aft turret bay panel is .020. All of the foregoing data indicates that a test of the forward portion would substantiate the aft portion provided a supplementary shear is introduced into the .051 sheet.

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TABLE 4(a)  
 SIDE SHEAR PANEL SHEARS - BOND LINE TEST  
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	BAY STA. STA.	THICK. OF SKIN MAY - 5/16"	MAX. SHEARS - B36B GROUND SLAM LANDING CONDITIONS		MAX. B36A SHEARS CORROBORATED BY B36A STATIC TEST PROC. 951 LBS./IN.
			ARCH OPEN	ARCH CLOSED	
			LBS./IN.	LBS./IN.	
FORWARD FUS.	4.0-4.1	.040	- *	301	341
	4.1-5.0	.040	-	301	342
	5.0-5.1	.040	-	376	402
	5.1-5.2	.040	-	376	372
	5.2-6.0	.040	-	376	375
	6.0-6.1	.051	484	532	507
	6.1-6.2	.040	465	513	342
AFT FUSELAGE	7.1-7.2	.051	- * <sub>2</sub>	609	540
	7.2-8.0	.051	-	609	566
	8.0-8.1	.051	330	- * <sub>3</sub>	330
	8.1-8.2	.040	352	-	313
	8.2-9.0	.040	326	-	449
	9.0-9.1	.040	266	-	319
	9.1-10.0	.040	260	-	319

- \*<sub>1</sub> FROM STA. 4.0 TO STA. 6.0 GROUND TURNING CONDITION YIELDS MAX. SHEARS FOR "GROUND SLAM" LANDING.
- \*<sub>2</sub> FROM STATION 7.1-8.0 MAX. SHEARS OCCUR IN 2 WHEEL LANDING - INCLINED REACTION CONDITIONS CONDITION - ARCH IS CLOSED.
- \*<sub>3</sub> FROM STA. 8.0 TO STA. 10.0, SHEARS ARE GREATEST IN L.A.H. CONDITION WITH ARCH CLOSED.

TABLE 4(b) VERTICAL SHEAR PANEL LOADS  
 TURRET (A72)

BAY	WEIGHT LOAD AL.	MAX. SHEARS - B36A GROUND SLAM LANDING CONDITIONS	MAX. SHEARS - B36A COVERED BY B36A TEST PROC. 951
1	100	352	352
2	100	357	357
3	100	375	375
4	100	350	350



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## Longerons

### A. Lower

A comparison of the B-36B forward and aft longeron compressive stresses, deflections and margins of safety are shown in Fig. 2 for the Grand Slam loading conditions. It will be noted that for the aft longeron the stresses for the 2 Wheel Landing With Inclined Reactions Condition are shown rather than the stresses for LAA condition, which is shown to be more critical in C.V.A.C. Report FZS-36-144B. New rational tail loads using overall airplane pitching moment coefficients are such that the lower longeron compressive stresses in the L.A.A. condition are approximately 50% as great as those shown in the above mentioned report. Therefore, the LAA condition was not considered in this comparison. Also shown on Fig. 2 are the maximum aft longeron compressive stresses for the B-36A Airplane, which will be substantiated in the B-36A static test program.

In view of the data presented it was determined that a static test of the forward lower longeron in compression will be the more representative test for the following reasons: (1) The maximum stresses on the aft longeron occur when the arch at Sta. 8.0 is closed (landing); (2) the B-36A static test program will substantiate the aft longeron with the arch closed; (3) margins of safety on the forward lower longeron for Grand Slam loadings are smaller in the regions where the stresses are most critical.

### B. Upper

For the Grand Slam loadings, the upper longerons do not receive the local bending loads to which they are subjected on the B-36A Airplane. A comparison of margins of safety between the B-36A and B-36B Airplanes show that with very few exceptions, the margins on the B-36B are greater than those for the B-36A. Since there is no difference in their construction, support or general design procedure, it is felt that the B-36B upper longeron design will have been substantiated by the B-36A test program. It is therefore proposed that no particular attempt be made in this test to test the upper longeron to its design loads, this will greatly facilitate testing inasmuch as it will allow analysis of the test data to be made.

