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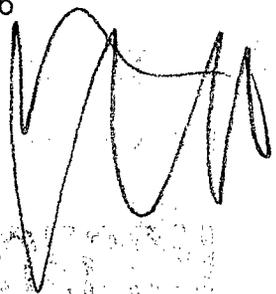
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## SUMMARY

Comparisons have been made of low-lift drag measurements obtained on eight airplane configurations at Mach numbers between 0.7 and 1.6 by various techniques. Data were obtained from wind-tunnel tests and from rocket-propelled model and airplane flight tests.

In general, the agreement of data from various sources is good and no consistent effects of Reynolds number were discernible in the data. Most of the apparent discrepancies and the lack of Reynolds number effects are at least qualitatively explainable by consideration of such factors as surface condition, individual test setup and accuracy, and detail geometric differences between the airplanes and their respective models.

## INTRODUCTION

The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, at the request of the U. S. Air Force and Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of the Navy, conducts many investigations of specific existing or proposed service aircraft. In the course of these investigations, questions continually arise as to the dependence one can place on drag measurements obtained by various research techniques, particularly at transonic and low supersonic speeds, and on the reliability of drag reductions obtained by extrapolating the data to higher Reynolds numbers.

In order to answer at least partially the questions of validity of model drag data, a collection and comparison has been made of such data for eight airplane configurations. The basic data considered appear in references 1 to 19 and in various unpublished forms. The data were obtained from tests in NACA and company-owned wind tunnels, from NACA rocket-propelled-model flight tests, and from NACA, U. S. Air Force, and

company-conducted airplane flight tests. The airplanes considered are the Bell X-1, Douglas X-3, Douglas D-558-II, Bell X-5, McDonnell XF3H-1, Douglas XF4D-1, North American YF-100A, and Republic XF-91 airplanes.

The general sources of data for each configuration are:

<u>Airplane</u>	<u>Source</u>
Bell X-1 . . . . .	tunnel and flight
Douglas X-3 . . . . .	tunnel, rocket, and flight
Douglas D-558-II . . . . .	tunnel, rocket, and flight
Bell X-5 . . . . .	tunnel and flight
McDonnell XF3H-1 . . . . .	tunnel, rocket, and flight
Douglas XF4D-1 . . . . .	tunnel, rocket, and flight
North American YF-100A . . . . .	tunnel and rocket
Republic XF-91 . . . . .	rocket and flight

This report presents, compares, and briefly discusses the available low-lift transonic drag data for these eight airplane configurations.

#### SYMBOLS

$C_D$	drag coefficient, $D/qS$
$C_L$	lift coefficient, $L/qS$
$C_f$	friction-drag coefficient, $\frac{\text{Friction drag}}{q \times \text{Wetted area}}$
$S$	total wing area, sq ft
$D$	drag, lb
$L$	lift, lb
$q$	dynamic pressure, $\frac{\gamma}{2} \rho M^2$ , lb/sq ft
$M$	Mach number
$p$	static pressure, lb/sq ft
$\gamma$	specific heat ratio for air, 1.4
$R$	Reynolds number, $\rho V \bar{c} / \mu$
$\rho$	mass density of air, slug/cu ft

$\mu$	viscosity of air, slugs/ft-sec
$V$	velocity, ft/sec
$\bar{c}$	wing mean aerodynamic chord, ft
$m/m_0$	inlet mass-flow ratio, ratio of mass rate of flow into inlet to mass rate of flow through free-stream tube of area equal to inlet area

## ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used to designate the various research facilities:

NACA flight	airplane flight tests conducted by NACA at High-Speed Flight Research Station at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.
DAC flight	airplane flight tests conducted by Douglas Aircraft Company
MAC flight	airplane flight tests conducted by McDonnell Aircraft Company
RAC flight	airplane flight tests conducted by Republic Aviation Corporation
USAF flight	airplane flight tests conducted by United States Air Force
Rocket	rocket-model flight tests conducted by the Langley Pilotless Aircraft Research Division (PARL) at its testing station at Wallops Island, Va.
8' HST	Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel
8' TT	Langley 8-foot transonic tunnel
16' TT	Langley 16-foot transonic tunnel
6' SST	Ames 6- by 6-foot supersonic tunnel
4' SPT	Langley 4- by 4-foot supersonic pressure tunnel
OAL	Ordnance Aerophysics Laboratory Tunnel, Daingerfield, Texas

CWT Bump	bump tests in Southern California Cooperative Wind Tunnel
CWT	Southern California Cooperative Wind Tunnel
16" ST	North American Aviation, Inc., 16 x 16-inch Supersonic Wind Tunnel

## DATA

### Source and Presentation

Drag data for the various airplane configurations were obtained from the sources listed in table I (refs. 1 to 19) and from some unpublished sources such as data letters from the manufacturers, and from the files of the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory.

Geometric data for the various configurations are presented in table I and both geometric and aerodynamic data are presented in figures 1 to 8.

### Treatment of Base, Duct, and Inlet Drag

Base drag.- Whatever base drag existed is included in all airplane flight data. Base drag, calculated from measured base pressures, has been subtracted from all wind-tunnel data except for the Bell X-1 (8' HST and 16' TT) and Douglas D-558-II (8' HST, model A) and from all rocket-model data except for the Republic XF-91. The tare procedure of the Langley 8-foot high-speed tunnel eliminated the necessity for subtracting base pressure for the X-1 and D-558-II data of references 2 and 6, and measured base pressures on the Bell X-1 model in the 16-foot transonic tunnel (unpublished) agreed with flight base-pressure measurements. For the XF-91 rocket model (ref. 18), no base-pressure measurements were made.

Internal duct drag.- Measured values of internal duct drag have been subtracted from all data obtained on ducted models in wind tunnels and on ducted rocket models. Internal duct drags have effectively been subtracted from the airplane flight data by the definition of thrust as the change in momentum between the inlet and the exit.

Inlet drag.- The following notes outline the treatment of inlet drag for the various configurations:

Configuration

No inlet . . . . . Bell X-1  
 Airplane and rocket and tunnel models operated at  
 approximately same  $m/m_0$  . . . . . Douglas X-3  
 No inlet . . . . . Douglas D-558-II  
 Tunnel and flight tests were made with approximately  
 same  $m/m_0$  . . . . . Bell X-5  
 Rocket, tunnel, and flight tests were all made with  
 approximately same  $m/m_0$  . . . . . Douglas XF4D-1  
 Tunnel tests were made with plugged and faired-  
 over inlets which were assumed equivalent to  
 $m/m_0 = 1$ . Rocket-model data (unpublished)  
 were corrected from  $m/m_0 = 0$  (blocked ducts)  
 to  $m/m_0 = 1$  by data from inlet model  
 (ref. 11). Airplane data were corrected  
 from  $0.7 < m/m_0 < 1.0$  to  $m/m_0 = 1$  by data  
 from flight (ref. 10) . . . . . McDonnell XF3H-1  
 Rocket model with faired nose was assumed equivalent to  
 $m/m_0 = 0.9^+$ . Airplane data were obtained at  
 $m/m_0 = 0.9^+$  . . . . . Republic XF-91

Area Distributions

Longitudinal distributions of cross-sectional area and the equivalent bodies of revolution for several of the configurations are presented in figures 2 to 7 as a matter of general interest. The actual equivalence of pressure drag for complete configurations and equivalent bodies is discussed more fully in references 20 and 21.

Reynolds Numbers

The values of Reynolds number shown with the airplane flight data in figures 1 to 8 generally were those listed as extremes in the reference material. The straight-line fairing of R against M is intended only to show the Reynolds number range and not to indicate an actual variation of R with M.

DISCUSSION

Bell X-1 Airplane

Drag data for  $C_L = 0.2$  are presented in figure 1 for the Bell X-1 research airplane with 10-percent-thick wing. Data were taken from NACA

flight tests (ref. 1) and from tests in the Langley 8-foot high-speed and 16-foot transonic tunnels (ref. 2 and unpublished data). The flight-test drag points were obtained from cross plots of  $C_D$  against  $\alpha$  made from data obtained from level flight, push-downs, and pull-ups with power off. The stabilizer and elevator settings are not given in reference 1. The tunnel data are for stabilizer and elevator settings of zero.

