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#### ABSTRACT

This report contains the results of the ducted propeller studies conducted under Contract No. Nonr 1675 (00). An extensive compressible momentum analysis has been made, for both the static and the in-flight cases, and curves covering the complete results are contained in Appendices A and B. A survey of the available turboprop power plants was completed, and is presented in table form. Shroud and hub design are discussed, including the use of variable inlet area in order to increase static thrust. A useful design procedure has been developed and is presented in detail. Three basic types of ducted propeller are discussed. These are configurations which use inlet guide vanes, variable-pitch configurations and contra-rotating configurations. All of the designs covered by this report belong to one of these three categories. Several propeller designs are included, and their operating characteristics are presented graphically. The forthcoming wind tunnel tests at the University of Wichita are covered in the last section of the report, and model specifications and photographs are included.

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#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Bell Aircraft Corporation has conducted a systematic analysis of the effects of various design parameters on ducted propeller performance. A preliminary design procedure has been established, and the detail design of several different ducted propeller configurations has been completed. Wind tunnel tests now underway at the University of Wichita will provide experimental data which will be compared to the theoretical results of this report.

A generalized compressible momentum study has been completed which shows the effects of duct geometry, horsepower input and altitude on ducted propeller performance. Preliminary analyses show that high subsonic speeds may be attained with this type of aircraft. Detailed analyses have shown that, for a given power input, there is an optimum static pressure ratio at which the best values of thrust/horsepower ratio may be obtained. The parameter HP/A<sub>in</sub> is critical in determining the static thrust obtainable, lower values of HP/A<sub>in</sub> resulting in higher values of static thrust/ horsepower. Under forward flight conditions, it has been shown that low disk power loadings are desirable. However, low power loadings result in a greater range of fan velocities over which the propeller must operate, thereby increasing, the off-design problems. A complete summary of the momentum studies carried out under this contract is presented in Appendices A and B. Judicious use of the momentum data presented in this report should enable the design of a practical ducted propeller system.

In the design of a ducted propeller system, it is essential that the duct design and engine selection be carried out simultaneously, since the

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internal geometry of the duct and the power available are critical factors in determining the amount of thrust available from the system. All of the ducted propeller configurations presented in this report have been designed in conjunction with a specific turboprop engine. A turboprop power plant is the most logical installation for ducted propeller applications, due to the low weight/power ratios available and the reduced frontal area. A survey of foreign and domestic power plants available has been made, and is presented in table form. For the particular engines used, the variation of the important characteristics with speed and altitude are presented.

Duct design is covered in Section B, Part II. In order to resolve the conflicting requirements of a large inlet area under static conditions and a low drag configuration for high speed flight, retractable inlet flaps have been utilized in all designs. It is expected that good results will be obtained from the resultant split-flap arrangement, and this assumption is supported by the experimental results of Krüger (Reference 6). The effects of shroud length and hub-tip ratio are also discussed in this section. Krüger (Reference 6) has shown the desirability of small shroud length/diameter ratios. A large hub-tip ratio has the advantages of less twist, less sensitivity of the system to off-design operation, and large volume to permit engine installation in the hub or the use of multi-bladed variable pitch mechanisms. Disadvartages are the weight and the adverse effects of drag. These factors must be compromised in the selection of hub size.

Due to the over-all size limitations imposed upon the designs, it was necessary that high power loadings be employed. These high power loadings resulted in solidities and pressure ratios which were much higher than

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those obtained on present day propellers. As a consequence, low speed cascade data, such as that used in the design of axial-flow fans and compressors, was used in the design of the ducted propeller configurations presented in this report. A modified NACA 65 - series compressor blade section has been used for rotor design. In some instances, solidities lower than those covered by the available NACA data have been used. In these cases, the available data has been extrapolated to cover the lower solidity range. These extrapolations have been checked by experimental tests, and found to be in fairly good agreement at the design point. At off-design points, however, agreement was poor. Nevertheless, it is felt that the data thus obtained is valid within the scope of this study, since the low-solidity data was used with variable pitch configuration. where the blade angle of attack variation over the speed range is get as great as for a fixed pitch configuration. Further cascade tests in the lowsolidity range are desirable. The C-factor of Reference 16 was used to check blade limit loading, and the data of that report has been replotted in carpet form. A linear variation in blade thickness has been assumed, the variation being from 10% at a relative inlet Mach number of .4 to 4% at a relative inlet Mach number of 1.0. In the configuration which employed exit stators, the exit stators have been designed to remove all of the residual whirl in the air stream under static conditions at 6000 feet on a 95° day.

The design of a ducted propeller system which will perform satisfactorily at a given point in the flight regime is relatively straightforward, but operation at other than the design point presents several problems.

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At other points in the flight regime the forward velocity, altitude, horsepower input, rotational velocity, or a combination of these parameters may be different than at the design point. Under these conditions, a fixed pitch configuration will operate inefficiently and, over a large range of operating conditions, may overspeed or suffer a drastic reduction in thrust. With a direct-drive constant-speed engine such as a turboprop, trying to alleviate these conditions by varying engine RPM is unsatisfactory. The most practical means of solving the off-design problem is to incorporate into the design some means of varying the effective angle of attack of the blades, such as the use of variable pitch or variable inlet guide vanes. Both types of configuration have been included in this report. A simplified expression which indicates power absorption at off-design conditions, called the power factor, has been developed. This factor indicates the inlet guide vane turning or pitch change necessary to absorb the full power input.

Three specific engines were used in the ducted propeller systems designed under this study. They are the Wright Aeronautical T-49, the Rolls-Royce RB-109 and the Allison 550-BL. The T-49 configurations were fixed pitch rotor configurations, employing variable inlet guide vanes and exit stators. This configuration was also used with the RB-109 engine and, in addition, a variable pitch configuration employing exit stators was also designed for this power plant. In addition to the inlet guide vane configuration, a contra-rotating propeller was designed for use with the Allison 550-BL.

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The most satisfactory T-49 configuration has a design flight speed of 200 knots at sea level standard conditions. The fan diameter is 11.6 feet and the inlet diameter under static conditions is 15.5 feet. This design has 17 fixed-pitch rotor blades, 19 exit stators, and 21 symmetrical variable-pitch inlet guide vanes. The fan rotates at 1235 RPM, the power available at the design point is 9383 HP, and the design will put out a static fan thrust of 17,370 pounds at 6000 feet on a 95° day. The inlet guide vane settings range from  $+18^{\circ}$  to  $-15^{\circ}$  at sea level. While this is not an optimum design, it is nevertheless an acceptable configuration which will operate satisfactorily over the required speed range.

The best RB-109 design was a variable pitch configuration having a design point of 200 knots at sea level. This configuration has 10 variablepitch rotor blades and 15 exit stators. The fan and inlet diameters are the same as for the T-49 design, but the hub is somewhat smaller, the hubtip ratio being .3 as compared to .4 for the T-49. The fan rotates at 1143 RPM and is designed for a static thrust of 11,317 pounds at 6000 feet on a 95° day. The required pitch change ranges from approximately 10° under static conditions to  $-16^{\circ}$  at a forward speed of 400 knots.

In addition to a fixed pitch, inlet guide vane configuration, a contrarotating fan was designed for use with the Allison 550-Bl. The contrarotating configuration has a hub tip ratio of .5, thereby permitting the installation of two 550-Bl's in the hub. The fan diameter of this design is 11.8 feet and the static inlet diameter is 15 feet. The contra-rotating propellers turn at 996 RPM and are designed for a total static thrust of 22,550 pounds at the high altitude and temperature conditions. Assuming

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that the maximum forward flight speed is 400 knots at sea level, the maximum pitch change required for the front rotor is 10.25° and for the rear rotor it is 11.75°. Several designs having high pre-whirl inlet vanes were also attempted, but proved to be unsatisfactory. Since a lack of time prevented any concerted effort to overcome the difficulties which were encountered in these high pre-whirl designs, it is felt that the potentialities of this concept have not been fully exploited.

As a result of the studies contained in this report, it appears that both inlet guide vanes and variable pitch are feasible means of obtaining satisfactory off-design operation. A variable pitch configuration is somewhat more desirable, since the range of the variation in blade effective angle of attack is smaller. Although the incorporation of variable pitch into a fan having 10 or 12 blades might necessitate an extensive development program, the large volume of the hub should be adequate to house a practical variable pitch mechanism. With the inlet guide vane designs, the high speed end of the flight regime has been limited due to the prohibitive vane angles required, but it is felt that a further study of the concept would result in modifications which would enable these configurations to attain forward speeds competitive to the variable pitch designs.

On April 23, 1956, wind tunnel tests were begun at the University of Wichita to check the theoretical methods of this report. Two models will be tested. They are 1/10 scale models of the 200 knot T-49 configuration and the RB-109 variable pitch configuration. A slight modification has been made to the T-49 design, in that the number of inlet stators has been

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changed from 21 to 18. Model specifications are included as part of this report. Both force tests and pressure tests will be conducted, at angles of yaw from C° to 90°. The inlet sections of the models are interchangeable, so that both high speed and static configurations may be tested. The results of these tests will be published by the University of Wichita in a future report.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Bell Aircraft Corporation, under Contract No. Nonr-1675(00), has conducted a study for the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, to investigate and evaluate the application of a ducted propeller propulsion system to the design of an assault transport aircraft. The aerodynamic portion of this program was conducted in four phases:

- 1. A general review of the state of the art. This phase included a survey of the available titerature on ducted propeller theory, design and experimental results, and visits to various private and government agencies to discuss particular design aspects.
- 2. A systematic analysis of the effects of various parameters on ducted propeller performance, and the establishment of a satisfactory design procedure. The detail design of several different ducted propeller configurations was included in this portion of the program.
- 3. An examination of the effect of various aerodynamic parameters on the performance of ducted propeller aircraft, and detailed performance analyses of several assault transport configurations.
- 4. A preliminary stability and control analysis of the final configuration chosen, including hovering, transitional and forward flight.

This report covers phase 2 above, and is one of four aerodynamic reports to be submitted under this contract.

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The studies included in this report are presented in two parts. Part I covers the extensive momentum analyses which were conducted to determine the effects of various design parameters on the performance of a ducted propeller. The general design procedures used are contained in Part II, which also covers the detailed design of all ducted propeller configurations investigated under this contract. Throughout this report, the terms "propeller" and "fan" are used interchangeably.

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#### PART I

#### MOMENTUM ANALYSIS

In order to conduct a detailed investigation of the influence of various parameters on ducted propeller design, it is necessary to utilize a general type of approach to the problem so that the results may be applied to any configuration which is to be designed or studied in detail. A momentum approach is ideally suited to this type of situation. Through the use of a generalized momentum analysis, it is possible to calculate the forces and velocities produced by the flow through a duct without regard to the mechanism which is producing the flow. In the case of a ducted propeller study, it therefore becomes possible to determine the thrust which will be generated by a particular system, as well as the velocity of the flow through the duct, without first establishing a detail design of the propeller itself.

The general momentum studies conducted at Bell Aircraft Corporation during the course of this study are outlined in the following sections. Preliminary studies were conducted without regard for pressure losses, since only general trends which would indicate the effects of various parameters were desired. More refined momentum analyses for both the static and forward flight cases are presented in Sections B and C, respectively. Originally, these calculations were performed as required on desk calculators. Subsequently, however, as the need for information grew, and in order to make the study completely general, solutions were obtained by the use of IBM equipment, covering a complete range of ariables.

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#### A. Preliminary Momentum Studies

The momentum studies conducted during this part of the program were based on the one-dimensional compressible channel flow equations and the general approach of Reference 1 was followed. The following assumptions are made throughout:

1. The total temperature is constant through the duct except

for energy addition at the propeller.

- 2. The mass flow is constant.
- 3. The total pressure at the inlet is equal to free stream total pressure.
- 4. The static pressure at the exit is equal to free stream static pressure.

From the momentum theorem, it may be found that the thrust from a ducted propeller system is given by

$$F_e = W/g (V_e - V_o)$$
 (1-1)

where

 $F_{\rho} = thrust$ 

W/g = mass flow

 $(V_Q - V_O)$  = change in velocity through the duct The classical derivation of this equation may be found in various texts,

such as Küchemann and Weber (Reference 2). The exit velocity may be obtained from the relationship

$$\frac{V}{\sqrt{T_{\pm}}} = \frac{\sqrt{r_{g}R} M}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{r_{\pm}}{2}} M^2}$$

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(1-2)

It is also known that

$$\frac{P_{+}}{P} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^{2}\right)^{\frac{N}{\gamma - 1}}$$
(1-3)

and

$$T_{t_{2}} - T_{t_{1}} = \frac{T_{t_{1}}}{\eta} \left[ \left( R_{F} \right)^{\frac{N-1}{N}} - 1 \right]$$
(1-4)

where  $R_F$  is the total pressure ratio across the propeller or fan,  $\gamma$  is the adiabatic efficiency, and the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to stations immediately in front of and behind the propeller.

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Using Equations (1-2), (1-3) and (1-4), and recalling that

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{F}-1} = \frac{C_{p}}{R} , \text{ Equation (1-1) may now be written as}$$

$$F_{e} = W \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{2C_{p}JT_{1}}{g} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{P_{0}}{P_{1}}\right)^{\frac{\mathcal{F}-1}{\mathcal{F}}} \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\eta} \left\{ \left(\frac{P_{1}}{P_{0}}\right)^{\frac{\mathcal{F}-1}{\mathcal{F}}} - 1 \right\} \right] - \frac{V_{0}}{g} \right\} (1-5)$$

The horsepower absorbed by the propeller is

$$P = \frac{WC_{pJ}}{550} \frac{T_{t_1}}{\eta} \left[ \left( \frac{P_{t_2}}{P_{t_1}} \right)^{\frac{N-1}{N}} - 1 \right]$$
(1-6)

Under static conditions and considering no inlet losses,  $P_0 = P_{t_1}$ . Setting  $V_0 = 0$  and dividing (1-5) by (1-6), the static thrust/horsepower ratio becomes

$$\frac{2}{HP} = \frac{1100}{\sqrt{2}gJC_{p}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{T_{t_{1}}}\right) \left[1 - \left(\frac{P_{t_{1}}}{P_{t_{2}}}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{p}}\right] \left[\frac{1}{\left(\frac{P_{t_{2}}}{P_{t_{1}}}\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{p}}} + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right]$$
(1-7)

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It can be seen from the above expression that the static propeller performance improves with decreasing ambient temperature and is nearly proportional to the efficiency, as would 'e expected. Equation (1-7) is plotted in Figure 1, for  $\eta = .9$  and  $T_{t_1} = 519^{\circ}R$ . Since no inlet losses are included, this curve represents an ideal condition and is presented here merely to indicate the general operating characteristics. As is well known, more thrust per unit of power input is obtained by handling a large quantity of air at low energy levels, and this trend is substantiated by Figure 1 which shows that a higher thrust-horsepower ratio may be obtained by the use of low-pressure ratio configurations.

At forward speeds the pressure and temperature entering the propeller are increased tv ram, so that neglecting inlet losses

$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{I}}} = \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{O}}} = \left(\frac{\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{O}}}}{\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{O}}}\right) \mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{O}}$$

and

$$T_{t_1} = T_{t_0} = \left(\frac{T_{t_0}}{T_0}\right) T_0$$

where  $\frac{P_{t_0}}{P_0}$  is given by Equation (1-3) and  $\frac{T_{t_0}}{T_0}$  is obtained from the relationship

$$\frac{T_{\rm T}}{T} = 1 + \frac{x - 1}{2} M^2$$
 (1-8)

Equations (1-5) and (1-6) are valid at forward speeds. Due to the cumbersome nature of the algebra, it is usually more convenient to solve (1-5) and (1-6) separately and find the quotient. Figure 2 was obtained in this manner. From Report No. D181-945-006

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this plot it may be seen that the net thrust per horsepower at constant pressure ratio decreases with increasing forward speed. The drop-off is more severe for a low pressure ratio fan, since more air is handled per unit of power.