FIG. 2 LOWER LONGERON COMPRESSION, DEFLECTIONS, AND REACTIONS OF SHEET

B-36B - LOWER LONGERON - COMPARISON OF FORWARD AND AFT  
 (REF: P. 104, FES-36-124B)

F.S. 110-42000 I.P.M.T.E.  
 LAB. VIB. SPEED 35000  
 REACTIONS - REAR (W-43000) - 80775

STA. 5.0	5.1	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.2	7.0
LATERAL DEFL. - IN. → 0	0.267	0.788	1.16	0.713	0.261	0
P/A STRESS 24900	27200	32700	27400	44100	48900	31600
f <sub>B</sub> BEND. STRESS → 0	1600	400	5700	1200	2300	4200
M.S. COMP. +1.77	+1.41	+1.00	+1.07	+0.47	+0.34	+1.00

STA. 3.0	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.2	7.1	7.0
LATERAL DEFL. - IN. → 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P/A STRESS 34100	33000	37700	34300	43200	46300	46800
f <sub>B</sub> BEND. STRESS → 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.S. COMP. +0.93	+0.68	+0.83	+0.99	+0.56	+0.45	+0.96

B-36A - AFT LOWER LONGERON COMPRESSIVE STRESSES TO BE SUBSTITUTED BY B36A STATIC TEST PROGRAM. (REF: P. 606, FES-36-144)

F.S. 110-42000 I.P.M.T.E.  
 LAB. VIB. SPEED 35000  
 REACTIONS - REAR (W-43000) - 80775

STA. 9.0	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.2	7.1	7.0
LATERAL DEFL. - IN. → 0	0.249	0.176	0	0.194	0.206	0
P/A STRESS 43600	48200	47300	44700	53000	54100	54700
f <sub>B</sub> BEND. STRESS 4600	4700	700	5500	1800	3100	7000
M.S. COMP. +1.37	+1.26	+1.42	+1.30	+1.24	+1.19	+1.13

STA. 9.0	8.2	8.1	8.0	7.2	7.1	7.0
LATERAL DEFL. - IN. → 0	0.290	0.202	0	0.087	0.025	0
P/A STRESS 40800	46300	46700	44300	53200	57200	57800
f <sub>B</sub> BEND. STRESS 4600	4500	900	5300	2700	2300	100
M.S. COMP. +1.08	+1.31	+1.45	+1.35	+1.21	+1.14	+1.15

Summary of Results

A survey of the foregoing data indicates that a satisfactory proof of the structural integrity will be obtained if the following tests and procedures are followed:

- (1) The forward bomb bay region (Sta. 4.0 to Sta. 7.0) should be subjected to the full design shears for:
  - (a) Reduced Gross Weight, High Speed, IA1, 5000 ft. Condition (2-42,000# bombs)
  - (b) Alternate Gross Weight 3/4 LIR Condition (2-42,000# bombs)
- (2) The lower longeron should be subjected to its full axial compression load simultaneously with the shears for the conditions mentioned in (1) above.
- (3) The upper longerons in the conditions of (1) above will receive an axial load which amounts to the delta moment between Sta. 4.0 and Sta. 6.1 in these conditions.
- (4) The forward bomb rack installation will be used to introduce the loads into the structure and will therefore be tested automatically for the conditions of (1) above.
- (5) The aft bomb racks will be set up and tested for design loads on a separate jig.
- (6) Supplementary shear tests will be run on the shear panel skins to substantiate any aft panel shears which are greater.
- (7) The three tubes of the aft portion which are not covered by the forward test (Ref. Table 3 ) will be handled as follows:
  - (a) Strain gages will be placed on forward bay tubes that have a corresponding location.
  - (b) Loads in these tubes will be obtained from the strain gage data and will be used to verify the stress analysis distribution and loading.
  - (c) If loads are substantiated, the members can be shown to be satisfactory by comparison to similar members or existing column data, etc.