The agreement of the data from the three sources is considered excellent. The maximum scatter about a mean subsonic level is  $\pm 0.002$  or about  $\pm 12$  percent in drag coefficient and the maximum scatter in the steep portion of the drag rise is about  $\pm 0.01$  in Mach number.

#### Douglas X-3 Airplane

Drag data at  $C_L = 0$  and  $0.3$  are presented in figure 2 for the Douglas X-3 research airplane. Data were taken from preliminary unpublished flight tests made by Douglas with NACA instrumentation, rocket-propelled-model tests by Langley PARD (ref. 3), and tests in the Ames 6- by 6-foot supersonic tunnel (ref. 4). Both rocket and wind-tunnel models were tested with two sizes of horizontal tail; the airplane was flown only with the larger tail. Rocket-model data are for tail settings between  $0$  and  $-3^\circ$  and the wind-tunnel data are for a tail setting of zero. Airplane tail settings varied  $-2.8^\circ$  and  $-4.8^\circ$ .

The maximum disagreements in zero-lift drag coefficient level between the rocket and tunnel models are about  $0.006$  which corresponds to about 20 to 25 percent at subsonic speeds and to about 10 percent at supersonic speeds. The difference in direction of this disagreement on either side of  $M = 1$  may be due to the fact that the tunnel tests had to be made with a large sting which extended under the tail boom of the model in order to support the model at the fuselage base. The agreement between rocket and tunnel data on the effect of changing tail size is excellent. The flight, rocket, and tunnel data agree well at  $C_L = 0.3$ . In general, the agreement in data from the various sources is good.

#### Douglas D-558-II Airplane

Drag data for  $C_L \approx 0$  and  $0.3$  are presented in figure 3 for models of the Douglas D-558-II research airplane. Data were taken from rocket-model tests by Langley PARD (ref. 5), tests in the Langley 8-foot high-speed and 4-foot supersonic pressure tunnels (refs. 6 and 7), and unpublished flight tests and tests in the Langley 8-foot transonic tunnel. In order to obtain rocket-model data at  $C_L = 0$ , cross plots were made of the data for six different models with tail settings varying from about  $-2^\circ$  to  $-3.7^\circ$ . Data from the Langley 8-foot high-speed and 4-foot

speeds. Although the effect noted is not large it is believed worthy of further investigation.

#### McDonnell XF3H-1 Airplane

Minimum drag data are presented in figure 5 for the McDonnell XF3H-1 airplane. Data were taken from flight tests by McDonnell (ref. 10), rocket-model tests by Langley PARD (unpublished data and ref. 11), tests on the Southern California Cooperative Wind Tunnel bump (ref. 12), and tests in the Ordnance Aerophysics Laboratory tunnel at Daingerfield, Texas (ref. 13).

The flight, rocket, and bump data are in very good agreement up to  $M = 1.05$  in subsonic level, drag-rise Mach number, and transonic pressure-drag rise. The marked departure, at  $M = 1.05$ , between rocket and bump data may be due to limitations to the bump test technique for drag tests or to the particular model-bump combination used. Part of the difference at  $M > 1.05$  between rocket and bump data and the difference at  $M = 1.5$  between tunnel data and logical extrapolations of the rocket data appear to be due to the differences between the models. The data in references 11, 22, and 23 show that a model with the XF3H-1 inlet had considerably higher supersonic drag than a faired nose model.

In general, the agreement in the data from the various sources is very good considering the geometric differences between the various models

#### Douglas XF4D-1 Airplane

Minimum drag data are presented in figure 6 for the Douglas XF4D-1 airplane. Data were taken from flight tests by Douglas (unpublished), rocket-model tests by Langley PARD (ref. 14), and tests in the Ames 6- by 6-foot supersonic tunnel (ref. 15).

The agreement in subsonic drag level, drag-rise Mach number, and transonic pressure-drag rise is excellent for the flight, rocket, and tunnel data. The small difference between rocket and tunnel data at supersonic speeds may be due to differences in surface condition and extent of laminar flow between the two models.

#### North American YF-100A Airplane

Minimum drag data for the North American YF-100A airplane are presented in figure 7. Data were taken from rocket-model tests by Langley PARD (unpublished), tests in the Langley 16-foot transonic tunnel

(unpublished), and tests in North American Supersonic Wind Tunnel and Southern California Cooperative Wind Tunnel (refs. 16 and 17).

The agreement of the wind-tunnel and rocket-model drag data is very good throughout the Mach number range covered by the tests. The differences in drag coefficients shown between the tunnel (model B) and rocket-model tests at supersonic speeds may be an effect of Reynolds number or of unknown detail geometric differences between the various models. The reasons for the slightly lower drags shown by the transonic tunnel data (model A) at  $M \approx 1$  are believed to be model-support interference or differences in shock-boundary-layer interaction as discussed for the Bell X-5 data despite the geometric differences noted in figure 7.

#### Republic XF-91 Airplane

Low-lift drag data for the Republic XF-91 airplane are presented in figure 8. Data were taken from Air Force flight tests (ref. 19), Republic flight tests (unpublished), and from Langley PARD rocket-model tests (ref. 18).

The agreement in subsonic drag level, drag-rise Mach number and pressure-drag rise to  $M = 1.0$  is very good. The small differences at subsonic speeds (15 percent maximum) may be due to differences in Reynolds number or surface condition, or to the difference between faired-nose and open-inlet drag. Data in references 22 and 23 indicate that a similar open inlet had less drag than a faired nose; the difference (corrected for ratio of wing area to inlet area) amounts to 0.0036 for  $M < 0.95$ , 0.0030 at  $M = 1$ , and 0 at  $M = 1.15$ .

In general, the rocket-model and airplane drag data are in very good agreement.

#### Reynolds Number Effects

In order to discover any trends or effects on drag of the Reynolds number of the various tests, the drag data presented in figures 1 to 8 were plotted against Reynolds number at constant Mach number. The majority of the data were for the Reynolds number range between  $1 \times 10^6$  and  $10 \times 10^6$  or  $12 \times 10^6$  and thus were in the region where the transition from laminar to turbulent boundary layer would be expected to occur. Since transition is so sensitive to initial air-stream turbulence, fine construction details, and surface roughness, no consistent patterns were discernible in the lower Reynolds number data. For instance, two fairly comparable cases are the Ames 6-foot-tunnel and Langley rocket-model tests of the Douglas X-3 and Douglas XF4D-1 airplanes: for the X-3 the tunnel drag data at  $R \approx 2 \times 10^6$  to  $2.5 \times 10^6$  were lower than rocket data at

$R \approx 6 \times 10^6$  to  $10 \times 10^6$  at subsonic speed and were higher at supersonic speeds which might indicate that the boundary layer had an appreciable length of laminar run and was in a state of transition at subsonic speeds but was almost fully turbulent at supersonic speeds. For the XF4D-1 on the other hand the tunnel and rocket data agreed at subsonic speeds but the tunnel values of  $C_D$  were lower at supersonic speeds, which might indicate the existence of a greater extent of laminar flow on the tunnel model at supersonic speeds rather than at subsonic speeds as was indicated for the X-3 tests.

The greatest Reynolds number ranges of the data presented herein are for the Douglas XF4D-1 and McDonnell XF3H-1 configurations. These data are shown in figure 9 as plots of  $C_D$  against  $R$  at  $M = 0.8$  to  $0.9$ . Also shown in figure 9 are values of skin friction drag  $\left( C_f \frac{\text{Wetted area}}{\text{Wing area}} \right)$  for each configuration where  $C_f$  was obtained for smooth surfaces with turbulent boundary layers at  $M \approx 1$  from reference 24. The level and shape of the "smooth  $C_f$ " curve of reference 24 have been well corroborated by many investigations, reference 25, for example.

The drag data for the XF3H-1 and XF4D-1 show essentially no effect of Reynolds number in contrast to the marked reduction in  $C_D$  with increased  $R$  shown by the  $C_f$  curve. The analysis of  $C_f$  for rough surfaces presented in reference 24 indicates that an invariance of  $C_D$  with  $R$  might be expected for airplanes with mass-production-type surfaces. The level of  $C_D$  shown in figure 9 is, however, about 0.003 to 0.004 higher than would be estimated from reference 24. It is quite possible, also, that both the airplanes had better than "mass-production" surfaces and the comparatively high  $C_D$  at high  $R$  may result from such items as leakage, gun ports, cooling air, and other items that could not be duplicated properly on the wind-tunnel and rocket models.