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As the forward speed increases, the density of the air passing through the fan is increased due to ram. Thus, in order to develop the same pressure ratio more power must be provided to handle the increased airflow. With the assumption that the horsepower available from a turboprop engine increases in approximately the same relationship, the variation at constant pressure ratio of propeller or fan thrust as a percentage of static thrust is approximately

$$\frac{F_{e}}{F_{estatic}} = \frac{F_{e}/P}{(F_{e}/P)_{static}} \times \frac{\rho_{t}}{\rho_{0}}$$
(1-9)

Since inlet losses are being disregarded for the present,

$$\rho_{t_1} = \rho_{t_0} = \left(\frac{\beta_{t_0}}{\rho_0}\right) \rho_0$$

From consideration of isentropic channel flow

$$\frac{\rho_{0} t_{0}}{\rho_{0}} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma_{-1}}{2} M_{0}^{2}\right)^{\frac{\gamma_{-1}}{\gamma_{-1}}}$$
(1-10)

and Equation (1-9) becomes

$$\frac{F_e}{F_{estatic}} = \frac{F_e/HP}{(F_e/HP)_{static}} \times \left(1 + \frac{\delta - 1}{2} M_0^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2} - 1}$$
(1-11)

This expression is plotted in Figure 3, for various values of fan pressure

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A turboprop engine also produces a small amount of residual thrust which decreases almost linearly with speed. Figure 4 shows the variation of thrust divided by static thrust for a typical fan plus turboprop engine combination.

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Figures 3 and 4 are generalized curves which are intended only to show general trends. Both curves apply only at constant altitude and disregard inlet losses. Some important implications may be drawn from an inspection of these graphs. For a vertical take-off airplane propelled by ducted fans, the available thrust at take-off altitude is at least 15% of the take-off thrust, even for pressure ratios as low as 1.025. Considering a static thrust-weight ratio of 1.0, which is the minimum allowable, this means that the airplane is inherently capable of maximum speeds (at takeoff altitude) such that the drag is about 15% of the airplane weight, which is a nominal value for this type aircraft. The realization of this subsonic speed cap: flity requires a fan capable of absorbing maximum power with good efficiency at high forward speeds. This will necessarily require some satisfactory means of varying the effective pitch of the propeller blades, such as the use of a variable pitch mechanism, inlet guide vanes, variable duct geometry, or a combination of these methods.

Up to this point a simplified analysis has been presented, without regard for the effects of inlet losses or duct geometry. A more refined method is presented in the following sections, along with the results of a generalized study which was accomplished through the use of IBM equipment.

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#### B. Static Momentum Analysis

In order to determine the optimum design for a ducted propeller, it is necessary to consider such items as power absorption, inlet losses and duct geometry in the generalized momentum studies. Consequently, these parameters have been included in the following analysis. The general assumptions which were made in Part A are still applicable.

#### 1. Method of Analysis

In considering the flow through a propeller-duct combination, the horsepower input must be known in order to determine the parameters necessary for detail design of the propeller itself. Then the power absorbed by the propeller or fan may be written

$$HP = \frac{WC_{p}J}{550} \Delta T_{1}$$

or, using (1-4)

$$\frac{HP}{W} = \frac{C_p J}{550} \left(\frac{T_{\uparrow_1}}{\eta}\right) \left[ \left(R_F\right)^{\frac{N-1}{\sigma}} - I \right]$$
(1-12)

where  $\eta$  is the adiabatic fan efficiency and  $R_F = \frac{P_{t_2}}{P_{t_1}}$  (see Figure 5). The weight flow may then be obtained by dividing the horsepower available by Equation (1-12).

Also,

$$W = \rho g A V = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma g}{RT}} PAM$$

and, using (1-3) and (1-8)

$$\frac{W\sqrt{T_{\uparrow}}}{\Lambda P_{\uparrow}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\delta g}{R}} M}{\left(1 + \frac{\delta - 1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{\delta}{2}(\delta - 1)}}$$

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(1-13)



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From the isentropic channel flow equations,

$$\frac{m}{m^{\bullet}} = \frac{M}{\left[\frac{2}{\sigma+1}\left(1 + \frac{\sigma-1}{2}M^{2}\right)\right]\frac{\sigma+1}{\sigma-1}}$$

Using (1-13), with  $\gamma = 1.4$ , R = 53.3 and g = 32.2, the mass flow ratio is

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$$\frac{m}{m^*} = 1.879 \left( \frac{W\sqrt{T_{t_0}}}{A_0 P_{t_0}} \right)$$
(1-14)

where m\* is the critical mass flow for the duct. The static inlet pressure recovery,  $\frac{P_{t_1}}{P_{t_0}}$  may then be determined from Figure 6. The values obtained

from Figure 6 are probably somewhat conservative, since they are based on experimental data obtained from tests on ducts which employed a slight amount of diffusion just behind the inlet (Reference 3).

Assuming that the static pressure at the exit is ambient, the exit pressure ratio may be determined from

$$\frac{P_{t_e}}{P_e} = \frac{P_{t_o}}{P_o} \left( R_F \right) \left( \frac{P_{t_i}}{P_{t_o}} \right) \left( \frac{P_{t_e}}{P_{t_o}} \right)$$
(1-15)

For the static case  $\frac{P_{t_0}}{P_0} = 1$ , and if no expansion or contraction losses behind the fan are considered (i.e.,  $A_{f} = A_{e}$ )

$$\frac{P_{\dagger e}}{P_{e}} = R_{F} \left( \frac{P_{\dagger 1}}{P_{\dagger 0}} \right) = R_{F} \left( \frac{P_{\dagger 1}}{P_{0}} \right)$$
(1-16)

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Using (1-16), the axial Mach number at the duct exit,  $M_{e}$ , can now be determined from the relationship given in (1-3).

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The net thrust of the system may be expressed as

$$F_{e}^{*} = \rho A \vee (V_{e} - V_{0})$$

$$(1-17)$$

Since under static conditions  $V_0 = 0$ , this may be written as

$$F_e = \rho_e A_e V_e^2 = \partial P_e A_e M_e^2$$

or, using (1-8)

$$\frac{F_e}{\sqrt{T_t}e} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma R}{g}} M_e}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\sigma - 1}{2} M_e^2}}$$
(1-18)

Also, under static conditions,  $T_{t_0} = T_0 = T_e$ . Therefore, from (1-3) and (1-8)



and

$$\sqrt{T_{t_e}} = \sqrt{T_{t_o}} \sqrt{\frac{T_{t_e}}{T_{t_o}}} = \sqrt{T_{t_o}} \left(\frac{P_{t_e}}{P_{e}}\right)^{\frac{N-1}{N}}$$
(1-19)

The assumption that  $T_{t_0} = T_0 = T_e$  is not strictly valid. The correct

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so that the assumption  $T_e = T_{t_0}$  is valid only for a fan efficiency of 100%. The use of Equation (1-19), however, results in only a very small error, and this Equation was used for simplicity. The static thrust may then be obtained from

$$F_e = W \sqrt{T_{t_e}} \left( \frac{F_e}{W \sqrt{T_{t_e}}} \right)$$
(1-20)

Using Equation (1-13) and the relationship  $P_{t_e} = P_o \left(\frac{r_e}{r_e}\right)$ , the area at the exit is

$$A_{e} = \frac{W\sqrt{T_{t_{e}}}}{P_{t_{e}}} / \left(\frac{W\sqrt{T_{t}}}{A P_{t}}\right)$$
(1-21)

Now

$$\begin{pmatrix} w\sqrt{T_{t}} \\ \overline{AP_{t}} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w\sqrt{T_{t}} \\ \overline{AP_{t}} \\ e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{t_{2}} \\ \overline{P_{t_{1}}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_{t_{2}} \\ \overline{T_{t_{1}}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{t_{2}} \\ \overline{P_{t_{2}}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_{t_{2}} \\ \overline{P_{t_{2}}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} T_{t_{2}} \\ \overline{T_{t_{e}}} \end{pmatrix}^{2} \begin{pmatrix} A_{1} \\ A_{e} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} w & T_{t} \\ \overline{AP_{t}} \\ e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{1} \\ \overline{Ae} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_{t_{e}} \\ \overline{P_{t_{2}}} \end{pmatrix}^{2} R_{F}^{\frac{N+1}{2N}}$$

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(1-22)

If no diffusion losses are considered, the fan area equals the exit area, and (1-22) becomes

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Then the Mach number at the fan  $(M_{\rm f}$  \*  $M_{\rm l})$  may be calculated from (1-13),

and  $\left(\frac{V}{\sqrt{T_t}}\right)$  can be obtained from (1-2).

The velocity at the fan is then

 $V_{f} = V_{1} = \left(\frac{V}{\sqrt{T_{t}}}\right) \sqrt{T_{t_{0}}} \left(\frac{P_{t_{1}}}{P_{t_{0}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}}$ 

Since the Mach number and total temperature at the exit have previously been determined, the exit velocity,  $V_{\rm e}$ , may also be obtained from the relationship given in (1-2).

The procedure outlined above may be used to determine the flow conditions in a duct of any given geometry, provided the power input, adiabatic fan efficiency and pressure recovery factors are known. In the momentum studies undertaken as a part of this contract, the pressure recovery factors used were supported by experimental data and a wide range of power input and efficie cies were assumed.

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(1-23)

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In Reference 4, Platt has shown that the thrust of a ducted propeller may be theoretically expressed by

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 $\frac{F_{e \text{ ducted}}}{F_{e \text{ unducted}}} = 1.26 \left(\frac{A_{e}}{A_{2}}\right)^{1/3}$ 

for equal operating conditions. This equation would indicate that the thrust available from a ducted propeller system is 26% greater than for an unducted propeller and car be substantially increased by increasing the size of the exit area, assuming 100% diffuser efficiency. It might also be pointed out that increasing the ratio of shroud exit area to area at the propeller plane decreases the exit velocity while increasing the mass flow. This increases the theoretical propeller efficiency bit, at the same time, increases the velocity of the flow through the propeller, resulting in higher tip Mach numbers. Flatt tested three ducted propellers to check the effects of diffusion behind the propeller. The ducts which were tested had length-diameter ratios ranging from 1.1 to 1.3. In the range tested, it was found that variations in the ratio of exit area to propellers.

For the Assault Transport application, the use of a short duct is necessary in order to allow rotation to the vertical position while on

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the ground. Various methods of short-length diffusion were discussed in some of the conferences held during the study (Reference 5), and, as yet, it has not been shown that any practical means is available. Kruger (Reference 6) has shown that diffuser losses will offset any gain obtainable unless a diffuser efficiency of about .95 can be attained. This is not considered a practical minimum for short-length diffusers. Consequently, in the studies conducted under this contract, the exit area of the duct has been considered to be equal to the disk area of the propeller.

The effect of fan pressure ratio on the thrust/horsepower ratio for several different values of inlet diameter is shown in Figure 7. The horsepower available from a T-49 turboprop engine at 6000 feet and a temperature of 95°F has been used in this example. Gearing losses and inlet losses to the engine have been included. A tendency toward establishing an optimum pressure ratio is evident, especially for the smaller inlet conditions. It can be seen from this curve that, for a given horsepower input, as the inlet area is decreased the maximum static  $\frac{Fe}{HP}$  is decreased and the optimum pressure ratio is increased.

The variation of fan or exit area required with pressure ratio is shown in Figure 8. As would be expected, this curve shows that the fan area required increases rapidly with decreasing pressure ratio. Figure 9 shows the variation of fan and exit velocity with pressure ratio. Both fan and exit velocity increase with increasing pressure ratio, which is the logical trend. It may also be noted from this curve that the exit velocity is less than the fan velocity at all values of  $R_{\rm F}$ . This would be true of any subsonic compressible analysis in which the exit area was considered to be

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equal to the fan area. Figure 10 shows the variation of thrust resulting from this analysis.

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Figures 7 through 10 show the results of a typical static momentum analysis for a given set of input conditions. Desk calculators were used in the solution of the momentum equations. In order to obtain an optimum combination of shroud, propeller and engine, it is necessary to conduct a completely generalized study over a wide range of variables, so that the effects of the various parameters become known under all conditions. Such an analysis is presented in the following section for the static case.

#### 2. Generalized IBM Analysis

The procedure outlined in Section B-1 may be adapted for solution on IBM equipment. As mentioned previously, the exit area has been considered equal to the fan area in this analysis.

For a given combination of altitude and atmospheric conditions, and for given values of  $R_F$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $\frac{HP}{W}$  may be determined from Equation (1-12). Then for a predetermined value of  $\frac{HP}{A}$ ,

$$\frac{W}{A_{\text{in}}} = \frac{HP}{A_{\text{in}}} / \frac{HP}{W}$$
(1-25)

where  $A_{in}$  is the inlet area and is equal to  $A_o$ . Then the mass flow ratio,  $\frac{m}{m^*}$ , may be determined from Equation (1-14). In order to calculate the static  $\frac{m^*}{m^*}$  inlet pressure recovery on IBM equipment, it is necessary to put the curve of Figure 6 into algebraic form. In this case a fourth degree polynomial approximation was used. The polynomial coefficients were calculated to

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six decimal places, the final equation being

$$\frac{P_{t_1}}{P_{t_0}} = 1.000000 - .041714 \left(\frac{m}{m^*}\right) + .126200 \left(\frac{m}{m^*}\right)^2 - .340242 \left(\frac{m}{m^*}\right)^3 + 133175 \left(\frac{m}{m^*}\right)^4$$
(1-26)

Then the exit pressure ratio,  $\frac{P_{t_e}}{P_e}$  may be obtained from (1-16).

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Rearranging equation (1-3), the Mach number at the exit is

$$M_{e} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{P_{t_{e}}}{P_{e}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]}$$
(1-27)

From Equation (1-13)

$$\left(\frac{W\sqrt{T_{t}}}{AP_{t}}\right)_{e} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{r}{R}} M_{e}}{\left(1 + \frac{\delta - 1}{2} M_{e}^{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{2}(r-1)}}$$
(1-28)

Also,

$$\frac{W\sqrt{T_{t_e}}}{A_{in}P_{t_e}} = \frac{W}{A_{in}} \frac{\sqrt{T_{t_e}}}{P_0\left(\frac{P_{t_e}}{P_e}\right)}$$
(1-29)

where  $\sqrt{T_{t_e}}$  is given by (1-19) and  $\frac{W}{A_{in}}$  by (1-25). Then the area ratio,  $\frac{A_e}{A_{in}}$ , between the exit (or fan) and inlet may be obtained by dividing  $\frac{A_e}{A_{in}}$ .

(1-29) by (1-28). Using (1-23), the Mach number at the fan (Reference Station 1) can be determined from the relationship given by Equation (1-13).

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Referring again to Equation (1-2), the velocity entering the fan,  $V_f = V_1$ , is given by  $\partial - 1$ 

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$$V_{f} = \frac{\sqrt{2^{\circ}gR} M \sqrt{T_{t_{0}}} \left(\frac{P_{t_{1}}}{P_{t_{0}}}\right)^{\frac{5}{2^{\circ}}}}{\sqrt{1+\frac{\delta-1}{2}} M_{1}^{2}}$$
(1-30)

and the velocity at the exit is

$$V_e = \frac{\sqrt{\xi g R} \quad M_e \sqrt{T_{te}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_e^2}}$$
(1-31)

Finally, since  $V_0 = 0$ , using (1-25)

$$\frac{F_e}{A_{in}} = \frac{W}{A_{in}} \frac{V_e}{g}$$
(1-32)

The thrust-horsepower ratio for a given set of input values can now be determined by dividing Equation (1-32) by the input value of  $\frac{\text{HP}}{A_{\text{in}}}$ . The method outlined above was coded for IBM calculation, and a complete step by step summary of the procedure is given in Appendix A. These calculations give completely general results over a large range of variables. The parameter  $\frac{\text{HP}}{\text{A}_{\text{in}}}$  was varied from values of h to hh, the fan efficiency ranged from 60% to  $\frac{100\%}{\text{A}_{\text{in}}}$ , and the fan pressure ratio covered a bracket from 1.01 to 1.10. The two operating conditions investigated were sea level on a standard day, and 6000 feet on a 95 degree day. A complete set of the carpet plots obtained from these calculations is presented in Appendix A.