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- (8) Data from the B-36A Static Test Program will be used wherever possible as substantiation of B-36B structure.

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DISCUSSION OF B-36C LOADS

No final stress analysis is yet available on the B-36C Airplane. However, the Contractor has investigated the critical conditions for this airplane and found that the only effect is to get slightly higher shears in two of the shear panels. It is felt that this increase in shear could be substantiated by making supplementary tests on the portion proposed for test.

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## PART II

### TEST SET-UP AND PROCEDURE

#### Forward Bomb Bay

The general test set up is as shown in Fig. 3. It is proposed to apply to a dummy bulkhead at Sta. 4.0, a shear load equal to that of all items forward of Sta. 4.0. The shears for all items from Sta. 4.0 to Sta. 6.2 will be applied as indicated in the Fig. 3. A compression load, equal to the calculated longeron load will be applied to the lower longeron at Sta. 4.0. The applied loads will be reacted by a steel fixture simulating the fuselage and wing box structure between fuselage station 6.2 and a point approximately ten inches aft of station 7. As shown by the figure, all shears will be reacted at station 6.2. Furthermore, the lower longerons at Sta. 6.2 will be adjusted laterally the amount indicated in the final stress analysis for the condition concerned to simulate the effect of wing deflection.

Every effort will be made to design the test fixtures so that a minimum amount of changing will be necessary to complete both test conditions.

#### Aft Bomb Racks

The aft bomb bay racks and beams for the 43,000# and 22,000# bombs will be tested on separate test fixtures simulating airplane attaching structure.

#### Supplementary Tests

Supplementary tests of the side shear panels will be made by simply introducing greater shears over the prescribed panel and then reacting this increase by other test equipment.

FIG. 1

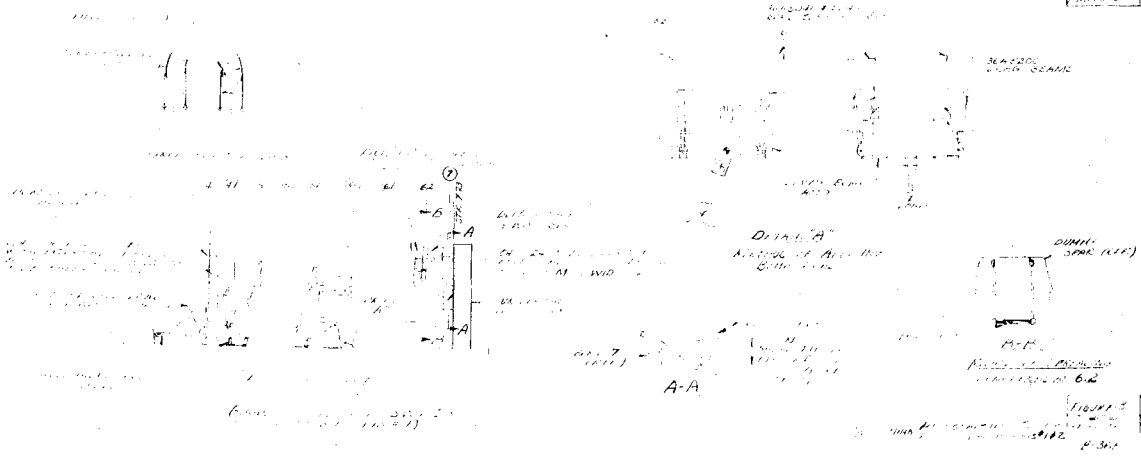


FIGURE 2



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A report is given on the feasibility of conducting static tests on a portion of the fuselage of the B-36B and C bomber to prove the structural integrity of the aircraft for large bombs and the VDT engine installation. The truss tubes, the side shear panels, and the lower longerons have been considered individually in order to determine the portion of the bomb bay region that would be most representative and thereby prove the structural integrity of the entire region. A general plan for the testing and test set up has been developed and is discussed. Data from the B-36A bomber static test program will be used wherever possible as substantiation of the B-36B and C structures.

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