In any event, the available data do not indicate that one should depend on obtaining a large reduction in drag for an airplane at high Reynolds numbers over the drag shown by wind-tunnel or rocket-model tests at Reynolds numbers of  $1 \times 10^6$  to  $10 \times 10^6$ .

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

From the various data comparisons presented in the figures and previously discussed, it appears that good agreement exists in drag data from various sources when care is taken to compare the data under similar conditions of lift, tail setting, inlet mass-flow, and so forth. In cases where appreciable disagreement occurred the prime contributing factor appeared to be geometric differences between the airplane and

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TABLE I.- GEOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS AIRPLANE CONFIGURATIONS

Characteristics	Configuration							
	Bell X-1	Douglas X-3	Douglas D-558-II	Bell X-5	McDonnell XF3H-1	Douglas XF4D-1	North American YF-100A (c,d,e)	Republic XF-91
<b>Wing:</b>								
Area, sq ft								
Total	130.0	166.5 <sup>f</sup>	175.0	<sup>a</sup> 184.3, <sup>b</sup> 186.3	415.0	557.0	376.0	320.0
Exposed	103.3	108.2	135.0	<sup>a</sup> 143.3, <sup>b</sup> 145.3	337.0	350.0	292.5	266.0
Mean aerodynamic chord, ft	4.81	7.84	7.3	<sup>a</sup> 10.05, <sup>b</sup> 10.35	12.2	18.25	11.31	10.60
Aspect ratio	6.0	3.09	3.57	<sup>a</sup> 2.16, <sup>b</sup> 1.94	3.0	2.01	3.56	3.07
Taper ratio	0.50	0.39	0.57	<sup>a</sup> 0.41, <sup>b</sup> 0.42	0.5	0.33	0.30	1.63
Sweep	0° at 0.40c	15.9° at c/4	35° at 0.30c	59° at c/4	45° at c/4	52.5° at L.E.	45° at c/4	40° at c/2
<b>Airfoil</b>								
Root	NACA 65-110 (a = 1) mod.	Faired hexagon	NACA 63-010	NACA 64(10)A011	NACA 0009-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	NACA 0007-63/30 - 9.5° mod.	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-17 10x
Tip	NACA 65-110 (a = 1) mod.	Faired hexagon	<sup>a,c</sup> NACA 631-012, <sup>b</sup> NACA 63-010	NACA 64(08)A008.28	NACA 0007-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	NACA 0004-5-63/30 - 6.6° mod.	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-17 10x
Laid out $\perp$ to		Span	0.30c	0.38c	Span	Span	Span	c/2
Root-mean square t/c (streamwise)	0.10	0.045	0.098	0.057	0.082	0.06	0.07	0.077
<b>Horizontal tail:</b>								
Area, sq ft								
Total	26.0	<sup>f</sup> 30.9, <sup>g</sup> 43.2	40.8	<sup>a</sup> 31.5, <sup>b</sup> 35.0	69.7	-----	99.0	71.74
Exposed	24.5	<sup>f</sup> 26.6, <sup>g</sup> 39.1	38.0	27.0	57.4	-----	70.2	68.5
Aspect ratio	5.0	<sup>f</sup> 3.0, <sup>g</sup> 4.38	3.58	<sup>a</sup> 2.9, <sup>b</sup> 2.94	3.0	-----	3.56	4.0
Taper ratio	0.5	<sup>f</sup> 0.40, <sup>g</sup> 0.40	0.50	0.3	0.50	-----	0.30	1.0
Sweep	12° at L.E.	<sup>f</sup> 29.3° at c/4, <sup>g</sup> 16.3° at c/4	<sup>c</sup> 46° at 0.30c	45° at c/4	45° at c/4	-----	45° at c/4	40°
<b>Airfoil</b>								
Root	NACA 65-008	Faired hexagon	NACA 63-010 mod.	NACA 65A006	NACA 0007-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	-----	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-010
Tip	NACA 65-008	Faired hexagon	NACA 63-010 mod.	NACA 65A006	NACA 0007-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	-----	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-010
Laid out $\perp$ to	Span	Span	0.30c	Span	Span	-----	Span	c/2
Root-mean-square t/c (streamwise)	0.08	0.05	<sup>c</sup> 0.069, <sup>a,b</sup> 0.077	0.06	0.07	-----	0.07	0.077
<b>Vertical tail (dorsal fins not included):</b>								
Area, sq ft								
Total	34.8	23.7	<sup>c,d</sup> 45.5, <sup>a,e</sup> 60.2	<sup>a</sup> 29.5, <sup>b</sup> 31.7	-----	72.5	49.6	58.7
Exposed	27.4	20.3	<sup>c,d</sup> 41.0, <sup>a,e</sup> 44.7	<sup>a</sup> 25.3, <sup>b</sup> 27.7	48.2	46.8	38.0	48.3
Aspect ratio	1.96	1.31	<sup>c,d</sup> 40.87, <sup>a,e</sup> 41.07	<sup>a</sup> 1.32, <sup>b</sup> 1.51	1.12	2.08	1.76	2.03
Taper ratio	0.33	0.29	<sup>c,d</sup> 0.30, <sup>a,e</sup> 0.20	0.4	0.50	0.26	0.28	0.44
Sweep	0° at 0.40c	38.4° at c/4	49° at 0.30c	43° at L.E.	45° at c/4	66.6° at L.E.	45° at c/4	30° at c/2
<b>Airfoil</b>								
Root	NACA 65-008	Faired hexagon	NACA 63-010 mod.	NACA 65A006	NACA 0007-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	NACA 0008-63/30 - 9°	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-010
Tip	NACA 65-008	Faired hexagon	NACA 63-010 mod.	NACA 65A006	NACA 0007-1.16 38/1.14 mod.	NACA 0006-63/30 - 6° 45'	NACA 64A007	Republic R-4, 40-010
Laid out $\perp$ to	Span	Span	0.30c	Span	Span	Span	Span	c/2
Root-mean-square t/c (streamwise)	0.08	0.045	0.073	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.087

<sup>a</sup>Airplane.  
<sup>b</sup>Wind-tunnel model.  
<sup>c</sup>Rocket model.  
<sup>d</sup>Wind-tunnel model A.

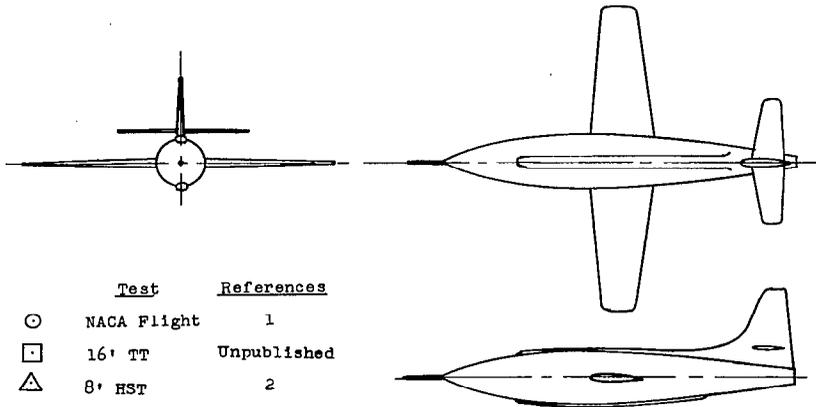
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<sup>f</sup>Tail 1.  
<sup>g</sup>Tail 2.