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Results of the static momentum analysis for a fan efficiency of 90% at sea level standard conditions are presented in Figures 11 through 13. From Figure 11 it may be seen that, for a given exit area to inlet area ratio, a reduction in the value of  $\frac{ ext{HP}}{ ext{P}}$  results in a rather rapid Ain reduction in pressure ratio. From Figure 12 it is evident that this reduction in pressure ratio results in a desirable increase in the thrusthorsepower ratio. This carpet plot illustrates the desirability of maintaining a low pressure ratio in ducted fan design, in order to achieve desirable values of static thrust/HP. It may also be seen that for a given value of  $\frac{HP}{A_{in}}$  there is a peak value of  $\frac{F_e}{\overline{up}}$ . Theoretically, for any given value of  $\underline{HP}$  , the optimum static pressure ratio for which a fan should be designed is the pressure ratio corresponding to the peak value of  $\frac{F_{e}}{m}$  . In actual practice, it is usually more desirable to choose a pressure ratio which falls a little below this peak. Figures 11 and 12 show that lower pressure ratios may be obtained by decreasing the values of  $\frac{HP}{A_{in}}$ , by increasing Ae for a constant inlet area, or by a combination of both. Figure 13 shows the variation in fan velocity. This plot demonstrates that the effect of the parameter  $\frac{HP}{P}$  on fan velocity is slight at the higher pressure ratios, Ain but can be appreciable at the lower pressure ratios. As would be expected, It also shows that the fan velocity increases rapidly with increasing  $R_{F}$ .

Figures 11, 12 and 13 may be used in the following manner: If the horsepower input to the fan is known, and also the geometry of the shroud (exit area and inlet area), then the fan pressure ratio may be determined from Figure 11. The static thrust-horsepower ratio may then be determined from Figure 12, and the velocity at the fan from Figure 13. Conversely, if Report No. D181-945-006 Page 37







the horsepower input and inlet diameter are known and a specific  $\frac{F_{e}}{\overline{HP}}$  is desired, the pressure ratio may be determined from Figure 12, and the area ratio and fan velocity from Figures 11 and 13 respectively.

The carpet plot in Figure 14 is a cross-plot of Figures 11 and 12, and may be used for any fan provided the assumptions used in the development of Figures 11 and 12 are retained. This carpet shows that the parameter  $\frac{\text{HP}}{\text{A}_{in}}$  has a much greater effect on the thrust/horsepower ratio than the area ratio parameter. A specific example has been developed in Figure 15. The fan for this example has an 11.6 ft. exit diameter, absorbs 4500 HP and has a hub to tip ratio at the fan of .4. The curve shows the variation of static  $\frac{F_{e}}{\text{HP}}$  with inlet diameter. Below an inlet diameter of about 13 ft., a bellmouth pressure recovery can probably not be achieved and the thrust-horsepower ratio would fall off more rapidly than is shown by the calculations. Statically, this curve points up the desirability of a large inlet area, compared to the exit or fan area, for a fan of fixed diameter. Since a fixed inlet to meet such a requirement is in conflict with the desirability of a minimum drag shroud at high speeds, inlet flaps are considered as the most obvious solution.

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#### C. In-Flight Mumentum Analysis

A ducted propeller for use on a vertically rising aircraft is usually designed to operate in conjunction with a specific engine, and thus the horsepower available is known. Statically, an airplane thrustweight ratio equal to or greater than 1.0 must be attained in order to achieve vertical take-off. The usual design procedure used in this study has been to determine the internal duct geometry from the static momentum data, knowing the horsepower input and the thrust-horsepower ratio desired, and then design the fan itself at some forward flight speed. In order to accomplish the detail design of the blading, it is essential that the velocity of the air entering the fan be known. This velocity,  $V_{\rm f}$ , along with the thrust/horsepower ratio which is used in the airplane performance studies, may be determined by means of a momentum approach. The method used in these studies is somewhat different from that used in the static analysis, and is outlined in the following sections.

1. Method of Analysis

In Reference  $7_s$  it is shown that the tangential force on a rotor blade at any radial station is given by

$$F_{t} = \frac{c \rho V_{f}}{\rho} \Delta W_{u}$$

where c = blade chord

 $\mathcal{C}$  = solidity

 $\Delta w_u = tangential whirl velocity$ 

Then the total tangential force on the fan may be expressed as

$$F_{t} = NCR \int_{(r/R)}^{1.0} \frac{V_{f}}{\sigma} \Delta w_{u} d(r/R)$$

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where N is the number of blades and R is the radius. If constant chord blading is used, the solidity varies inversely with the radius. Assuming that the density and axial velocity are radially constant in front of the fan, the tangential force is then



where T is the tip solidity. The torque, Q, at any point along a blade is equal to  $F_t r$  or  $F_t R(\frac{r}{R})$ . Therefore

$$HP = \frac{Q_{1}}{550} = \frac{Nc^{2}V_{r}R^{2}}{550\sigma_{r}} \int_{(r/R)}^{10} (r/R)^{2} \Delta w_{u} d(r/R)$$
(1-33)

If a free vortex velocity distribution is assumed, the whirl velocity also varies inversely with the radius, and (1-33) becomes

$$HP = \frac{NCPV_{f}R^{2}_{D\Delta}w_{UI}}{550\sigma_{\tau}} \int_{(I/R)}^{-I,O} d(r/R) d(r/R)$$
(1-34)

If free vortex blading is not used in the fan, the radial distribution of the fan velocity will not be constant. However, it is felt that, for any type of blading, the avemage axial velocity along the radius will be about the same as for the free vortex distribution, and therefore the power absorption will be the same.

Again from Reference 7, the whirl velocity may be written as

$$\Delta W_{u_{\dagger}} = \frac{T_{\dagger} (R_{F}^{\frac{\delta'-1}{\delta'}} - I) g J C_{p}}{R \Omega} = \frac{T_{\dagger} (R_{F}^{\frac{\delta'-1}{\delta'}} - I) I O^{4}}{I.66 R \Omega}$$

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(1-35)

where  $T_t$ , is in °K. Since  $\mathcal{O}_T = \frac{Nc}{2\pi R}$  and  $A_f = \pi R^2 \left[1 - (r/R)^2\right]$ , upon integration (1-34) becomes

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$$HP = \frac{\rho A_{f} V_{f} T_{t_{1}} \left( R_{F} \frac{\delta - 1}{\delta} \right)}{1.66 (550)} = \frac{m}{550} \frac{T_{t_{1}} \left( R_{F} \frac{\delta - 1}{\delta} \right)}{1.66} \frac{10^{4}}{1.66}$$
(1-36)

Then for given values of HP and forward velocity, the ratio  $\frac{m}{550}$  may be determined as a function of  $R_{\rm F}$ . Taking into account the fan efficiency, the horsepower absorbed may be expressed as

$$\gamma + P = \frac{m}{2(550)} \left[ v_e^2 - v_0^2 \right]$$
(1-37)

from which

$$V_{e} = \sqrt{\frac{1100 \, \eta \, H^{2}}{m} + V_{0}^{2}}$$
 (1-38)

It is now possible to plot a curve of  $V_e$  vs.  $R_F$  or  $V_f$ , which defines the corresponding values of  $V_e$  and  $R_F$  or  $V_f$  for which the full horsepower input to the fan will be absorbed at any given forward velocity.

One of the assumptions which has been made in this analysis is that the mass flow is a constant. The mass flow may be expressed as

$$m = \rho AV = \frac{PAV}{gRT}$$

or, multiplying through by  $\frac{T_t}{P_t}$ 

$$v = \frac{m}{A} \frac{T_{t}}{P_{t}} g R\left(\frac{P_{t}}{P}\right)$$

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Then the ratio of exit velocity to fan velocity may be expressed as





(1-39)

 $(P_t/P)_e = R_F \left(\frac{P_t_0}{P_0}\right) \left(\frac{P_{t_1}}{P_{t_0}}\right)$ , where  $\frac{P_{t_1}}{P_{t_0}}$  is the inlet pressure recovery. Using Equations (1-2) and (1-3), and using the values of  $R_F$  and  $V_f$  obtained from (1-36),  $V_e$  may be plotted as a function of  $R_F$  or  $V_f$ . The curve obtained from (1-38) fulfills the assumption of full horsepower absorption, while the curve obtained from (1-39) fulfills the assumption of constant mass flow. The intersection of these curves give the operating conditions of the fan at the given forward flight velocity. The thrust may then be obtained from (1-17)

An example of this type of calculation is shown in Figure 16 for sea level standard conditions. This particular fan had a horsepower input of 10,140 HP and a fan area of 82.1 ft.<sup>2</sup>. The flight velocity was 200 knots. The curve with the negative slope represents the line of full horsepower absorption and the curve with positive slope represents the line of constant

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mass flow. From this plot it may be seen that, for the given input conditions, the velocity at the fan is 513 ft/sec. and the velocity at the exit is 472 ft/sec. The inlet pressure recovery was assumed to be 97% for this case.

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#### 2. Generalized IBM Analysis

As in the static case, it is again desirable to have a completely generalized analysis so that the flow conditions in the duct may readily be ascertained for any operating condition. The equations contained in the previous section have been changed only slightly for IBM solution. As stated before, it has been assumed in this analysis that there is no change in total temperature except for energy addition at the fan. Knowing  $\frac{HP}{A_{\rm f}}$  and  $V_{\rm o}$ , from Equation (1-36).

$$V_{f} = \frac{HP}{A_{f}} \frac{1}{K \rho T_{t_{0}} \left(R_{F}^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)}$$
(1-40)

where K = 10.953 and  $\frac{HP}{A_f}$  is the propeller power loading. Then from the relationship of (1-2)

$$M_{f}^{2} = \frac{V_{f}^{2} / T_{t_{0}}}{\delta Rg - (\frac{\sigma - 1}{2}) V_{f}^{2} / T_{t_{0}}}$$
(1-41)

(1-42)

Since  $m = \frac{W}{g}$ , from (1-13)

# $\frac{m}{A_{f}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2}{gR}} k P_{t_{O}} M_{f}}{\left[1 + \frac{2}{2} M_{f}^{2}\right]^{\frac{2}{2}(2^{-1})} \sqrt{T_{t_{O}}}}$

where k is the inlet pressure recovery. An assumed value of k = .97 has Report No. D181-945-006 Page 49 CONFIDENTIAL been used in this analysis. From (1-38)

$$v_{e} = \sqrt{1100\eta \frac{HP/A_{f}}{m/A_{f}}} + v_{o}^{2}$$

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Using the criterion of constant mass flow, from (1-39)



where  $\frac{P_{t_e}}{P_e} = R_F k \left(\frac{P_{t_o}}{P_o}\right)$  and  $\frac{P_{t_f}}{P_f}$  is defined by (1-3).

The point of intersection of the curve; defined by Equations (1-43) and (1-39) was found by an iterative process on the IBM equipment. Having determined  $V_e$  in this manner,

$$\frac{F}{A_{f}} = \left[ m/A_{f} \right] \left( V_{e} - V_{o} \right)$$
(1-44)

and

$$\frac{F}{P} = \frac{F/A_{f}}{HP/A_{f}}$$
(1-45)

The in-flight momentum analysis completed for this study covered a complete range of altitudes from sea level to 50,000 feet and a range of efficiencies from 50 to 100 percent. It was originally intended to also cover a range of inlet pressure recovery from .95 to 1.0, but the effect of this parameter upon the final results of the analysis proved to be Report No. D181-945-006 Page 50

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(1-43)

negligible. Plots of fan velocity and  $\frac{F_e}{HP}$  as functions of the power loading,  $\frac{HP}{A_f}$ , and the free stream velocity are shown in Figures 17 and 18, tor an efficiency of 90% at sea level standard conditions. From Figure 17 it may be seen that greater  $\frac{F_e}{HP}$  ratios are obtained with the lower values of power loading. This figure also shows that  $\frac{F_e}{HP}$  decreases as the forward speed of the airplane is increased, and the decrease is greater for the lower values of  $\frac{HP}{A_f}$ . Figure 18 shows that the fan velocity also decreases as the power loading decreases, and that the range of fan velocities is greater for the lower values of  $\frac{HP}{A_f}$ . This analysis points out that a given thrust may be obtained with the least power in a lightly loaded fan and that this fan will have low fan velocities. However, a highly loaded fan will have less drop off in thrust with forward speed and the fan will operate over a smaller velocity range. These conditions must be compromised for each configuration. A complete set of the carpet plots obtained from these calculations is presented in Appendix B.

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#### D. Discussion of IBM Results

In the design of a ducted propeller installation for use on an assault transport, the performance requirements and configuration of the airplane must be taken into consideration in the establishment of duct configuration and power requirements. In order to achieve a vertical take-off, a minimum static thrust-weight ratio of at least 1.0 is required, but it is good design practice to use a slightly higher value. Therefore, in order to reduce the power required and thus keep the aircraft gross weight at a minimum, a high value of static  $\frac{F_{\rm e}}{{\rm HP}}$  is desirable. As shown in the static analysis, higher values of  $\frac{F_{\rm e}}{{\rm HP}}$  may be obtained by decreasing HP/Ain, but the unlet area may be limited by the configuration of the aircraft or by the practical aspects of retracting the flaps for forward flight. The parameter HP/Ain may also be decreased by increasing the number of ducts for the same horsepower input. A preliminary study has indicated that, for a given required thrust, the weight of the propulsion system may actually be decreased by using a multiple duct arrangement.

In the forward flight analysis, it has been shown that low power loadings result in larger thrust-horsepower ratios. However, lower power loadings result in a greater range of fan velocities over which the propeller must operate, for forward speeds from  $V_0$  to  $V_{max}$ . This makes the actual blade design more difficult, since means of obtaining a greater variation in effective pitch angle must be provided. Any effort to alleviate thic condition by the addition of power alone results in a decrease in  $\frac{F_e}{HP}$  both statically and in forward flight.

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From the above discussion, it is evident that many factors affecting fan performance must be compromised in the design of an optimum fan for a given aircraft. The most critical factors are the power input, fan or exit area and, statically, the inlet area. The momentum analyses presented in this report give a complete picture of the influence of these parameters on the fan performance. By judicious use of the graphs presented in Appendices A and B, it is possible to select the most practical values for these parameters in the design of any ducted propeller system.



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# PART II

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#### PART II

#### DUCTED PROPELLER ANALYSIS

The design of a ducted propeller system may be accomplished in two phases. The first phase consists of the design of the duct or shroud, in conjunction with the selection of a suitable power plant. The second phase is the detail design of the propeller blading, together with the design of any non-rotating stages that are needed.

It is essential that the duct design and engine selection be carried out simultaneously, since, as pointed out in Part I - Section D, the internal geometry of the duct and the power available are critical factors in determining the amount of thrust available from the system. In order to attain the thrust level required, it is usually necessary to compromise these factors. As shown previously, it is desirable to have low values of <u>HP</u> and power loading in order to realize the maximum thrust-horsepoler ratio attainable. The value of  $\frac{HP}{Ain}$  may be decreased by providing retractable inlet flaps, which would be extended under static conditions. Lower power loadings may be obtained by increasing the diameter of the duct, but duct size may be limited by several factors, such as airplane configuration, drag, stability or structural requirements. An alternative method of decreasing the power loading is to utilize several smaller ducts, thereby increasing the total disk area for the same power input. This method is also effective in decreasing  $\frac{HP}{Ain}$ . Once the flow conditions for the duct-powerplant combination are known, it is possible to design a propeller system to operate at maximum efficiency under these conditions.

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Engine characteristics, duct configurations and propeller design methods are covered in the following sections. A survey of the available power plants is presented in table form, along with the pertinent characteristics of the particular engines used. Duct geometry, including huo size and the use of variable inlet area, is covered in Section B. Cascade methods used in the design of this report are covered in Section C, and include the use of low-solidity cascade data, limit-loading parameters, thickness distribution and exit stator design. Variations in the design procedure for three different types of ducted propeller are presented in Section D, including the calculation of off-design performance. Specific designs are presented in Section E, and these designs are discussed in Section F. The last section covers the forthcoming wind tunnel tests at the University of Wichita, and includes model specifications and photographs.

#### A. Power Plant Characteristics

A turboprop power plant has been selected as the most logical installation for ducted propeller applications. A turboprop engine has a lower weight/power ratio than the reciprocating engine, and the reduced frontal area results in less drag. Although the specific fuel consumption is higher, the later models are approaching S.F.C's which are competitive with reciprocating engines. The residual thrust available from the turboprop is also an advantage, particularly in the static case.