TABLE I.- GEOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS AIRPLANE CONFIGURATIONS - Concluded

Characteristics	Configuration							
	Bell X-1	Douglas X-3	Douglas D-558-II	Bell X-5	McDonnell XF5H-1	Douglas XF4D-1	North American YF-100A	Republic XF-91
<b>Fuselage:</b>								
Length, ft								
Total . . . . .	31.0	62.75	42.0	<sup>a</sup> 31.7, <sup>b</sup> 32.1	59.4	40.5	<sup>c,e</sup> 47.7, <sup>d</sup> 49.6	<sup>c</sup> 46.6, <sup>a</sup> 43.3
To exit . . . . .	-----	49.5	-----	20.3	45.8	-----	-----	-----
Maximum frontal area (ducts included), sq ft . . . .	17.5	27.8	19.6	26.2	26.5	25.0	26.4	35.5
<u>Max. frontal area</u> . . . . .	0.135	0.167	0.111	<sup>a</sup> 0.143, <sup>b</sup> 0.141	0.064	0.045	0.070	0.111
Total wing area								
Maximum equivalent diameter, ft . . . . .	4.72	5.95	5.0	5.79	5.81	5.64	5.80	6.72
L/D <sub>max</sub>								
Total . . . . .	6.6	10.5	8.4	<sup>a</sup> 5.45, <sup>b</sup> 5.55	9.8	7.18	<sup>c,e</sup> 8.23, <sup>d</sup> 8.55	<sup>c</sup> 6.95, <sup>a</sup> 6.45
To exit . . . . .	-----	8.3	-----	3.51	7.9	-----	-----	-----
Approximate volume (ducts included), cu ft . . . . .	320	1262	490	<sup>a</sup> 388, <sup>b</sup> 397	941	640	<sup>c,e</sup> 911, <sup>d</sup> 917	<sup>c</sup> 990, <sup>a</sup> 985
Approximate wetted area (base and inlet area not included), sq ft . . . . .	325	744	460	<sup>a</sup> 352, <sup>b</sup> 365	739	635	<sup>c,e</sup> 726, <sup>d</sup> 740	<sup>c</sup> 740, <sup>a</sup> 730
Inlet area, sq ft . . . . .	0	4.16	0	1.72	3.72	4.28	0	<sup>c</sup> 4.0, <sup>a</sup> 4.9
Total base area (ducts included), sq ft . . . . .	1.26	<sup>a</sup> 7.9, <sup>b</sup> 9.7	<sup>a,c</sup> 2.18, <sup>b</sup> 3.41	<sup>a</sup> 2.30, <sup>b</sup> 1.72(exit) <sup>b</sup> 2.17(sting)	7.68	5.5	<sup>c,e</sup> 4.45, <sup>d</sup> 6.80	7.5
<b>Complete configuration:</b>								
Approximate total wetted area (ducts included), sq ft . . . .	650	<sup>f</sup> 1077, <sup>g</sup> 1089	<sup>a,c</sup> 900, <sup>b</sup> 910	<sup>a</sup> 744, <sup>b</sup> 764	1622	1335	<sup>c,e</sup> 1539, <sup>d</sup> 1553	1500
<u>Total wetted area</u>	5.0	<sup>f</sup> 6.49, <sup>g</sup> 6.52	<sup>a,c</sup> 5.1, <sup>b</sup> 5.2	<sup>a</sup> 4.04, <sup>b</sup> 4.09	3.91	2.40	<sup>c,e</sup> 4.09, <sup>d</sup> 4.13	4.7
Total wing area								
Duct mass flow ratio at M = 1 . . . . .	-----	0.8	-----	0.88	1.0(see text)	0.6	-----	0.9 <sup>†</sup>
<b>Equivalent body:</b>								
Frontal area, sq ft . . . . .	-----	31.0	28.9	24.1	-----	46.6	37.8	-----
Maximum diameter, ft . . . . .	-----	6.28	6.06	5.52	-----	7.7	6.94	-----
L/D <sub>max</sub>								
Total . . . . .	-----	10.0	7.66	6.12	-----	5.9	7.3	-----
To exit . . . . .	-----	7.8	6.94	3.65	-----	5.26	<sup>c,e</sup> 6.89, <sup>d</sup> 7.15	-----
Volume, cu ft . . . . .	-----	1163	655	<sup>a</sup> 412, <sup>b</sup> 420	-----	920	<sup>c,e</sup> 954, <sup>d</sup> 968	-----
<b>Source:</b>								
Flight tests								
Reference . . . . .	1	-----	Unpublished	8	10	Unpublished	-----	19 and unpublished
Rocket-model tests								
Reference . . . . .	-----	3	5	-----	Unpublished and 11	14	Unpublished	18
Model scale . . . . .	0.0625	0.16	0.129	-----	0.10 and 0.147	0.10	0.11	0.15
Wind-tunnel tests								
Reference . . . . .	2 and unpublished	4	6 and 7	9	12 and 13	15	16, 17, and unpublished	-----
Model scale . . . . .	0.0625 and 0.250	0.083	0.0625	0.09	0.02 and 0.015	0.055	0.02, 0.07, and 0.15	-----

<sup>a</sup>Airplane.  
<sup>b</sup>Wind-tunnel model.  
<sup>c</sup>Rocket model.  
<sup>d</sup>Wind-tunnel model A.

<sup>e</sup>Wind-tunnel model B.  
<sup>f</sup>Tail 1.  
<sup>g</sup>Tail 2.



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△ 8' HST	2

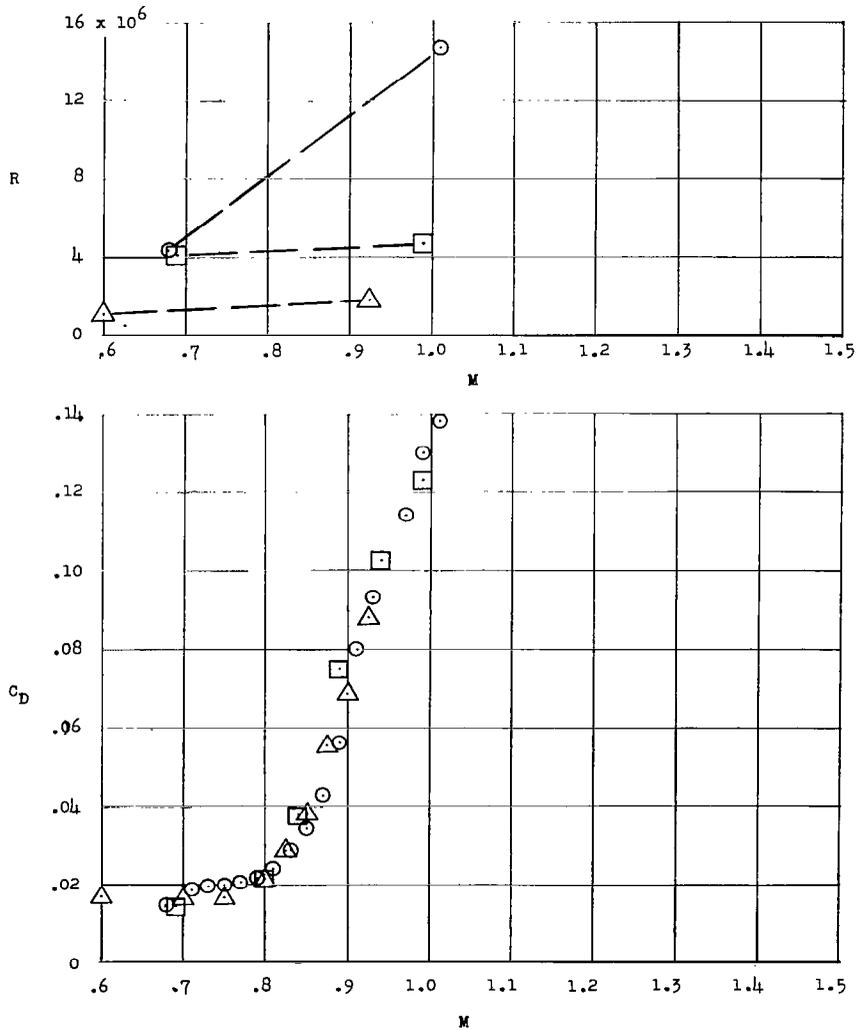


Figure 1.- Bell X-1 airplane (10-percent wing).  $C_L = 0.2$ .

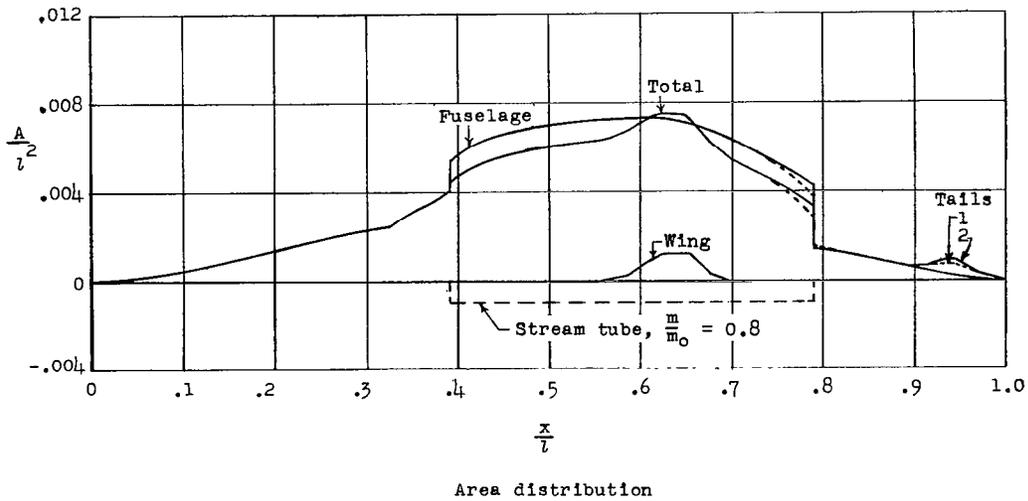
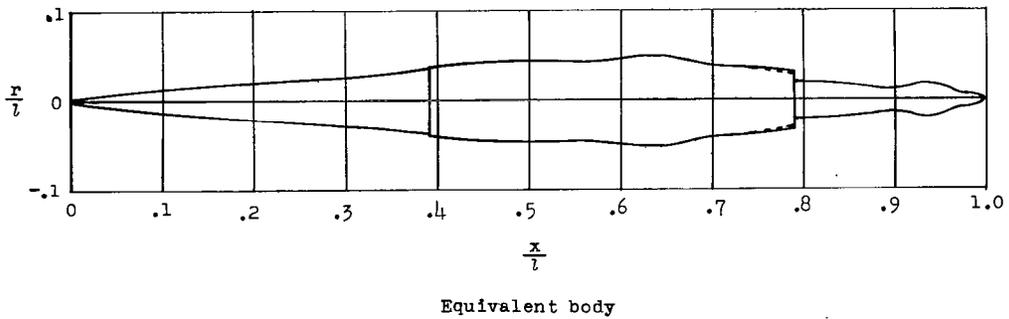
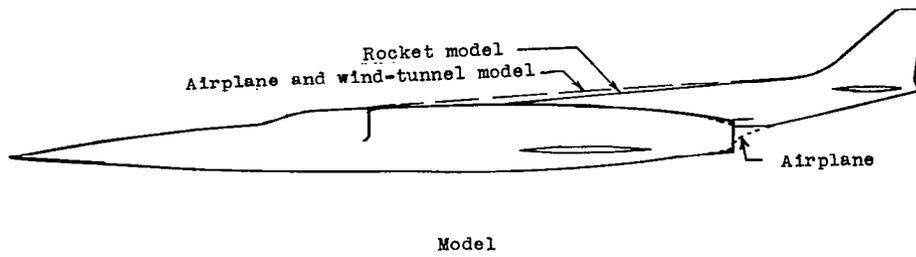


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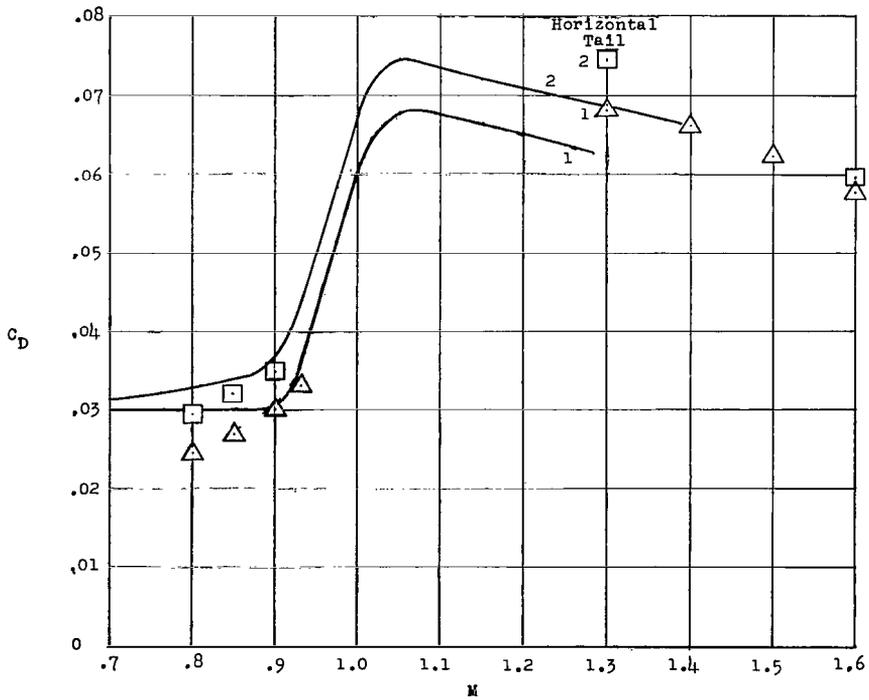
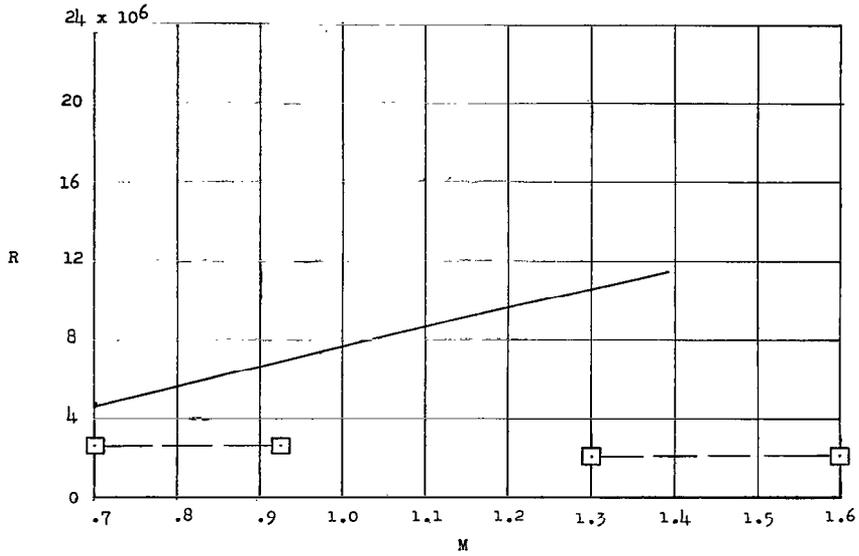
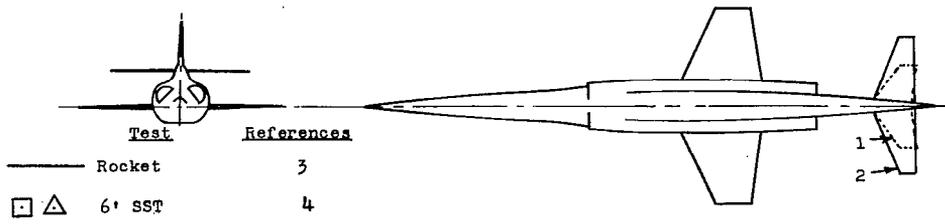


Figure 2.- Continued.  $C_L \approx 0$ .

Test	References
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— Rocket	3
□ 6'SST	4