In setting up configuration studies for the Assault Transport application, it was useful to determine the major turboprop engines now available in the domestic and foreign markets. As a result, Table I has been prepared to show these engines and some of their major characteristics. It will be noted that several very small engines have been included. The tabulations range from a shaft horsepower of 210 for the Boeing T-50 engine to 13,340 for the Pratt and Whitney T-57. The majority of the available engines fall in the horsepower range from 4000 to 10,000 horsepower. It might also be noted that the Rolls-Royce RB-109 has been included twice in this tabulation. This engine was used as the power plant in one of the ducted propeller systems designed in this study, and at the time the design was initiated the later data was not available.

Three different engines were used in the design studies completed under this contract. They are the Wright T-49, the Rolls-Royce RB-109 and the Allison 550-Bl. The important characteristics of these engines operating in conjunction with a ducted fan are shown in Figures 19 through 25. These curves have been corrected for gearing losses and engine inlet

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General Electric	<b>T</b> 58-03-2	966	325	0.326			0,660	59.0	19500	Free		Spec. SE-1	Sept 9,1954
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Napier	Eland (M.E.L. 4)	3765	1800	0.478	610	0.339	0.595	121.0	0 12500	Coupled	10900 at 50%	Brochure P.S. XIII8	Nov. 1953
Rolls-Rojce	Dart RB-109	1640 4020	1157 1835	0.705	365	0.315	0•750 0•505	96.0 98.0		Coupled Two Spool		R.R T.S.D. Pub. 500 R.R T.S.D. Pub. 199	June 1953
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losses. The power available at the fan for the Wright T-49 engine is shown in Figure 19. The fuel flow and residual thrust for the T-49 is shown in Figure 20. These curves were obtained from information contained in Reference 8. The horsepower available at the fan and the residual thrust and fuel flow for the Rolls-Royce RB-109 are shown in Figures 21 and 22 respectively, and were obtained from Reference 9. The same parameters for the Allison 550-B1 are shown in Figures 23, 24 and 25, and were taken from data contained in Reference 10.

The requirements of this study specify that the aircraft configurations proposed must be able to perform a vertical take-off at 6000 feet on a 95° day. It has been assumed in this study that the full sea level horsepower cutput of the engine may be regained under 6000 feet -  $95^{\circ}$ conditions by the use of water injection. In several of the conferences held during the course of this study it has been agreed that such an assumption is entirely feasible, and engine manufacturers have agreed that their engines could be modified to regain sea level power at 6000 feet and  $95^{\circ}F$ . The main limitation on the use of water injection is the strength of the engine gearing. It has been analytically shown (Reference 11) that power augmentation up to 200%, at a compressor tip peed of 1800 ft/sec., is possible by use of water injection. To obtain this magnitude of power augmentation, it is necessary to completely saturate the air at the compressor cutlet. In the same report, it is also shown that a total water flow of 4.5 times the initial fuel flow is required to attain a thrust

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augmentation of 78%. In order to realize these augmentation possibilities, it would be necessary to modify any of the present day engines so that the engine gearing could withstand the additional stresses imposed.

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#### B. Duct Design

In the design of a duct for the assault transport configuration, two factors are involved. First, as shown in Part I, it is desirable to have larger values of  $\frac{HP}{A_{in}}$  under static conditions. Secondly, a low drag shroud is desirable in order to attain high forward speeds. These two requirements are in conflict, and must be compromised in order to obtain a configuration which is satisfactory over the complete flight regime.

The obvious solution to this situation is the use of retractable inlet flaps, which may be extended under static conditions to give low values of  $\frac{HP}{A_{in}}$  and retracted in flight to give a low drag configuration. Such a system has been incorporated into the designs investigated during this study. In Part I, a bell-mouth pressure recovery was assumed in the static momentum analysis. A bell-mouth inlet has a very favorable pressure gradient, and would be the most desirable inlet shape under static conditions. However, a simpler type flap which also gives a favorable pressure gradient has been used in the present designs. It is believed that the pressure recovery of this practical flap will approach that of a bell-mouth, and experimental work to verify this assumption is underway at the University of Wichita. Sketches of the various flap arrangements to be tested may be seen in Figure 62, Section C . It will be noted that the inlet contour is notched when the flaps are in the open position. Kruger (Reference 6) has shown that good results can be obtained with this split flap arrangement.

Kruger (Reference 6) has also shown that fan efficiencies can be improved by using thin shroud profiles with small chord lengths. The length/diameter ratio of the shrouds covered in this report are of the Report No. D181-945-006 Page 70

order of .5, which is a reasonably small value. It has been assumed that the cross-sectional profile of the in-flight configuration will be that of a thin airfoil, and preliminary ordinates for the present designs have been established.

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Up to this time, nothing has been said of the duct hub. The ratio of the hub diameter to the fan diameter, usually called the hubtip ratio, is an important parameter in the detail design of the blading. In ducted propeller design, a large hub has several advantages. For a given number of constant chord blades, a large hub size results in a smaller solidity variation from hub to tip and less blade twist. In addition, a high hub-tip ratio results in less sensitivity of the system to off-design operation. Also a large hub may permit the installation of the engines in the hub, thereby eliminating some of the gearing problems present in other installations. The disadvantages of a high hub-tip ratio are the adverse effects of drag and the weight of a large hub. These factors must be taken into account in the selection of hub size.

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C. Development of Design Procedure

Once the powerplant has been selected and other duct geometry established, the detail design of the propeller itself may be accomplished. The flow conditions in the duct are determinable from the momentum data, and the propeller blading must be designed to fit these flow conditions.

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Due to the over-all size limitations imposed on the design, it was necessary that high power loadings be employed. These high power loadings require solidities which are much higher than those used in classical propeller theory, and result in pressure ratios which are high in comparison with those obtained on present day propellers. It was, therefore, decided that a detail design method must be established which would permit the use of multi-bladed propellers of moderately high pressure ratio. Since high solidities and high pressure ratios are normally used in the design of axial-flow fans and compressors, it was decided to use a similar design method for the ducted propeller. Due to the limited amount of time available for this feasibility study, only designs with a free vortex velocity distribution at the design point were considered. The method used is outlined in the following sections.

1. Design Procedure Using Available Cascade Data

In the design of axial-flow fans and compressors, low speed cascade data, such as that contained in Reference 12, has been used rather extensively. This data has also been used in the ducted fans designed for the Assault Transport application. An adiabatic fan efficiency of .9 has been assumed throughout.

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All of the designs in this report utilize the NACA 65-series compressor blade section, modified to incorporate a trailing edge radius equal to 10% of the maximum thickness. It has been established in Reference 13 that such a modification will not appreciably alter the characteristics of the blade.

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For a given aircraft configuration, the number of ducts and the maximum duct diameters allowable are predetermined. Knowing the estimated take-off gross weight and the power plants to be used, it is then possible to determine the duct geometry which will give a static thrusthorsepower ratio sufficient for vertical take-off from the static momentum data. Thus, the static flow conditions in the duct have also been established. It is now possible to design a fan which will operate at these flow conditions or, since  $\frac{HP}{A_{\rm f}}$  is also known, any forward flight speed may be chosen as the design point.

A typical vector diagram for an axial-flow rotor may be seen in Figure 26. In the fans designed for this study, the relative tip velocity  $(w_1)_{tip}$  has been limited. Since the fan velocity is given by the momentum data, the maximum tangential velocity at the tip  $(R \cap)$  is thus determined.

$$R\Omega = \sqrt{W_{\text{limit}}^2 - V_{\text{f}}^2}$$
 (2-1)

The maximum relative tip velocity may be specified at any value of  $V_{o}$ . A rated military power setting at the design point has been assumed for all designs, and therefore, since a turboprop engine is essentially a constant speed device, the tangential velocity thus obtained is the same at any other value of V chosen as a design point. Report No. D181-945-006. Page 73



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Equation (1-36) may be written

$$P = \frac{\rho A_f V_f R \Omega \Delta W_{UT}}{550}$$

from which

$$\Delta w_{U_T} = 550 \left(\frac{H^2}{A_f}\right) \frac{1}{\rho V_f R \Gamma_L}$$
(2-2)

The tangential velocity varies directly with the radius. In a free vortex design, the whirl velocity varies inversely with the radius. Thus the variation of tangential velocity and whirl velocity from hub to tip may be determined. Denoting these velocities at any radial station by  $r_{\perp}$  and  $\Delta w_{u_{\rm f}}$  respectively, the inlet angle,  $\beta_1$ , and exit angle,  $\beta_2$ , at that station are given by

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$$3_{\rm I} = \tan^{-1} \frac{r\Omega}{V_{\rm f}}$$
 (2-3)

$$\beta_2 = \tan^{-1} \frac{r\Omega - \Delta w_{uf}}{V_f}$$
(2-4)

As mentioned previously, the fans considered in this report were assumed to have constant chord blading. As a result, the solidity also varies inversely with the radius of the blade. Nominal values of tip solidity have been chosen for each particular design. Normally these solidities were within the range of the data contained in Reference 12,

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but in some instances lower values were used. The method used to obtain data at these lower solidities is covered in the next section.

The cascade data of Reference 12 has been summarized in a more convenient form in Reference 14. The carpets presented in that report have been used in all the designs accomplished under this study contract. Having determined the inlet angle, turning angle and solidity, the design chamber  $(C_{l_0})$  and design angle of attack ( $\alpha_d$ ) at each radial station may be found from Figures 1 and 2 of Reference 14. Since these curves were developed from experimental data, the values thus obtained were plotted vs. radial station and a curve was faired through the points to give the final results. Finally the angle between the blade chord and the center line of the duct is given by

 $\psi_d = \beta_1 - \infty_d \qquad (2-6)$ 

The above method is presented in tabular form in Table II.

The off-design performance of the rotor may also be determined from Figure 3 (f) of Reference 14. However, since the methods used to determine off-design performance differ slightly for f ans using inlet guide vanes and those having variable pitch, they are presented in Section D.

2. Low - Solidity Cascade Data

The use of higher power loadings in ducted propeller installations necessitates the use of solidities which are somewhat higher than those ordinarily used for a bare propeller. It is felt, however, that these solidities need not be as high as those ordinarily used in axial-flow compressor design. High solidities obviously impose a greater weight Report No. D181-945-006 Page 76

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penalty, and the problems inherent in the design of any variable pitch mechanism are greatly increased. It was therefore decided to investigate several fan designs which had tip solidities in the range of values between those used in compressor work and those common to bare propellers.

The cascade data of References 12 and 14 cover a range of solidities from .5 to 1.5. No design charts covering solidities less than .5 are available. However, in Figure 108 of Reference 12, the design angle of attack data for various design cambers has been extrapolated to a value of  $\sigma$  = 0. Using this plot, it is a simple matter to construct a low solidity design angle of attack chart. The carpet thus obtained is shown in Figure 27. In Figure 109 of the same report, the design turning angle has been similarly extrapolated for various values of  $C_{10}$  and  $\beta_1$ . The low solidity design chart obtained from this curve is plotted in Figure 28. These curves are used in the same manner as those of Reference 14.

It was somewhat more difficult to construct a low solidity carpet showing off-design performance characteristics. The test data contained in Reference 12 were cross-plotted and extrapolated in several different ways, and the results were compared with each other and with extrapolations of the carpet plots of Reference L4. This procedure was repeated until the faired curves were in reasonably good agreement with each other. By this tedious procedure it was possible to construct an off-design chart which was felt to be good enough to give approximate results until futher test data was available. The off-design chart thus obtained is reproduced in large size and placed in the envelope attached to the back cover of this report.

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Its manner of use is the same as for the off-design chart presented in Reference  $\mathbb{H}_{\bullet}$ .

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Since all of the low-solidity carpets were based on extrapolated data, it was highly desirable to obtain some experimental data to substantiate the results. Consequently, the Cascade Aerodynamics Section of the NACA at Langley Field was requested to conduct some experimental tests to check a few of the extrapolated points. This request was granted, and the results of the check runs are shown in Figure 29. The tests were run for  $\sigma$  = .25 and  $\beta_1$  = 60°. As shown by the curves, the values obtained for  $\Theta_d$  at the design angle of attack are in fairly good agreement, especially at lower values of Clo, the largest discrepancy being 1.1 degrees at a  $C_{l_c} = 1.8$ . However, the slopes of the curves vary considerably, the error of the extrapolated data ranging from 25 to 83%. This would indicate that the low solidity design charts will give approximate results, but considerable error may be encountered in using the off-design chart at values of lpha which are considerably higher or lower than  $\propto_{\mathrm{d}}$  . However, the low-solidity data is intended primarily for use with variable pitch configurations. The angle of attack variation over the speed range is much less for this type configuration than for a configuration using inlet guide vanes. It is, therefore, felt that the results obtained using this data are valid within the scope of this study. Nevertheless, some refinement of this data, supported by experiment, would be necessary before applying it to a prototype configuration. Some experimental verification of the predicted performance of a ducted fan design incorporating this data should be forthcoming from the wind tunnel tests of the second model to be tested

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at the University of Wichita. (See Section G).

#### 3. Blade Limit - Loading Parameter

The loading limit for a compressor-blade section is defined as the blade loading above which high losses will occur. In order to obtain high fan efficiencies, it is therefore essential that some index of the blade loading be determined. Limit-loading factors which indicate the region of high blade losses are presented in References 15 and 16. The C- Factor of Reference 16 was used to check the designs in this report, and is defined as

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$$C = \frac{\Delta P}{P_{t} - P_{p}} = \frac{\Delta P/q_{1}}{(P_{t} - P_{p})/q_{1}}$$
(2-7)

 $\Delta P/q_1$  may be obtained from Figure 4 of Reference 14. Values of  $\frac{P_t - P_p}{q_1}$  are plotted in Reference 16. These curves have been replotted in carpet form, and are shown in Figures 30 through 34.

#### L. Blade Thickness Distribution

The experimental cascade data of Reference 12 was obtained from blades having a 10% thick section. However, it was felt that a 10% section is too thick for the tip speeds which were being incorporated into the fan design. Reference 12 shows that a small change in section thickness will not significantly effect the rotor performance. This small influence of changes in section thickness was also mentioned at one of the conferences held during the study, and it was suggested that a linear variation of  $\frac{t}{C}$  from .04 to .10, depending upon the relative Mach number, be used. This suggestion was adopted, and the variation in

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 $\frac{1}{c}$  which was used is shown in Figure 35. The use of this criteria usually resulted in a slightly non-linear variation of  $\frac{t}{c}$  from hub to tip. A straight line was then faired through these points to give a linear variation in blade thickness from hub to tip.

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#### 5. Exit Stator Design

In order to turn the flow in the axial direction, and thus gain in the amount of resultant thrust, it was necessary to include exit stators in all of the fans designed except those configurations employing contra-rotation. Since maximum thrust is desired under static conditions, all exit stators were designed to remove all of the residual whirl under static conditions at 6000 feet on a 95° day. Other operating points represent off-design operation of the exit stators, so that only a portion of the residual whirl will be removed. However, as shown in the several fan designs contained in Section E, it was found that the greater part of the residual whirl was removed under most operating conditions.

A typical exit stator vector diagram is shown in Figure 36. As seen from this diagram, in order to remove all of the residual whirl the turning angle must equal the inlet angle. The same design procedure used for the rotor is applicable to the exit stators, with R  $\Omega$  and  $\beta_2$ equal to zero. A constant thickness was assumed. Some difficulty in the use of the charts from Reference 14 was experienced, since the inlet angles for an exit stator are normally smaller than those for a rotor. It was again necessary to extrapolate the data, and these extrapolations were made directly on the design charts.

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#### D. Ducted Propeller Configurations

The method outlined in the preceeding section may be used to design a ducted propeller installation which will absorb all of the horsepower available and perform satisfactorily at the design point. At other points in the flight regime, however, the forward velocity, altitude, horsepower input, rotational velocity, or a combination of these parameters may be different than at the design point. Thus, if a fixed pitch configuration is considered, the propeller will operate inefficiently and, over a large range of operating conditions, may overspeed or suffer a drastic reduction in thrust due to blade stall. This situation might be alleviated by varying the engine RPM, but, with a direct-drive constant-speed engine such as a turboprop, this would necessitate contending with engine surge, poor engine specifics, poor acceleration characteristics, etc. A variable-drive gear box between the propeller and engine is another possibility, but this would entail a long development program and might result in too great a weight penalty. The most practical way to solve the off-design problem is to incorporate some means of varying the effective angle of attack of the blades, such as the use of variable pitch or inlet guide vanes. Both type configurations were designed during this study. The off-design methods used for each type are covered in the following sections.