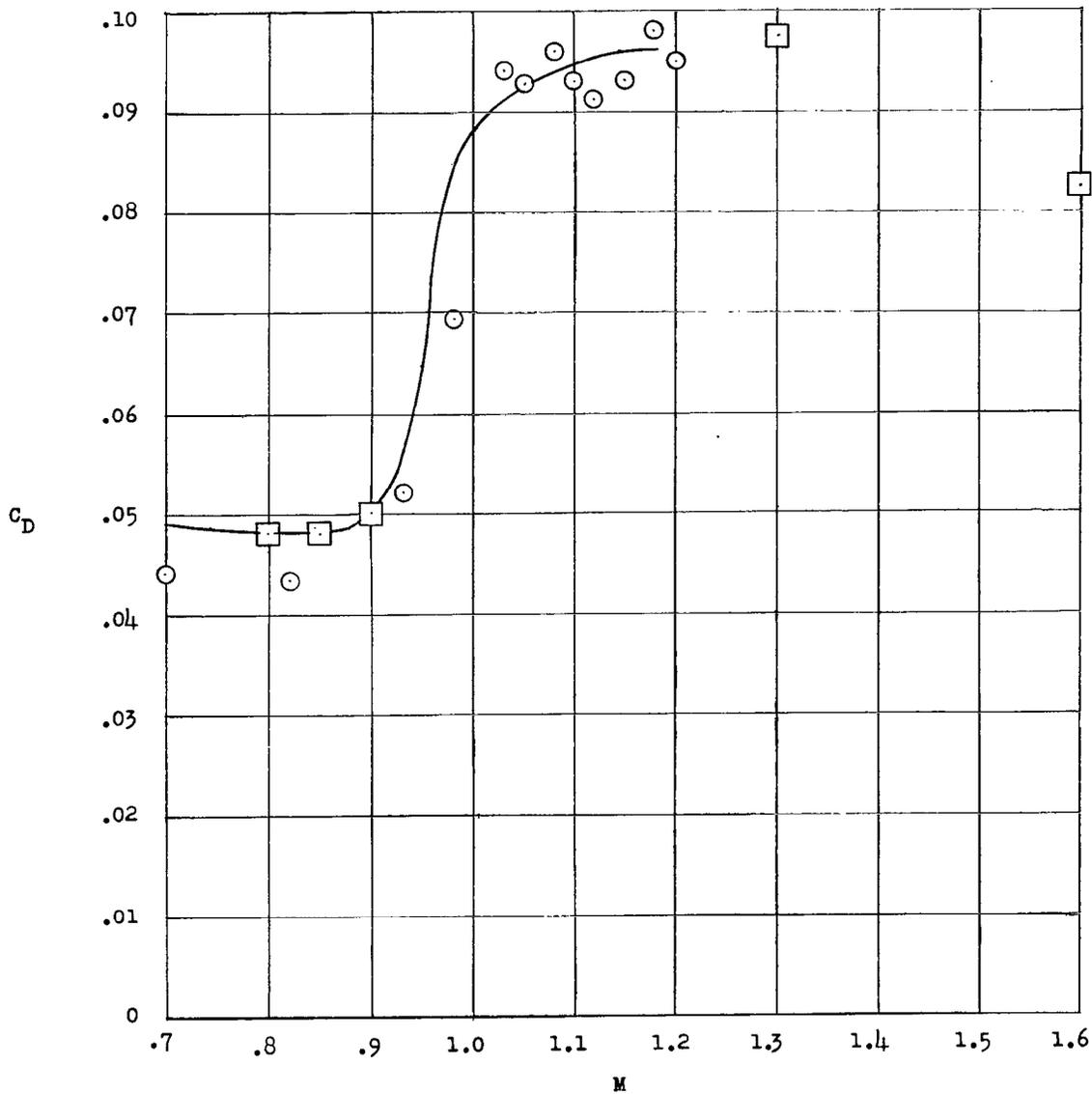
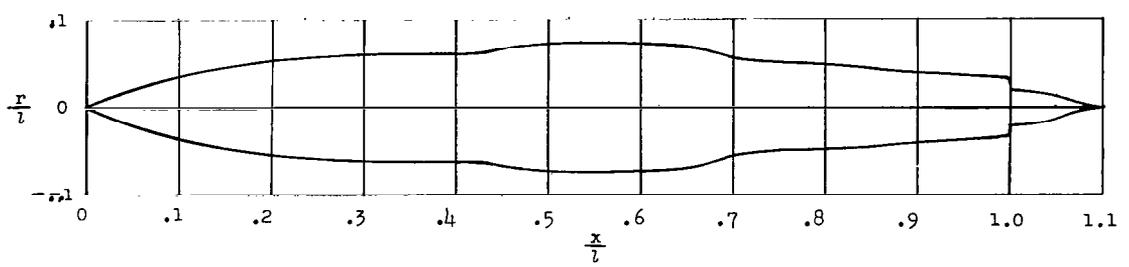
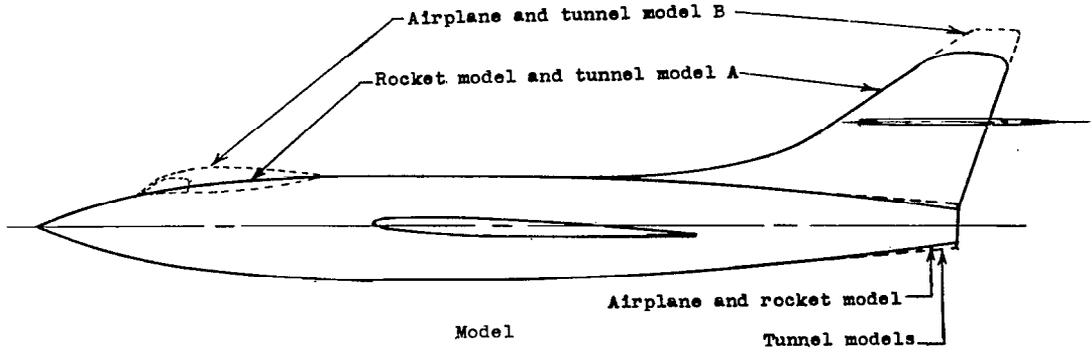
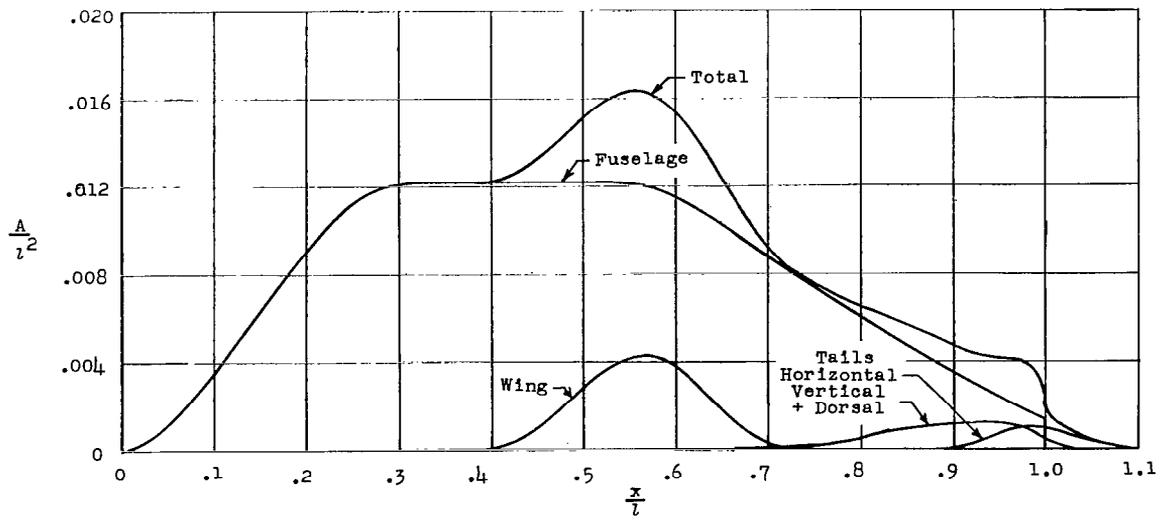


Figure 2.- Concluded.  $C_L = 0.3$  (Tail 2).



Equivalent body



Area distribution (Rocket model)

Figure 3.- Douglas D-558-II airplane.  $C_L \approx 0$  and  $0.3$ .