1. Inlet Guide Vane Configurations

The first fans designed under this study contract employed inlet guide vanes as a means of obtaining satisfactory off-design performance. These fans were designed with symmetrical guide vane sections set at zero angle of attack at the design point. Under off-design conditions, the guide

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vanes were rotated in positive or negative directions to insure full power absorption at flight speeds lower or higher than design speed. The rotor vector diagrams for positive and negative vane deflection are shown in Figure 37. The diameter of the duct at the leading edge of the guide vanes is the same as that at the rotor, and it has been assumed that there is no change in axial velocity between these two points.

Figure 107 of Reference 12 shows the variation of  $\frac{d\beta}{d\alpha}$  with blade solidity for moderate cambers and various values of  $\beta_1$ . The curve for  $\beta_1$ equal to 30 or 45 degrees was found to be in very good agreement with data contained in References 17 and 18 for  $\beta_1 = 0$  and cambers as low as  $C_{1_0} = .10$ . This curve is reporduced in Figure 38, and was used in determining the vane angle required for full power absorption.

Equation (1 - 3) may be written

$$P = \frac{NcPV_{f}^{2}R(R\Omega)}{550\sigma_{T}} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ (r/R)^{2} \frac{\Delta W_{uf}}{V_{f}} d(V_{R}) \end{pmatrix}$$

from which

$$\int_{(r/R)}^{1.0} \frac{\Delta w_{uf}}{V_{f}} d(r/R) = \frac{550r_{T}HP}{NcPV_{f}RR\Omega}$$
(2-8)

The integral on the left hand side of the above equation will be referred to hereafter as the Power Factor, (PF). For a particular ducted fan design,

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a. Rotor Vector Diagram for Positive Inlet Guide Vane Angle



b. Rotor Vector Diagram for Negative Inlet Guide Vane Angle Report No. D181-945-006


The Power Factor may also be expressed as a function of the blade setting of the inlet guide vanes and  $\frac{R}{V_f}$ , as shown in the following procedure. The whirl velocity imparted to the air by the rotor may be written as

$$\Delta w_{U_{f}} = U - \left(U - \Delta w_{U_{f}}\right)$$
(2 - 9)

From Figure 37,

$$J = ir \hat{\Lambda} - V_f \, [tan \theta]_V$$

and,

$$U - \Delta w_{u_{f}} = V_{f} \tan \beta_{2}$$

Then, from Equation (2 - 9)

$$\frac{\Delta W_{uf}}{V_{f}} = \frac{r\Omega}{V_{f}} - \tan\theta_{v} - \tan\beta_{2} \qquad (2 - 10)$$

For a given flight condition,  $\frac{r_{\perp}}{V_{f}}$  at each station is known. Now, for a given inlet guide vane setting,  $\beta_{v}$  at each station may be determined since the solidity is known. Using Figure 38,

$$\theta_{v} = \propto_{v} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}\theta}{\mathrm{d}\alpha}\right)_{v} \tag{2 - 11}$$

Also, from Figure 37

$$\mathcal{B}_{I} = \tan^{-1} \frac{r \Omega - V_{f} \tan \theta_{V}}{V_{f}}$$
$$= \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{r \Omega}{V_{f}} - \tan \theta_{V} \right) \qquad (2 - 12)$$

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At each station, by varying  $\propto$ , a plot of  $\theta_{\rm f}$  vs  $\beta_{\rm l}$  may be obtained from the off-design charts. Then, since  $\beta_2 = \beta_{\rm l} - \theta_{\rm f}$  and  $\beta_{\rm l}$  and  $\theta_{\rm f}$  are now known,  $\beta_2$  may be plotted as a function of  $\beta_{\rm l}$  at each station, or better yet,  $\tan \beta_2$  may be plotted as a function of  $\tan \beta_1$ . Thus, using equation (2 - 10), it is now possible to determine the quantity  $(r/R)^2 \frac{\Delta w_{\rm u} f}{V_{\rm f}} d(r/R)$  at each radial station. This quantity may then be plotted vs radial station and graphically integrated to obtain the Power Factor. This process is repeated for several values of  $\ll_{\rm v}$  and  $\frac{R\Omega}{V_{\rm f}}$ , and the results may be plotted in carpet form, showing PF as a function of  $\ll_{\rm v}$  and  $\frac{R\Omega}{V_{\rm f}}$ . This procedure must be repeated for each new fan design. A typical carpet of this type is shown in Figure 42, Section E.

The Power Factor variation discussed above may be obtained by varying only  $\propto_v$  and  $V_f$ , while rotational velocity, horsepower input and altitude are considered constant. However, the carpet thus obtained is completely general for the particular fan involved, and may be used for any value of HP input,  $R \cap v_f$ , at any desired altitude. This may be seen from equation (2 - 8), which shows that

$$PF = \frac{550p_{T}HP}{NcPV_{F}R(R\Lambda)}$$
(2 - 13)

For a particular fan under consideration, knowing R  $\cap$  and the horsepower input at a given altitude, V<sub>f</sub> may be determined from the momentum data. Then the value of PF may be calculated from equation (2 - 13). Knowing Report No. D181-945-006 Page 97

the value of PF and  $\frac{R(1)}{V_f}$ , the inlet guide vane angle required to absorb all the available horsepower may be determined from the carpet. In this manner, the carpet plot may also be used to determine the vane angles necessary to operate at reduced power and RPM.

It will be noted that as the inlet angle  $(\beta_1)$  changes due to rotation of the inlet guide vanes, the angle of attack ( $\propto$ ) of the rotor blades also changes. As a general rule, it was considered that the maximum allowable  $\propto$  of the rotor was determined by the same criteria used in References 12 and 14. The maximum angle of attack data contained in these references was plotted in carpet form, and is shown in Figure 39.

### 2. Variable-Pitch Configurations

As shown previously in this report, the attainment of low disk power loadings in a ducted propeller design is very desirable. It has been noted during this study, however, that as the power loading is decreased the range of angles over which the inlet guide vanes are required to operate is increased. Therefore, it was decided to investigate the use of lower solidity fans incorporating variable pitch. The design procedure for a variable pitch configuration is the same as that for the fixed-pitch fans with no guide vane turning at the design point but the determination of off-design performance is somewhat different.

The vector diagram for a variable pitch configuration is the same as that shown in Figure 26. For a given flight condition,  $V_f$  and  $R\Omega$ are known. Therefore,  $\beta_1$  at each station is also known. Knowing the camber and solidity at each station, the turning angle corresponding to various angles of attack may be obtained from the off-design charts. Report No. D181-945-006 Page 98



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Repeating this procedure for several values of V<sub>0</sub>, a rotor performance carpet of  $\theta$  vs  $\propto$  and V<sub>0</sub> may be plotted for each radial station. A typical rotor performance chart is shown in Figure 51, Section E.

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Since the variable pitch rotor has been designed in the same manner as the fixed-pitch configuration,  $r \Omega$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\psi_d$  are known at each radial station for a given flight condition. Then if the pitch angle of the blade is varied (i.e., if  $\psi_d$  is changed by some amount  $\Delta \psi$ ), the resulting pitch angle is given by

$$\psi' = \psi_{d} + \Delta \psi \qquad (2 - 14)$$

and the resulting blade angle of attack is

 $\propto = \beta_1 - \psi'$ 

The turning angle,  $\hat{c}$ , may now be determined at cach station from the rotor performance chart. Then, using equation (2 - 5) and referring to Figure 26,

$$\frac{\Delta W_{\text{Uf}}}{V_{\text{f}}} = \tan \beta_2 \qquad (2 - 15)$$

Using graphical integration, the Power Factor is then given by

$$PF = \int_{(r/R)}^{10} (r/R)^2 \frac{\Delta w_{uf}}{V_f} d(r/R) \qquad (2 - 16)$$

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Repeating the above procedure for various values of  $\triangle \psi$  and  $V_{f}$ , a carpet of PF vs  $\triangle \psi$  and  $\frac{R \bigcap}{V_{f}}$  may be obtained. This is again a completely general plot, and may be used in the same manner as that obtained for the inlet guide vane configurations. This graph shows the change in pitch angle necessary to absorb full horsepower under all flight conditions. A typical plot may be seen in Figure 52, Section E.

#### 3. Contra-Rotating Configurations

Another type of fan design studied during this contract was the contra-rotating configuration. This type of fan configuration eliminates the use of exit stators, since the rear rotor is designed to remove all of the residual whirl added to the air flow by the front rotor. Typical vector diagrams for a contra-rotating fan are shown in Figure 40.

The contra-rotating configuration has been designed so that the relative tip speed  $(w_{1_{R2}})$  of the rear rotor will not exceed a limiting value. Also, since the rear rotor must remove all of the residual swirl added to the air stream by the front rotor,

$$\Delta W_{U} = \Delta W_{U}$$
  
RI. R2

and

$$\left(R \int + \Delta w_{u}_{RI}\right)^{2} = w_{I}^{2}_{R2} - v_{f}^{2}$$
 (2 - 17)

Integrating equation (1 - 34) and simplifying, the HP absorbed may be

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expressed as

$$P = \frac{A_f}{550} \rho V_f(R_{\perp}) (\Delta W_{U_f})$$
 (2 - 18)

and, since half of the horsepower is absorbed by each rotor,

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 $\Delta w_{ij} = \Delta w_{ij} + \Delta w_{ij} R 2$ 

Choosing an arbitrary value for  $\Delta J_{u_{Rl}}$ , Not may be found from (2 - 17). Then the horsepower absorbed at a given design flight condition may be determined from (2 - 13). Repeating this process, a plot of MP vs  $\Delta w_{u_{Rl}}$ may be obtained. Knowing the HP available, the required value of  $\Delta w_{u_{Rl}}$ may be found from this curve and the required RA from (2 - 17). The design procedure is then the same as for the variable pitch configurations. Since the inlet angles are different, rotor performance charts and power factor carpets must be determined for both front and rear rotors.

In the design of the contra-rotating configuration, an additional simplifying assumption has been made. It has been assumed that the axial fan velocity at the rear rotor is the same as at the front rotor. It is believed that this assumption will have a negligible effect on the over-all fan performance.

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#### E. DUCTED PROPELLER DESIGNS

The main purpose of the detailed fan analyses was to determine a configuration suitable for incorporation into the aircraft configuration studies. A total of five basic ducted fan configurations were investigated, and several design variations were studied for most of the configurations. As mentioned previously, three power plants have been considered for use with a ducted propeller system during this study. They are the Wright Aeronautical T-M9, the Rolls Royce RB-109 and the Allison 550-Bl. The fans designed for use with these engines are covered in the following paragraphs,

#### 1. Configuration No. 1

The first detailed design of a ducted propeller system carried out during this study incorporated a T-h9 engine as the power source and was afixed pitch configuration designed for a static fan thrust of 17,370 pounds at 6000 feet on a 95° day. At this stage of the study the use of water injection to recover sea level power output at the higher altitude and temperature requirements was not considered, so that severe penalties were imposed upon the design. Despite this fact, it was possible to develop a configuration which would fulfill the design requirements.

Four variations of this configuration were studied. The first attempt was to design a fan with axial inlet velocity at the required static conditions. It was found, however, that this design would not absorb the power available at high speed conditions. The use of symmetrical inlet guide vanes to change the inlet angle for high speed conditions resulted in blade angles of attack which were prohibitive. Since the duct

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geometry had already been dictated by the static requirements, it was then decided to design the system for some flight speed other than zero.

Three fan designs were investigated at forward flight speeds, the design points being 100, 200 and 300 knots at sea level standard conditions. The operating range of the designs was considered to be from 0 to 300 knots, the static point being at 6000 feet and  $95^{\circ}$ F. The inlet guide vanes consisted of untwisted, symmetrical 6% thick rections. The flow into the fixed-pitch rotor was axial at the design point, the pitch of the inlet guide vanes being varied to enable of f-design operation. The exit stators were designed to give axial flow at the exit under static conditions at 6000 feet, and 95°F. The configuration data for these fans are shown in Table III.

The most satisfactory configuration obtained was that having a design point of 200 knots. Under static conditions, it is necessary to set the inlet vanes at an angle of attack of approximately 18°, while for the 300 knot condition it is necessary to rotate them approximately 15° in the opposite direction. While this particular configuration is not considered to be an optimum design, it is nevertheless an acceptable design which will operate satisfactorily over the required speed range. The 300 knot design would operate over the entire range but appeared to be marginal at static conditions. The 100 knot design was severely limited at the high speed end, as was the earlier static design. In the case of the 100 knot design, satisfactory operation was obtained at the design point and under static conditions at 6000 feet and 95°, but the high guide vane deflection angle required to prevent negative lift coefficients at the 300 knot condition was considered to be prohibitive. Page 105 Report No. D181-945-006

## TABLE III

## Configuration Data - Fan No. 1

Design Point	Static (6000'-95°)	100 Knots (S.LStd.)	300 Knots (S.LStd.)	200 Knots (S.LStd.)
Power Plant	T-49	T-49	T-10.	T-49
HP available at Design Point	6095	8806	9440	9383
Fan Diameter	11.61	11.61	11.51	11,61
Inlet Diameter (Static)	15.5'	15.5'	15.51	15.5'
R.P.M.	1395	1235	1235	1235
Hub/Tip Ratio	• <b>1</b>	L;	• li	nli -
No. of Rotor Blades	17	17	17	17
Inlet Stators (Variable)	21	21	21	21
Exit Stators	19	19	19	19
Tip Mach No.	.8 (static)	.85 @ 300K	.85 @ 300K	.85 @ 300K
Design Fan Velocity in ft/sec	339	371	582	458
Static Fan Thrust, lb. (6000:-95°F)	17,370	17,370	17,370	17,370

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The 300 knot configuration was considered to be marginal at the static condition, since an angle of attack of 240 was required on the tilet stators at this condition.

As would be expected, a positive guide vane deflection was required to reduce the rotor angle of attack at speeds lower than design while at speeds above the design point the opposite was true. At the lower design speeds, a large variation in Famber was required. This entailed extreme camber at the root with very moderate camber at the tips. With increased design speed the camber at the root was progressive. ly reduced resulting in less catter variation along the blade. The blade twist was also reduced for higher design speeds.

One of the troubles encountered with the less successful designs involved negative lift on the rotor. At speeds greater than design speed, insufficient guide vane deflection caused the tip section of the rotor blade to operate at negative lift coefficients. This resulted in the induced rotation from the rotor having one direction at the root and the opposite direction at the tip. It would appear that such a flow pattern would absorb power without producing full thrust. For the 100 knot design, this negative lift condition was not eliminated until a vane deflection of -30.6°, at a flight velocity of 300 knots, was attained. Since the assumption of linear guide vane turning could not be considered valid to an angle of attack of this magnitude, the 100 knot design was limited to some speed less than 300 knots and was therefore eliminated.

The 200 knot design was considered successful since it operated satisfactorily over the entire speed range, with guide vane deflections of +18° statically and -15° at 300 knots, and did not encounter any Report No. D181-945-006

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negative lift region. The design parameters for this configuration are shown in Table IV. The inlet guide vanes are NACA 63-006 sections, modified to have a trailing edge radius equal to 10 percent of the maximum thickness. The exit stators were designed for operation under static conditions at 6000 feet and 95°F. This was the condition of maximum flow rotation behind the rotor and therefore was the condition under which the angle of attack of the stators was maximum. A plot of flow rotation for the stators as a function of inlet angle for the 200 kmot design is shown in Figure 41. As shown in Section C, the inlet angle ( $\beta_1$ ), and turning angle ( $\Theta$ ) are equal at the design point. The dashed line in Figure 41 shows the ideal operating line for the exit stator, where  $\Theta = \beta_1$ . The solid line shows the estimated stator performance, and indicates that there is very little residual whirl behind the stator under any operating condition. The performance curve is extrapolated beyond the available data as is shown by the centerline curve.