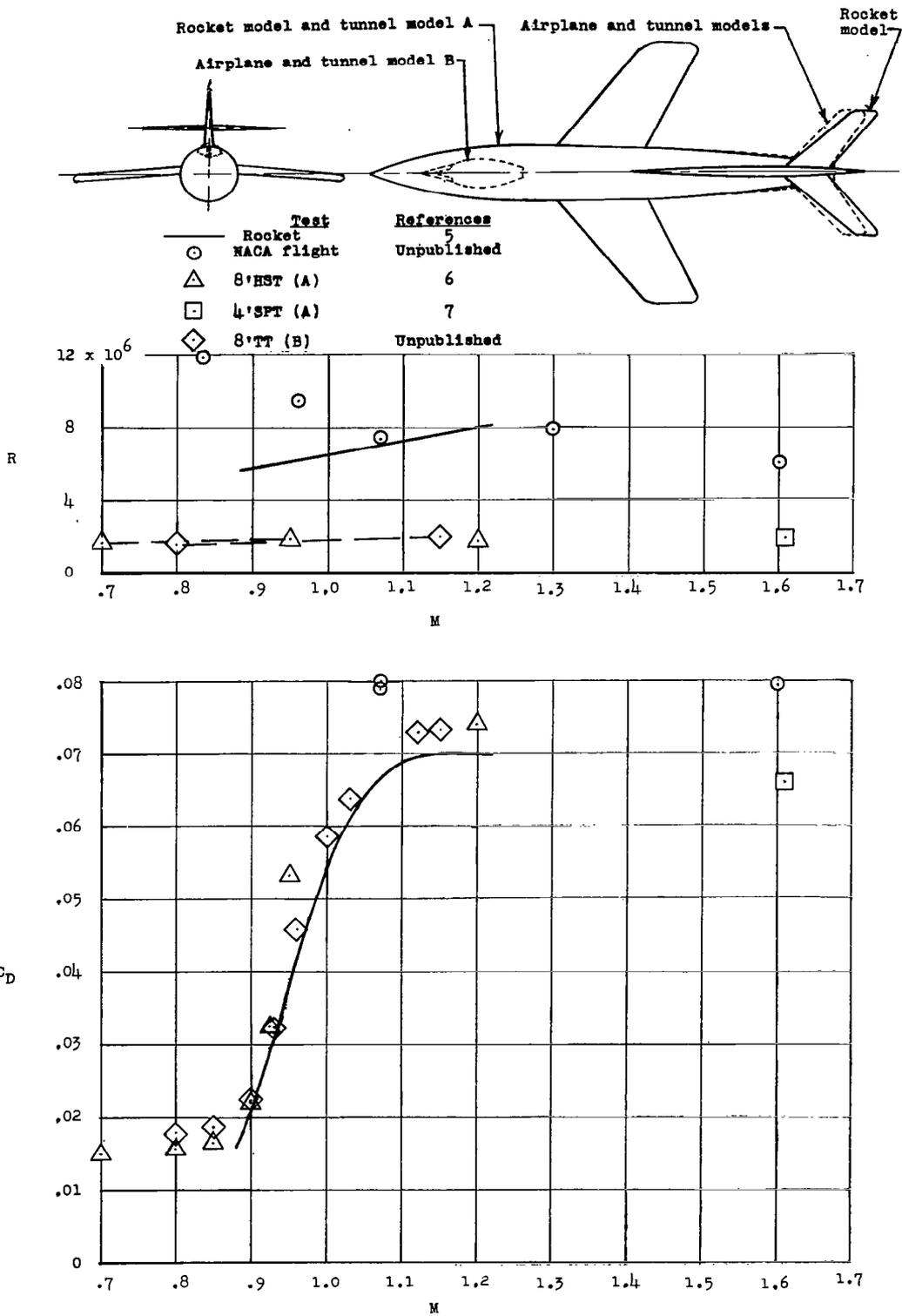


Figure 3.- Continued.  $C_L \approx 0$ .

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□	4'SPT (A)	7
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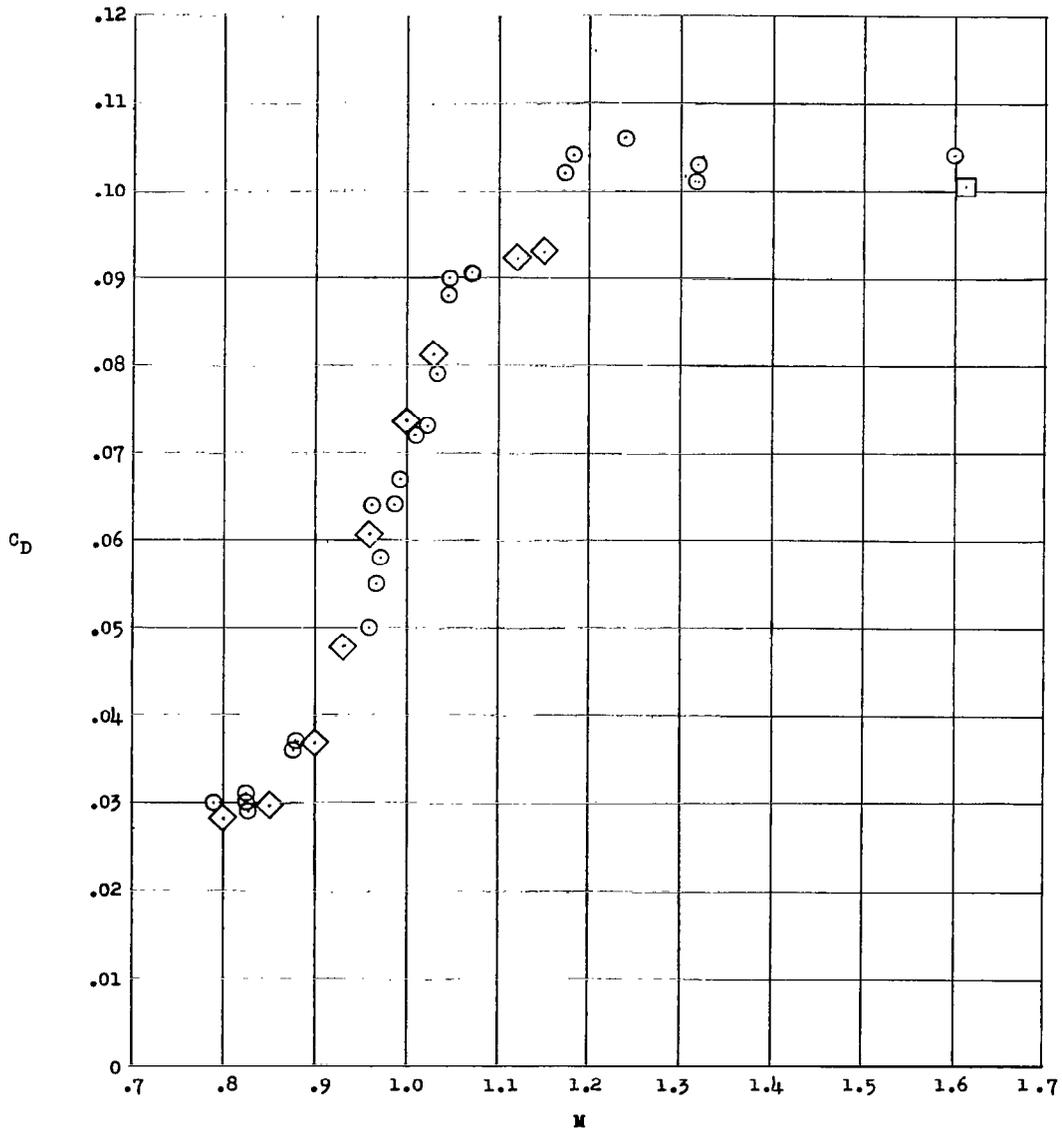