The Power Factor for the 200 knot design is shown in Figure 42. This fan has been completely analyzed over a range of flight speeds from 0 to 300 knots, altitudes from sea level to 35,000 feet, and power settings from 30 percent to maximum. The variation of engine RPM vs. HP for lower power settings was obtained from Reference 8. Figures 43 through 47 show the operating conditions for this fan. Figures 43 through 46 are carpets showing the inlet guide vane setting for 100%, 60%, 40% and 30% power as a function of forward speed and altitude. The operating range for the inlet guide vanes was considered to be  $\pm 20^{\circ}$ . These carpets show that the fan will operate satisfactorily at altitudes from sea level to 35,000

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TABLE IV

### Configuration No. 1

#### Inlet Guide Vanes

Chord = 1.04 feet, Thickness = 6 %, Modified 63-006 section. Linear variation in solidity,  $\mathcal{P}$  = 1.5 at hub , .6 at tip.

#### Rotor

Chord = 1.070 feet, Modified 65 - series section.

Radial Station	0~	Cl <sub>o</sub>	$\propto_{c_{i}}$	t/c	¥
• • 4 • 5 • 6 • 7 • 8	• 1.250. 1.000 .833 .714 .625	.890 .650 .605 .1490 .1110	11.5 8.3 6.9 5.9 5.0	.091 .086 .081 .076 .071 .066	21.8 31.1 37.6 42.9 47.6 51.6
1.0	.500	-290	3.5	.061	55.1

#### Exit Stators

Chord = 1.15 feet, Modified 65 - series section.

Radial Station	0-	C <sub>1</sub>	$\alpha_{_{\rm cl}}$	t./c	$\checkmark$
•4	1.500	1.50	18.4	.06	13.6
.5	1.200	1.60	18.9	.06	12.6
.6	1,000	1.64	19.7	•06	11.7
.7	.856	1.75	20.7	.06	10.7
.8	.750	1.95	21.8	.06	9.7
.9	.666	2.13	22,9	.06	8.8
1.0	.600	2.35	24.0	•06	7.8

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feet at full rated and at 60% rated power. At 40% rated power, the fan operation will be marginal at 35,000 feet and 100 knots forward speed. At the same power at sea level the inlet guide vane angles necessary to absorb the available power are prohibitive at flight speeds lower than 140 knots and therefore the fan will not function efficiently. Excessive guide vane angles are required in the low flight speed regime at all altitudes at 30% power. This power setting is not too significant. however, since it is very close to the idle point on the engine. When considering this fan design in conjunction with a specific aircraft configuration, it is evident that the cruise condition of the aircraft must be at a power setting somewhere between 60 and 100% rated power. This fan would be satisfactory for the operational flight regime of the airplanes being considered in this study. Figure 47 is a composite curve which shows the vane angle required under standard sea level conditions as a function of forward speed and power setting. It can be seen from the curve that the low speed flight regime requires the higher guide vane angles, and is therefore the more critical area as far as satisfactory fan operation is concerned.

2. Configuration No. 2

The second fan configuration which was studied incorporated the Rolls-Royce RB-109 engine as a power source. Three variations of this design were investigated, two of the configurations employing inlet guide vanes and one being a variable pitch arrangement. All of these variations had a lower disk power loading than the T-49 design, and were designed for a static fan thrust of 11,317 lbs.

The configuration data for these fans are shown in Table V. As can be seen from this table, the inlet and fan diameters are the same as for the previous design. Since the use of a .3 hub-tip ratio resulted in Report No. D181-945-006 Page 117

### TABLE V

## CONFIGURATION DATA - FAN NO. 2

	Inlet Guide Vanes	Inlet Guide Vanes	Variable Pitch
Design Point	200 Kts.	150 Kts.	200 Kts.
Power Plant	RB-109	RB <b>-1</b> 09	RB <b>-1</b> 09
Available at Design Point	3365	3250	3365
Fan Diameter	11.6'	11.6	11.6'
Inlet Diameter	15.5'	15.51	15.5'
RPM	1143	1143	1143
Hub/Tip Ratio	•3	•3	•3
No. of Rotor Blades	10	10	10
Inlet Stators	13	13	
Exit Stators	15	15	15
Tip Mach No. at 300 knots	<b>•</b> 8	•8	<b>.</b> 8
Design Fan Velocity	408 fps	350 fps	408 fps
Static Fan Thrust (6000'. 95°F.)	113171bs.	113171bs.	11317 lbs.

D181-945-006 Report No. CONFIDENTIAL lower solidities along the blade, it was necessary to utilize the lowsolidity cascade data in the design of this configuration. Ten rotor blades and fifteen exit stators were employed in both the variable pitch and inlet guide vane designs, and thirteen inlet guide vanes were used in the versions which required them.

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Figures 48 and 49 show the Power Factor variation for the 150 and 200 knot inlet guide vane designs, respectively. Figure 50 shows the variation of the inlet guide vane angle which was required at various forward speeds for these designs. Inspection of this plot indicates that the inlet guide vane angle required for operation over the complete range desired is unsatisfactory. This situation is due to the high power loading.

The most successful design using the RB-109 powerplant was the variable pitch configuration, with a design point of 200 knots. The design parameters for this configuration are shown in Table VI. The Rotor Performance Chart for this design is shown in Figure 51, while the Power Factor variation is presented in Figure 52. Figure 53 shows the change in pitch angle required as a function of flight speed. As shown by this plot, the greatest change in pitch angle required is -16° at a forward speed of 400 knots. The pitch change required under standard sea level conditions, at various power settings is shown in Figure 54. Even at 30% rated power, it may be seen that the maximum pitch change required is only -17.5°. It may therefore be concluded that this fan will operate satisfactorily over the entire flight regime required, with a maximum speed in excess of 400 knots. A comparison of the inlet guide vane angles

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#### TABLE VI

### Configuration No. 2

Variable pitch fan, 200 K axial inlet.

### Rotor

Chord = 1.093 feet. Modified 65 - Series section.

Radial Station	$\sigma$	Clo	$\alpha_{d}$	t/c	Ψ
•3 •4 •5 •6 •7 •8 •9	1.0 .75 .60 .50 .429 .375 .333	.56 .118 .408 .35 .31 .277 .2111	7.65 5.95 4.7 3.79 3.05 2.5 2.2	.0675 .0644 .0613 .0582 .0551 .0521 .0490	19.35 28.15 35.7 41.81 46.95 51.2 54.6
T*O	• 10	.212	1.88	.0460	57,72

#### Exit Stators

Chord = 1.093 feet. Modified 65 - Series section.

Radial Station	σ	c <sub>lo</sub>	$\alpha_{d}$	t/c	Ψ
.3 .4 .5 .6 .7 .8 .9 1.0	1.5 1.125 .900 .750 .642 .562 .500 .450	.82 .92 .955 1.04 1.19 1.38 1.675 2.100	12.1 11.0 9.9 9.50 9.55 9.81 10.62 11.99	06 06 06 06 06 06 06 06	6.2 6.2 6.2 6.2 6.2 6.2 6.2 6.2

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and pitch angles required for the three design variations investigated is shown in Table VII.

3. Configuration No. 3

A contra-rotating configuration, designated as Configuration No. 3, was also designed during this study. This configuration uses two Allison 550-Bl powerplants, each rotor absorbing the power from one engine. The design point was at 200 knots at standard sea level conditions, and the fan was designed for a static fan thrust of 22,550 lbs. at 6000 feet and a temperature of  $95^{\circ}$ F. The diameter of the fan is 11.8feet, the static inlet diameter is 15 feet, and the hub-tip ratio is .5. Each of the 10-bladed rotors rotates at 996 RPM. The design parameters for this configuration are shown in Table VIII.

The Rotor Performance Charts for the front and rear rotors of this fan are shown in Figures 55 and 56 respectively, and the Power Factor carpets are shown in Figures 57 and 58. The change in pitch angle required for both the front rotor and rear rotor, for various forward flight speeds, are given in Table IX for both sea level and 30,000 feet conditions. Due to a lack of available powerplant information, the pitch changes required at reduced power settings were not calculated. From Table IX it may be seen that the maximum total pitch angle change over the flight spectrum is less than 20° on each fan. Since this is an acceptable variation, it may be concluded that this configuration will perform satisfactorily over the flight regime under consideration.

In the design of the contra-rotating configuration, the rear rotor was designed to remove all of the rotational velocity induced by the front rotor at the design point. In the off-design calculations, it Report No. D181-945-006

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### TABLE VII

### COMPARISON OF INLET VANE ANGLE AND PITCH ANGLE VARIATION

	V <sub>o</sub> — Knots	$\alpha_{\mathbf{v}}$ - Deg.	$\Delta \Psi - Deg.$
2 <b>00</b> K Fan Design	0	32 <sup>°</sup> *	10.25
	100	2lto	7.75
	200	0	•5
	300	-19.6	8
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Note: \* Beyond usable angle of attack range.

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TABLE VIII

### Configuration No. 3

#### Contra-Rotating Fan

#### Front Rotor

Chord = 1.13 feet. Modified 65 - Series section.

Radial Station	σ	Clo	$\alpha_{d}$	t/c	Ψ
•5	.60	.68	6.26	.0620	24.64
•6	.50	.57	4.94	.0598	30.76
•7	.l.29	.51	4.00	.0574	36.0
•8	.375	.1.64	3.33	.0546	40.17
•9	.333	.425	2.81	.0518	44.39
1•0	.30	.39	2.45	.0487	47.75

#### Rear Retor

Chord = 1.13 feet. Modified 65 - Series section.

Radial Station	J	Clo	$\alpha_{\mathbf{d}}$	t/c	Ψ
•5	•60	•59	5.73	•0568	32.07
•6	•50	•50	4.59	•056	36.21
•7	•429	•456	3.70	•0547	40.3
•8	•375	•42	3.19	•0529	43.81
•9	•333	•39	2.72	•0508	46.98
1•0	•30	•365	2.40	•0483	49.8

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#### TABLE IX

ROTOR PITCH ANGLES, FAN NO. 3

Front Rotor V <sub>o</sub> ~Knots	△ ψ~Deg.  S.L.	$_{\Delta}\psi \sim {}_{ m Deg.}$ (30,000')
0	4.75	
100	3.3	- 3.3
200	3	- 5.9
300	- 5.25	-10.8
400	-10.25	
Rear Rotor		
0	· 5•3	au es
100	3.5	- 1.6
200	38	- 5.2
300	- 6.0	-11,2
400	-11.75	

### TABLE X

V <sub>o</sub> ~Knots	• • •	S.L. Residual Whirl % HP	% Rated Thrust	(30,000 ft) Residual Whirl % HP
0		1.098		
100		2.1		1.13
200		4.47		.87
300		1.285		2.7
400		7.043	.45	

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was noted that the rear rotor did not remove this rotational velocity completely at other than design conditions, thus leaving a quantity which was called residual whirl. The amount of residual whirl was determined for sea level and 30,000 feet conditions and is listed in Table X as a percentage of the total available horsepower and as a percentage of the rated thrust at the point where the whirl was greatest.

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#### 4. Configuration No. 4

Toward the end of this contract period, it was decided to investigate the use of highly cambered inlet guide vanes to impart a high pre-whirl to the flow entering the rotor. High pre-whirl makes it possible to operate a fixed-pitch rotor over a wide range of velocity and power settings with only small chan es in the inlet guide vane angle. Obviously, the use of high pre-whirl would permit the design of an inlet guide vane configuration which would have a much greater operating range than the symmetrical-vane configurations. However, all the high prewhirl designs which were attempted were unsuccessful. This was primarily due to the fact that the large guide vane turning angles resulted in supersonic relative velocities on the rotor blades. While this condition might not actually be prohibitive, a lack of sufficient time prevented further investigation.

As the last design investigated under this study contract, symmetrical inlet guide vanes were used in conjunction with the duct designed for the high pre-whirl fans. This design had an inlet diameter of ll.l ft., a fan diameter of 8.4 ft., and a hub-tip ratio of .5. The design point was chosen to be 250 knots at sea level, and the powerplant used was the Allison 550-Bl. The fan was designed for a static fan thrust Report No. D181-945-006

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of 11,275 lbs. at 6000 feet on a  $95^{\circ}$  day, and has 12 rotor blades and 13 inlet guide vanes. The rotor operates at 15h2 RPM. Although exit stators are a necessity with this type of configuration, a lack of sufficient time precluded their design in this instance. The design data for this configuration is given in Table XI. The Power Factor is plotted in Figure 59. The guide vane angles required for full power absorption range from 12.85° at static conditions to -12.9° at b00 knots, all at sea level. No reduced power vane angle settings were obtained for this fan.

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TABLE XI

#### Configuration No. 4

#### Inlet Guide Vanes

Chord = 1.014 feet, Thickness = 6%. Modified 63-006 section.

Linear Variation in Solidity,  $\sigma = 1.0$  at root, .5 at tip.

#### Rotor

Chord = 1.1 feet. Modified 65 - Series section.

Radial Station	σ	Clo	$\alpha_{\rm d}$	t/c	Ψ
•5	1.00	.63	8.16	.0736	22.5
•6	.833	.580	7.00	.0691	28.42
•7	.714	.525	6.00	.0646	33.69
•8	.625	.470	5.20	.0601	38.28
•9	.556	.408	1.10	.0556	42.45
1•0	.500	.330	3.70	.0511	46.15

#### Exit Stators

Not Designed.

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#### F. Comparison of Ducted Propeller Designs

Basically, three different types of ducted propeller systems have been considered during this study program. They consist of configurations which use inlet guide vanes to turn the entering flow, those which employ variable pitch, and contra-rotating configurations. Two variations in the inlet guide vane designs were studied, those using symmetrical vanes set at zero angle of attack at the design point and those using highly cambered vanes to impart a high pre-whirl to the flow under all conditions.

Probably the most satisfactory configuration obtained was the contrarotating fan, Configuration No. 3. This particular fan required relatively small pitch changes over the entire flight regime, and would operate satisfactorily over a range of forward speeds form zero to a speed in excess of 400 knots. In addition, the large hub provides ample rocm for installation of the required variable pitch mechanism. This configuration would be suitable for the Assault Transport application, providing not only the static thrust required but a high speed capability as well. The large hub-tip ratio also permits installation of two Allison power plants in the hub. This is an ideal situation, since it eliminates some of the gearing problems inherent in other type installations and also permits utilization of the engine residual thrust as an additional lifting force when the ducts are rotated for vertical take-off.

The variable pitch configurations and those using inlet guide vanes could also be successfully applied to the Vertical Take-Off Assault Transport. The variable pitch fans have an advantage over those employing symmetrical inlet guide vanes in that they require a smaller pitch change

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and thus have a higher speed potential. As a result of these studies, however, it is felt that the potentialities of the inlet guide vane concept have not been fully exploited, especially with regard to the application of high pre-whirl vanes. A lack of time prevented any concerted effort to overcome the difficulties which were encountered. The application of a smaller amount of pre-whirl should be investigated. The extension of the present design methods into the area of higher relative Mach number on the blades would also improve this approach, since axial-flow fans and compressors having this type blading have been successfully designed by the NACA (Ref. 19). In any event, a further investigation of this concept is highly desirable.

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#### G. Wind Tunnel Test, Program

In August, 1955, negotiations were begin with the University of Wichita with a view toward obtaining experimental data to complement the theoretical studies covered by this report. Subsequently, it was agreed that a wind tunnel program, under sponsorship of the Office of Naval Research, should be undertaken. Two models to be tested during the program have been designed by Bell Aircraft Corporation, and Bell personnel will be present to observe the tests.

The models to be tested are 1/10 scale models of two of the configurations presented in this report. Model No. 1 is the 1/10 scale version of Configuration No. 1, with the exception that the number of inlet gilde vanes has been reduced from 21 to 18. A sketch of this model is shown in Figure 60. Model No. 2 is the scaled-down replica of Configuration No. 2, and is shown in Figure 61. Since the inlet and fan diameters of these configurations are the same, it will be possible to use the same shroud for both models. This shroud has an interchangeable inlet section, so that both the static and high speed configurations may be tested. The inlet arrangements to be tested are shown in Figure 62. Figure 62a shows the high speed shroud, while the bell-mouth inlet is shown in Figure 62b. Figure 62c shows the static practical flap, which is a split flap arrangement as can be seen from Figure 62d. A split Bell-Mouth flap will also be tested. The specifications for the practical flap are shown in Figure 63.

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The fabrication of the first model has been completed. Model specifications were determined by Bell Aircraft Corporation and blade templates were also furnished by that facility. Actual fabrication of the model was done under the supervision of the University of Wichita. Blade specifications for the first model are shown in Tables XII, XIII and XIV. Load distributions on the inlet guide vanes, rotor and exit stators are shown in Figures 64, 65 and 66 respectively. The model rotor is shown being balanced in Figure 67, and is shown mounted on the motor and shaft assembly in Figure 68. The practical flap and split Bell-Mouth inlets are shown in Figure 69. Figures 70 and 71 show the high speed configuration and the Bell-Mouth configuration, respectively, mounted in the tunnel.

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At the present time, work is progressing on the fabrication of the second model. Templates have been completed and have been sent to the University. Specifications for the rotor and exit stators are shown in Tables XV and XVI.

Actual tests on the first model were begun on April 23, 1956. Both force and pressure tests will be conducted during this program over a range of yaw angles from 0 to 90°, and at tunnel speeds from zero to the maximum attainable. The testing program, as originally outlined, is shown in Table XVII. Since that time, however, the program has been modified so that the tests may be run at a series of basic vane settings as the

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yaw angles, speeds and RPM are varied over a given range. This modified program is shown in Table XVIII. As yet, no data from the preliminary runs are available. The final results of these tests will be published by the University of Wichita in a future report.

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### TABLE XII

#### Inlet Guide Vane Ordinates

### Section: 63-006 With Thickened Trailing Edge

#### (Zero Camber, 6% Thick)

x/c	x	Y . Ordinates	Chord = 1.36 in.
% Chord	in.	All Stations (in.)	No. of Blades = 18
0	0	0	
2.5	-03/10	-0105	Sta.
5.0	.0680	.0199	
10	.1360	.0273	.4 1.400
15	.2040	0324	.5 1.120
20	.2720	.0361	.6 .932
25	.3400	.0386	•7 •800
30 25	1,760	.0402	.8 .700
0.l	.5110	0100 ·	
40	.6120	-0391	1.0 .900
ŚÓ	.6800	.0370	
55	.7480	.0342	
60	.8160	.0313	Y = Distance above and
65	.8840	.0284	below Mean Camber
70	•9520	.0254	Line
75	1.0200	.0225	
- 00 8 m		.0196	
05	1 2210	•010C	
95	1,2920	-0108	
100	1.3600	0	
Leading 1	Edge Radius:	.0040	
Trailing	Edge Radius:	.0082	

All dimensions are in inches.

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### TABLE XIII

# Model No. 1 - Rotor

Mean Camber Line Ordinates

8		$r/R \longrightarrow$	.4	5	•6	•7	•8	•9	1.0
x/c	x	$R_{in} \longrightarrow 2$	•784 3	<b>.</b> 480 <i>l</i>	1.176	4.872	5.568	6.264	6.960
% Chord	in.	$c_{l_0} \longrightarrow$	<b>.</b> 890	.650	•575	.505	.435	.360	.290
0 • 75 • 75 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 5 • 10 • 5 • 5 • 5 • 5 • 5 • 5 • 5 • 5	0 00064 0096 0161 0321 0642 0964 1285 1927 2569 3212 3854 4496 5139 5781 6424 7066 7708 8351 8993 9635 1.0278 1.0920 1.1562 1.2847		0       0029       0         0040       0       0         0051       0       0         0051       0       0         0051       0       0         0051       0       0         00512       0       0         00556       0       0         00556       0       0         00589       0       0         0556       0       0         0556       0       0         0557       0       0         0556       0       0         00556       0       0         00556       0       0         00181       0       0	0 0021 0029 0045 0078 0132 0216 0281 0332 0374 0406 0457 0457 0457 0457 0457 0457 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0018 0026 0040 0157 0191 0249 0294 0331 0359 0380 0396 0404 0395 0380 0396 0404 0395 0380 0395 0380 0395 0380 0395 0390 0359 0331 0294 0249 0359 0331 0294 0249 0359	C .0C16 .0023 .0035 .0060 .0103 .0138 .0218 .0258 .0290 .0315 .0334 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0258 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0258 .0290 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0347 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290 .0290 .0355 .0358 .0290	0 .0014 .0020 .0030 .0052 .0088 .0118 .0144 .0188 .0222 .0250 .0272 .0288 .0299 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0288 .0272 .0250 .0222 .0250 .0222 .0250 .0222 .0250 .0228 .0250 .0288 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0308 .0306 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0308 .0299 .0308 .0308 .0299 .0306 .0299 .0250 .0250 .0250 .0268 .0308 .0308 .0299 .0250 .0250 .0250 .0250 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .0299 .0268 .02500 .0250 .0250 .0250 .0250 .02500 .02500 .02500 .02500 .025000 .00	0 .0012 .0016 .0025 .0043 .0073 .0098 .0120 .0156 .0184 .0207 .0225 .0238 .0248 .0253 .0248 .0253 .0255 .0253 .0248 .0225 .0253 .0248 .0225 .0207 .0184 .0156 .0120 .0156 .0120 .0156 .0120	0 .0009 .CO13 .0020 .0035 .0059 .0079 .0096 .0125 .0148 .0167 .0200 .0204 .0205 .0204 .0200 .0205 .0204 .0200 .0200 .0204 .0200 .0205 .0204 .0200 .0192 .0181 .0167 .0148 .0125 .0096 .0059 .0059 .0059 .0059 .0059 .0059
Angle of wit	Base Line h Duct ([ :	21	8° 31	<b>.1°</b> 3	7.6° 1	42 <b>.9°</b>	l17.6°	51.6°	55 <b>.1°</b>
	Solidity:	l.	25 1.	00 .	833	.714	.625	•555	•500
No. o	f Blades =	17						μ	
Unord	1 = 1.2047 1	in.							

All dimensions are in inches.

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#### TABLE XIII (Cont'd)

### Model No. 1 - Rotor

# Section Ordinates Above & Below ( $\bot$ ) Mean Camber Line

		$r/R \longrightarrow$	• •4	•5	.6	•7	•8	•9	1.0
x/c	x	R <sub>in</sub> . —	-2.784	3.480	4.176	4.872	5.568	6.264	6.960
% Chord	in.	t/c	091	.086	.081	<b>.</b> 076	.071	.066	.061
0 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5 •5	0 .0064 .0096 .0161 .0321 .0642 .0964 .1285 .1927 .2569 .3212 .3854 .4496 .5139 .5781 .6424 .7066 .7708 .8351 .8993 .9635 .0278 .0920 .1562 .2205		0 .0091 .0110 .0137 .0185 .0255 .0310 .0355 .0429 .0484 .0526 .0556 .0576 .0581 .0563 .0581 .0563 .0581 .0563 .0551 .0397 .0351 .0305 .0256 .0210 .0160	0 .0086 .0104 .0130 .0174 .0241 .0293 .0336 .0405 .0458 .0497 .0526 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0559 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0549 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0559 .0459 .0459 .0552 .0549 .0552 .0549 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0559 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0459 .0559 .0459 .0519 .0526 .0326 .0519 .0289 .0289 .0289 .0289 .0289 .0212 .0289 .0212 .0289 .0212 .0293 .0289 .0212 .0199 .02512 .0289 .02512 .0299 .02512 .0289 .02512 .0199 .0151	0 •0082 •098 •0123 •0165 •0227 •0276 •0316 •0381 •0431 •0468 •0495 •0512 •0520 •0517 •0522 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0520 •0517 •0527 •0512 •0512 •0517 •0527 •0512 •0512 •0512 •0517 •0527 •0512 •0520 •0316 •0356 •0315 •0274 •0229 •0188 •0188 •0187	0 .0077 .0092 .0115 .0213 .0258 .0297 .0358 .0404 .0439 .0464 .0488 .0481 .0488 .0485 .0471 .0448 .0485 .0471 .0444 .0407 .0373 .0334 .0295 .0257 .0215 .0177 .0138	0 .0071 .0086 .0108 .0144 .0199 .0241 .0277 .0334 .0378 .0410 .0434 .0449 .0453 .0440 .0453 .0440 .0455 .0380 .0348 .0312 .0276 .0240 .0201 .0166 .0129	0 .0067 .0081 .0101 .0135 .0185 .0225 .0258 .0310 .0351 .0381 .0403 .0417 .0424 .0403 .0417 .0424 .0422 .0410 .0387 .0356 .0325 .0292 .0259 .0259 .0259 .0259 .0259 .0257 .0190 .0157 .0121	0 .0062 .0075 .0094 .0125 .0171 .0208 .0238 .0287 .0324 .0352 .0373 .0386 .0392 .0390 .0379 .0358 .0329 .0301 .0271 .0240 .0210 .0146 .0146
Leading Edg Trailing Ed	2847 ge Radius lge Radiu	s: 1s:	0 .0072 .0117	0 .0068 .0110	0 .0056 .0104	0 •0053 •0098	0 •0049 •0091	0 .0034 .0085	0 .0031 .0078
					- /		/-		00010

All dimensions are in inches.

NOTE: Section ordinates are measured perpendicular to Mean Camber Line.

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### TABLE XIV

Model No. 1 - Exit Stators

Mean Camber Line Ordinates

		<b>r</b> /R —	<b>→</b> .4	•5	•6	•7	.8	•9	1.0
x/c	x	R <sub>in.</sub>	► 2.784	3.480	4.176	4.872	5.568	6.264	6.960
% Chord	in.	с <sub>1</sub>	▶ 1.50	1.60	1.64	1.75	1.95	2.13	2.35
0 • 5 • 755 • 10 • 5 • 10 • 10	0 .0069 .0104 .0173 .0345 .0690 .1035 .1380 .2070 .2760 .3450 .4140 .4830 .5520 .6210 .6900 .7590 .8280 .8970 .9660 1.0350 1.1040 1.1730 1.2420 1.3110 1.3800	·	0 .0052 .0111 .0193 .0327 .0439 .0535 .0697 .0824 .0925 .1006 .1066 .1006 .1066 .1108 .1133 .1142 .1133 .1142 .1133 .1108 .1066 .0926 .0824 .0925 .0327 .0327 .0327	0 .0055 .0077 .0118 .0205 .0349 .0468 .0571 .0743 .0879 .0988 .1073 .1137 .1182 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1218 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1182 .1209 .1218 .0988 .0879 .0743 .0571 .0349 .0571	0 .0057 .0079 .0121 .0210 .0358 .0480 .0585 .0762 .0901 .1013 .1100 .1166 .1212 .1239 .1218 .1239 .1218 .1239 .1212 .1166 .1100 .1013 .0901 .0762 .0585 .0358 0	0 .0060 .0085 .0129 .0225 .0382 .0512 .0624 .0813 .0961 .1081 .1244 .1293 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1322 .1293 .1244 .1174 .1081 .0961 .0813 .0624 .0382 0	0 .0067 .0094 .0144 .0250 .0425 .0570 .0696 .0906 .1071 .1204 .1308 .1386 .1441 .1473 .1441 .1473 .1441 .1386 .1308 .1204 .1071 .0906 .0696 .0425 0	0 .0073 .0103 .0157 .0273 .0464 .0623 .0760 .0989 .1170 .1315 .1429 .1514 .1609 .1574 .1609 .1574 .1609 .1574 .1516 .157 .157 .157 .157 .157 .157 .157 .157	0 .0081 .0114 .0174 .0302 .0512 .0688 .0838 .1091 .1291 .1451 .1576 .1670 .1737 .1776 .1789 .1776 .1737 .1776 .1737 .1670 .1576 .1451 .1291 .0838 .0512 0
Angle of wit	Base Line h Duct([ :		13.6	12.6	11.7	10.7	9.7	8.8	7.8
	Solidity:		<b>1.</b> 50	1.20	1.00	.856	<b>.7</b> 50	•666	.600

No. of Blades = 19

Chord = 1.38 in.

All dimensions are in inches. Report No. D181-945-006

# TABLE XIV (Cont'd)

# Model No. 1 - Exit Stators

Section Ordinates Above and Below ( $\perp$ ) Mean Camber Line

	x/c	x			All Stations	
%	Chord	in.			t/c → .06	
	0	0		¢		
	•5 •75 1•25 2•50 5 7•5 10 15 20 5 7•5 10 15 20 5 7•5 20 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 5 0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 5 0 5 5 5 5 5 0 5	0 .0069 .0104 .0173 .0345 .0690 .1035 .1380 .2070 .2760 .3450 .4140 .4830 .5520 .6210 .6900 .7590 .8280 .8970 .9660 1.0350 1.1040 1.1730 1.2420 1.3110 1.3800			0 .0066 .0079 .0099 .0132 .0181 .0219 .0252 .0303 .0343 .0372 .0394 .0407 .0414 .0412 .0407 .0414 .0412 .0400 .0318 .0347 .0318 .0286 .0254 .0222 .0186 .0153 .0120	
	Leading	Edge Rad	lius:		.0033	
	Trailing	g Edge Ra	dius:		.0083	
	Å77					

All dimensions are in inches.

NOTE: Section ordinates are measured perpendicular to Mean Camber Line.

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Figure 67. Model Rotor Balancing

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# Figure 71 Wind Tunnel Duct Model

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### TABLE XV

### Model No. 2 - Rotor

Mean Camber Line Ordinates

		$r/R \longrightarrow$	•3	<b>.</b> ↓	·•5	•6	•7	•8	•9	1.0	
x/c	x	R	2.088	2.78L	3.1.80	4.176	4.872	5.568	6.264	6.960	
% Cho	rd in.	c <sub>l₀</sub> →	•560	•J180	•408	•350	•310	•2'i i	•244	• 6 - 22	
0			0	Э	0	0	0	Ó	0	0	
•5	•0066		.0018	.0016	•0013	.0011	.0010	.0009	.0008	.0007	
•7	5 <b>.</b> 0098		.0026	.0022	.0019	<b>.001</b> 6	.0014	.0013	.0011	.0010	
1.2	01،64 5		.0039	•0034	.0029	.0025	•0022	.0019	.0017	<b>,001</b> 5	
2.5	0 •0328		•0068	•0059	•0050	•0043	.0038	•003li	.0030	.0026	
_5_	•0656		•0116	•0099	•0085	•0073	•006li	.0057	.0051	.00hh	
7.5	.0984		•0156	.0133	•0113	•0097	.0086	.0077	.0068	•0059	
10	.1312		.0190	•0163	•0138	•0119	•0105	.0094	•0083	.0072	
15	•1967		•0247	•0212	*CT90	•0154	.0137	.0122	.0108	•0094	
- 20 20	•2023		•0292	•0251	.0213	•0183	•0162	.0145	•0127	•0111	
25	• 32 (Y		·0329	.0202	.0239	•0205	•0102	•0103	•01/13	0124	
) ) )	• )パンフ しての1		0278	-0300 (22)	0200	0223	0200	•01/7	0150 0160	•0135 0112	
22	•4591		0303	0337	0287	0250	0209	•0107	-0105 77	0143	
50	-6558		•0105	-03/7	-0295	-0253	.02210	0200	.0176	0152	
55	.721)		-01:02	-03/15	.0293	.0251	-0223	.0199	-0175	.0152	
60	7870		0393	0337	.0287	.02/16	.0218	.01.95	-0171	01/19	
65	8525		0378	.0324	.0276	.0236	.0209	.0187	0165	.01/13	
70	.9181		•0357	.0306	.0260	•0223	.0198	.0177	.0156	.0135	
75	•9837		.0329	.0282	.0239	.0205	.0182 ·	.0163	.01h3	.0124	
80	1.0493		.0292	.0251	.0213	.0183	.0162	-0145	.0127	.0111	
85	1.1149		.0247	.0212	.0180	.0154	.0137	.0122	.0108	·0094	
90	1.1804		•0190	.0163	.0138	.0119	.0105	.0094	.0083	.0072	
95	1.2460		•0116	•0099	.0085	•0073	.0064	.0057	.0051	•0044	
100	1.3116		0	0	0	0	0	0.	0	0	
Ang	le of Base	Line	19.35°	28.15°	35 <b>.</b> 7°	41.81°	46.950	51.20	54.6°	57.720	
wit	h Duct Cen	ter		-							
Lin	e at Desig	n									
Spe	ed (200K)	•									
Sol	idity		1.00	•750	.600	•500	•429	•375	•333	•300	
No.	of Blades	= 10				285					
Cho	ord = 1.311	.6 in.				, ,					
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#### TABLE XV (Cont'd)

#### Model No. 2 - Rotor

### Section Ordinates Above & Below (1) Mean Camber Line

			r/R —	• •3	•4	•5	•6	•7	.8	•9	1.0
		x	R	► 2 <sub>•</sub> 088	2.784	3.1180	4.176	4.872	5.568	6,264	6.960
% C1	nord	in.	c <sub>lo</sub> →	•0675	.0644	.06 <b>1</b> 3	•0582	.0551	.0521	.01:90	,0460
(	)	0		0	0	0	0	n	G	0	0
	5	•0066		.0070	.0067	.006)	-0061	-0057	005	0051	0011
	75	.0098		.0085	.0081	.0077	.0073	.0069	0065	-0061	OUES
1.	.25	.0164		.0106	.0101	.0096	.0091	.0086	-0082	.0077	.0072
2.	5	.0328		.0141	.0135	.0128	.0122	.0115	0109	.01.02	.0096
- 5.	0	•0 <b>6</b> 56		.0193	.0184	.0176	.0167	.0158	0110	.0110	.0132
7.	5	.0984		·02314	.0224	.0213	.0202	.0191	.0181	0170	10160
]	0	•1312		.0269	.0257	.0244	0232	.0220	.0208	.0195	0183
1	.5	•1967		•0324	•0309	.0294	.0280	.0280	.0250	.0235	.0221
2	20	•2623		•0366	.0349	.0333	.0316	.0299	.0283	.0266	.0250
2	25	•3279		•0398	•0380	.0361	.0343	.0325	.0307	.0289	.0271
3	0	•3935		•0421	.0101	.0382	.0363	•0344	.0325	.0305	0287
3	15	•4591		•0436	.0416	•0396	.0376	.0356	.0336	.0316	.0297
4	0	•5246		0442	.0422	.0402	.0381	.0361	.0341	.0321	.0301
4	5	•5902	8,	•0440	•0420	•0400	.0380	.0359	.0340	.0320	.0300
5	0	•6558		.0428	•0408	•0389	.0369	.0349	.0330	.0311	.0292
5	5	•7214		•0707	•0386	•0367	.0349	.0330	.0312	.0294	.0276
6	<u>0</u>	•7870		•0372	•0354	°0337	.0320	.0303	.0287	.0270	.0253
6	5	•8525		•0340	•0324	.0309	.0294	.0278	.0263	.0247	.0232
7	õ	•9181		•0306	·0291	.0277	<ul><li>0263</li></ul>	<b>.</b> 0250	•0236	.0222	.0209
(	5	•9837		•0271	•0258	·02117	.0234	.0221	<ul><li>0210</li></ul>	.0197	.0185
Ö	5	1.0493		•0237	<ul><li>0227</li></ul>	.0215	.0205	•0194	.0105	.0172	.0162
0	5	1.1149		•0200	•0190	•0181	.0172	•0162 <sup>:</sup>	•01 <u>5</u> 4	.0145	•0136
9	U r	1.1804		•0164	•0157	.0149	.0142	•0133	°0155	.0120	•0111
У Ч	5	1.2460		•0129	.0120	•0116	•0111	.0102	•0098	•0093	•0089
-	.00	. 0		, 0	0 .	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lead	ing	Edge Radiu	S	•0035	•0034	•0032	•0031	•0029	•0027	<b>.00</b> 26	•0024
frai	ling	EdgeRadiu	S	8800.	•0084	• <b>00</b> 80	•0076	•0072	• <b>00</b> 68	•006L	•0060
• • •	.1.4										

All dimensions are in inches

NOTE: Section ordinates are measured perpendicular to Mean Camber Line

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TABLE IVI

Model No. 2 - Exit Stators

Mean Camber Line Ordinates

		r/R •-3	•4	•5	•6	<b>+</b> 7	3.	•9	i.v.J
x/c	x	$R_{in} \rightarrow 2.088$	2.784	3-480	4.176	4.872	5.568	6.261.	5.360
% Chord	in.	<b>0</b> 10	<b>•9</b> 20	•955	1.040	1.190	1,380	1.075	2+100
0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	С	c
•5	.0066	•0027	•0030	.0031	.0034	.0039	<b>~00</b> 45	.0055	.5569
•75	•0093	•0038	.0042	-00/1/1	.0048	•0055	•0063	·0077	-0096
1.25	•0164	•0058	.0064	.0067	•0073	.0081	.0097	•0118	. 01hi
2,50	•0328	•0100	.0112	.0116	•0127	.011:5	•0168	-0204	•0256
5,	•0656	•0170	•0191	•0198	•021.6	.0247	•0286	-0347	-0435
7.5	•0983	.0228	•0256	•0266	.0289	-0331	.0384	.0456	+0364
10		.0278	.0312	•0324	•0352	.0403	.0408	•0568	.0/12
15	•190/	-0302 01:08	.0406	.0421	·0459	•0525	+0009	•075	.0927
20	.2078	0420	0510	*0490 offo	•0543	-0521	0910	•UU / 1	- 10) O
30	3931	-0401	0586	0600	.0010	0090	0880	1065	1228
35	1,590	-0551	.0621	0615	0702	0801	.0000	1121	<u>ەر چ</u> ند •
10	5215	-0576	.0616	.0671	.0730	.0836	0060	1176	11.75
ĨŠ	-5901	0589	-0660	-0686	07)7	0851	.0991	.1212	1408
Śó	.6557	0593	.0665	.0691	.0752	0861	.0998	1211	1519
55	.7212	•0589	.0650	.0686	·07L7	-0854	0091	1202	1508
60	.7868	.0576	.0646	.0571	.0730	0836	.0969	11.76	11.75
65	.8523	.0554	.0621	.0645	+0702	.0804	.0932	.1131	1/12
70	•9179	•0523	.0586	.0609	.0663	.0758	.0880.	.1068	.1338
75	<b>•9</b> 835	-0481	.0540	.0560	.0610	.0698	.0810	.0983	.1232
80	1.0490	.0428	.0480	.0498	.05/13	.0621	.0720	·087L	.1096
85	1.1146	•0362	•0406	.0421	.0459	.0525	.0609	.0739	.0927
90	1.1802	•0278	•0312	•0324	•0352	.0403	.0468	.0568	.0712
<b>9</b> 5	1.2457	•0170	•0191	.0198	.0216	.0247	.0286	.0347	.0435
100	1.3113	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0
Angle of with Duc	Base Line t Center L	6.2° ine	6 <b>.</b> 2°	6.2°	6.2°	6 <b>.2°</b>	6 <b>.</b> 2°	6.20	6 <b>.</b> 2 <sup>0</sup>
Solidity	7	1.500	1.125	•900	•750	.642	•562	•500	•450
No. of H	31ades = 15			19		ы   ф	1. s =		6
Chord	= 1.	3113 in.							

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TABLE XVI (Cont'd)

#### Model No. 2 - Exit Stators

Section Ordinates Above and Below (1) Mean Camber Line

x/c	x			All Sta	tions
% Chord	in.			t/c	÷.06
0 •5 •75 1•25 2•50 5 7•5 10 15 20 5 30 55 60 55 60 55 60 55 80 85 90 95 100	0 0066 0098 0164 0328 0656 0983 1311 1967 2623 3278 3934 4590 5245 5901 6557 7212 7868 8523 9179 9835 10490 11146 1802 12457 13113				0 0062 0075 0094 0125 0172 0208 0239 0288 0326 0354 0374 0387 0393 0391 0380 0359 0330 0392 0272 0211 0177 0146 0114 0
Leading	Edge Radius		0	- 2	•0032
Trailing	g Edge Radius	5:			•0078

All dimensions are in inches.

NOTE: Section ordinates are measured perpendicular to Mean Camber Line.

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#### TABLE XVII

#### WIND TUNNEL TEST PROGRAM

Force tests

Data to be collected

Forces and moments on the shroud Forces and moments on the blades Combined forces and moments Total pressure ratio across the duct

#### Model Configuration Identification

#### code order

(Angle of attack) (Inlet) (Guidevane) (Rotor) (Stator) (Flaps exit)

Angle of attack - subscript identifies angle

B - bell mouth, subscripts would indicate notch size.
 Two sizes will be tested. C none, 1 small notch,
 2 large notch.

F - practical flap

H - high speed inlet

Guide Vanes G - superscripts identify blade setting angle. Subscripts no. of blades

Rotor

Inlets

Exit Stators F - subscripts show no. of blades

Exit Flaps D - subscripts 0 no exit :

R

0 no exit flap .8, 1.2, & 1.4 show multiples of unflapped exit area. Exit flap tests to be extra if time allows mfg. of the shroud extensions

I Velocities in feet/second

A. Static V = 0 Report No. D181-945-006

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B. Low speed - Velocities from 0 to approaching stall speed. Three speeds approximately:

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V = 30, 60, 85 ft/second

C. High speed - Velocities in the normal flight range, approximately:

V = 130, 180, & tunnel max

Model test points in the above Velocity requires

- I Static Design power only.
  - A. Test bell mouth on basic blade and exit configuration. Test basic bell mouth configuration with a change in inlet vane setting of  $\pm 5^{\circ}$  and a change in motor RPM.

$$B_0 G_{18} R E_{19} D_0$$

Vary inlet notch size over predetermined range, on the basic configuration

$$\mathbf{B} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{18} & \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{E}_{19} & \mathbf{D}_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

B. Test the practical flap with the basic configuration

$$\mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{18} & \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{E}_{19} & \mathbf{D}_{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

C. Bell mouth with basic blades and exit area variation. This will be extra.

$$B_0 G_{18} R E_{19}$$
  $D_8, 1.2, 1.4$ 

D. High speed inlet with the basic blade configuration.

$$H \begin{bmatrix} G_{1c} & R & E_{19} & D_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

E. Remove exit stators in steps from basic configuration.



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# Decrease inlet guide vanes on basic configuration

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 $\begin{bmatrix} B_0 \end{bmatrix} G_9 \begin{bmatrix} R & E_{19} & D_0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

F.

guide vane setting will vary with number of blades due to solidity change.

- II Low Speed Design Power. 60 and 40% Power
  - A. With design power at the three velocity points, (V = 30, 60, and 85 ft/sec) test the basic configuration over the angle of attack range from 0 to 90 degrees.

 $\propto \mathbf{x} \begin{bmatrix} B_0 & G_{18} & R & E_{19} & D_0 \end{bmatrix}$ x = 90, 87.5, 85, 80, 75, 65, 50, 30, 15, 0

B. Same as A. with practical flap at one velocity over a reduced angle attack range.

$$\sim$$
 60, 70, 85, 87.5, 90, F  $\begin{bmatrix} G_{18} & E_{19} & D_{0} \end{bmatrix}$ 

C. Same as B with exit area increase. This will be extra

- $\propto$  50, 70, 80, 87.5, 90  $\begin{bmatrix} F & G_{18} & R & E_{19} \end{bmatrix}$   $D_{1.2, 1.4}$
- ). At 60 and 40% power and 1 velocity, check the basic configuration over the reduced angle of attack range.

$$\propto_{60, 70, 80, 87.5, 90} \begin{bmatrix} B_0 & G_{18} & E_{19} & D_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

III High Speed - Design power and 1 Reduced power

A. The basic configuration with the high speed nose at design power over the velocity range. Test over the angle of attack range to stall angle.

$$\sim$$
 0, 5, 10, 15, 20 [H G<sub>18</sub> R E<sub>19</sub> D<sub>0</sub>]

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B. The reduced exit area over the velocity range with max power and reduced power at zero angle of attack. This will be extra.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \checkmark & H & G_{18} & R & E_{19} \end{bmatrix} \quad D_{0.8}$$

C. At reduced power and at one velocity check basic configuration over the angle of attack range.

$$\propto_{0, 5, 10, 15, 20} \left[ H G_{18} R E_{19} D_{0} \right]$$

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## TABLE XVIII

## MODIFIED TEST PROCEDURE

Range of Variables:

Inlet Quide Vane Angle (  $\propto$  vane) -20° to +20°

Velocity 0 to 250 ft/sec

RPM 6000 to 12,000

Yaw Angle (  $\psi$  ) 0 to 90° (0 - 30° at Vo > 90 ft/sec)

Inlet Lips - bell mouth, notched bell mouth, practical flap, high speed lip

- I Set inlet vane angle and test over complete range.
  - A. Bell Mouth Inlet
    - 1. Static vary RPM over range
    - 2. Velocities 20, 40, 60, 90, 130, 180, 250 ft/sec vary RPM over range and yaw angle over range.
  - B. Notched Bell Mouth
    - 1. Static vary RPM over range
    - 2. Velocities 20, 45, 90, vary RPM over range and yaw angles over range.
  - C. Practical Flap
    - 1. Static vary RPM over range
    - 2. Velocities 20, 45, 90, 130, 180, 250 vary RPM over range and yaw angles over range.
  - D. High Speed Nose
    - 1. Static vary RPM over range
    - 2. Velocities 20, 45, 90, 130, 180, 250 vary RPM and yaw angle over range.

II Resat inlet guide vane angle to new setting and repeat.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

Speed of sound, ft/sec а Area, sq ft A Blade chord, ft С C - factor for blade limit-loading C  $c_{l_0}$ Blade design camber Specific heat at constant pressure Cp Diameter, ft D Thrust, 1bs  $F_e$ Acceleration due to gravity, ft/sec<sup>2</sup> g Horsepower HP Joule's constant Ĵ Inlet pressure recovery Pt1/Pto k -Constant, equal to 10.95 K -Mass flow, slugs/sec m Mach number Μ Number of blades Ν Pressure, lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> P Power factor PF Dynamic pressure, lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> q Torque, ft/lbs Q Radius at any blade station, ft r Tip radius, ft R

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Universal gas constant R Fan pressure ratio, Pt2/Pt1 RF - $(\mathbf{r}/\mathbf{R})$ Radial station ---t Blade thickness - . Temperature T Resultant rotational velocity, ft/sec U -Velocity, ft/sec V -- Flow velocity relative to blades, ft/sec W - Tangential whirl velocity, ft/sec Δwu - Weight flow, lbs/sec W

Blade angle of attack, deg

Angle between flow direction and duct axis, deg

Ratio of specific heats for air

- Adiabatic fan efficiency
- $\Theta$  Turning angle, deg
- P Density, slugs/ft<sup>3</sup>

- ✓ Angle between blade chord and center line of duct, deg
- f Rotational velocity, ft/sec

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f	-	Fan
in	• •	Inlet
o	-	Free stream
p	-	Peak
t	-	Total or tangential
Т	-	Tip
v	-	Vane
Rl	-	Front rotor
R2	-	Rear rotor

1 - Station immediately in front of fan

2 - Station immediately behind fan

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### Summary of In-Flight IBM Procedure

<u>Input Values</u>:  $a_0, T_0, \rho_0, P_0, HP/A_f, V_0, R_F, r_0$ <u>Constants</u>:  $g = 32.2, R = 53.3, \delta = 1.4, K = 10.95, k = .97$ 

Step	Calculation	Equation
1.	Mo	$V_{o}/a_{o}$
2.	Pto/Po	(1 - 3)
3.	<sup>T</sup> t <sub>o</sub> /T <sub>o</sub>	(1 - 8)
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5.	<sup>T</sup> t <sub>o</sub>	т, Э
6.	Vf	(1 - 40)
7.	M <sub>1</sub> 2	(1 - 41)
8.	m/A <sub>f</sub>	(1 - 42)
9.	Ve	(1 - 43)
10.	Pte/Pe	R <sub>F</sub> κ ②
11.	Ptf/Pf	(1 - 3)
12.	٧e	(1 - 39)
Determine V <sub>e</sub> satisfy	ring steps 9 and 12 by iterat	tion process.
13.	F/A <sub>f</sub>	(1 - 44)
14.	F/HP	(1 - 45)

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