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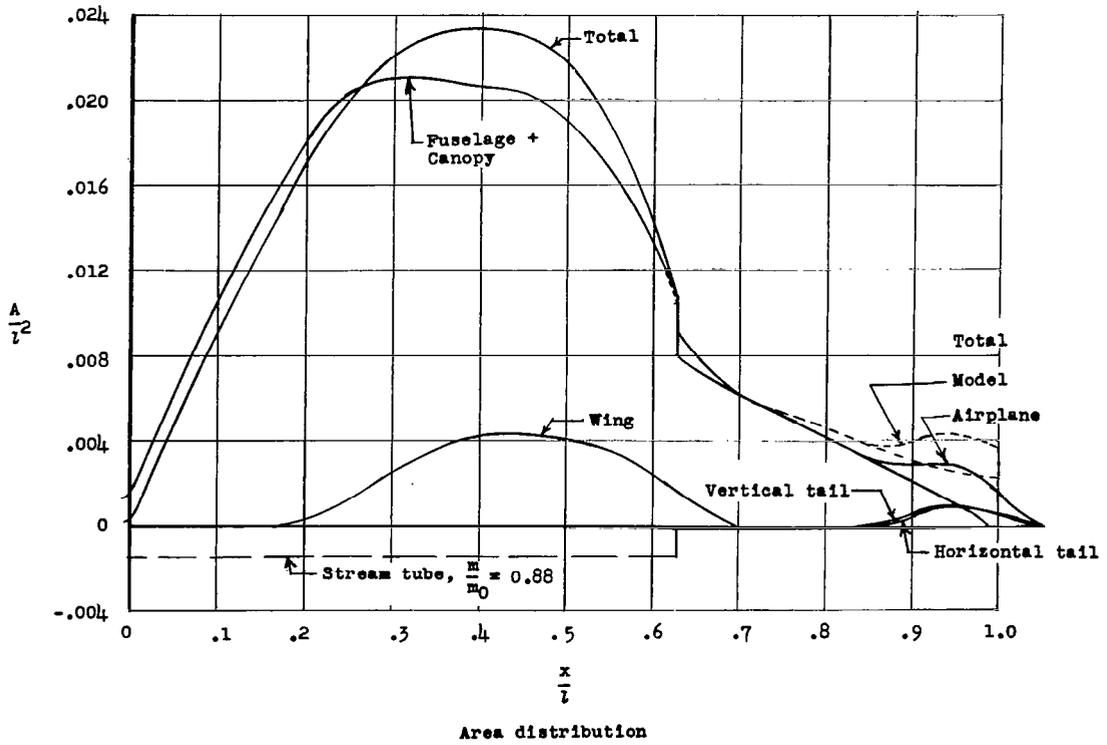
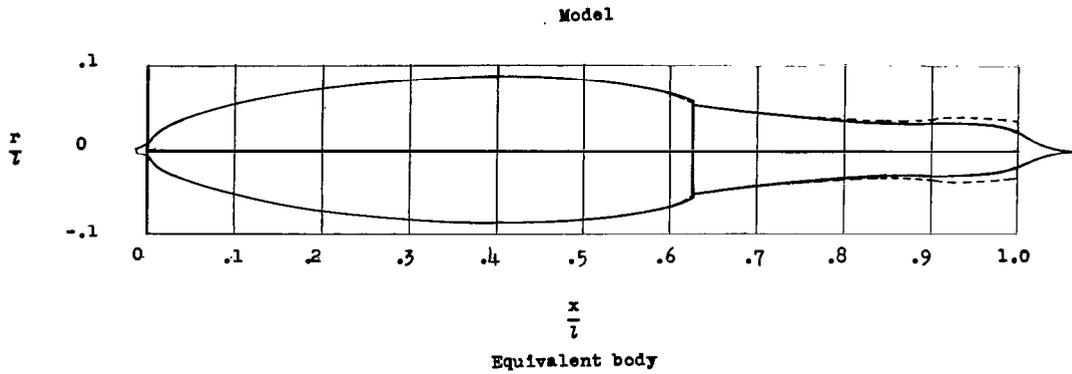
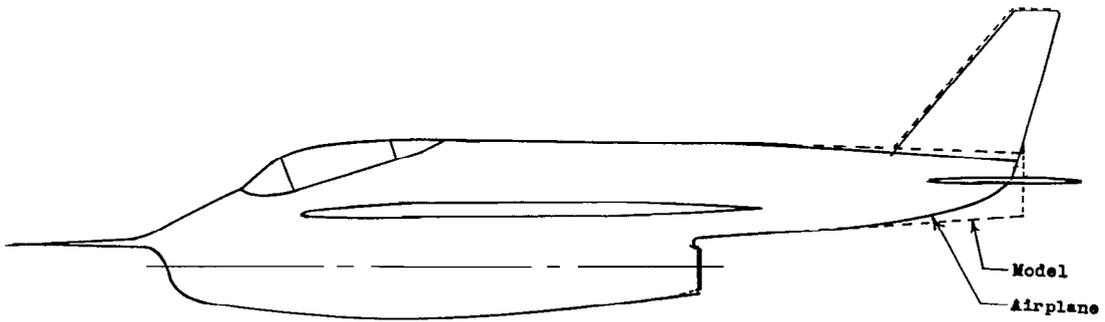
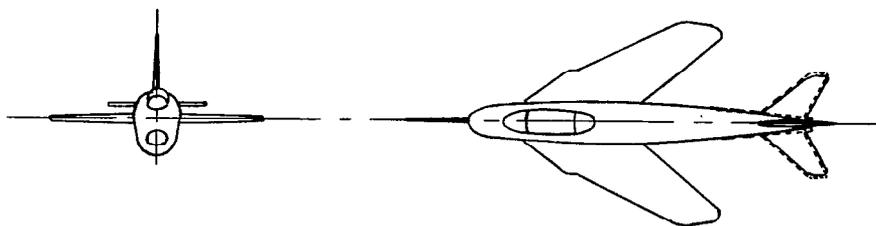


Figure 4.- Bell X-5 airplane ( $59^\circ$  sweep).  $C_L = 0.2$ .



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⊙ NACA Flight	Unpublished
△ 8'TT	9

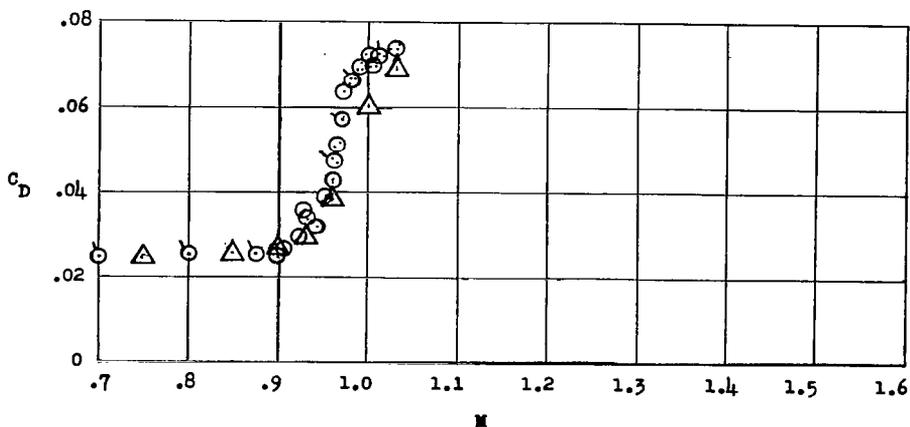
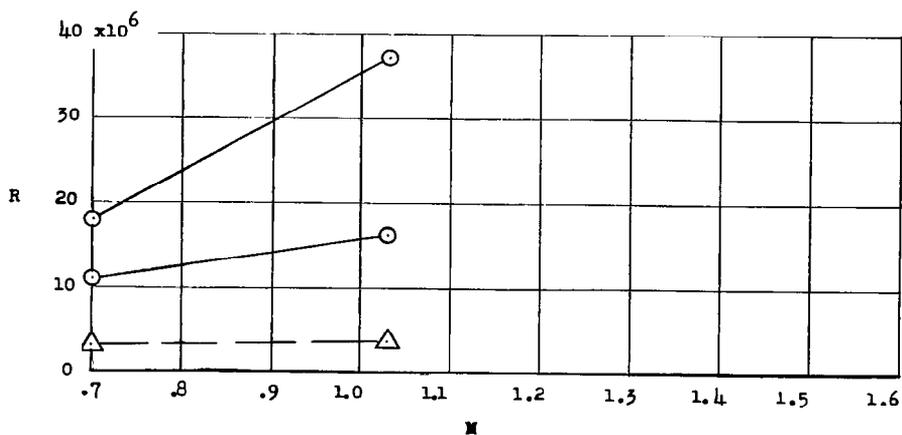
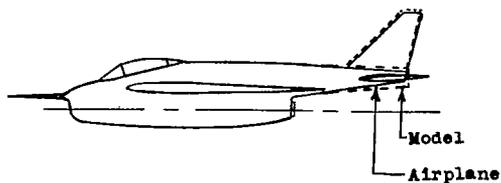
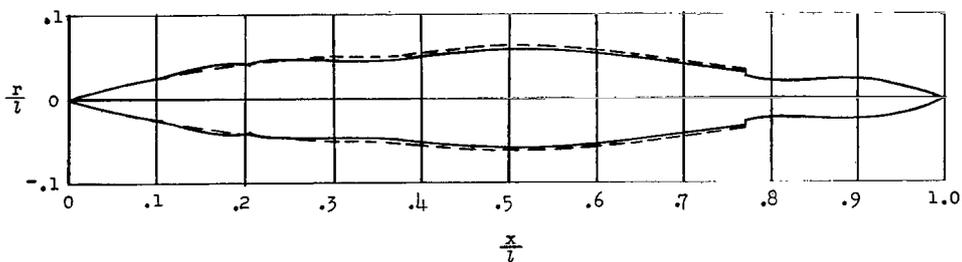
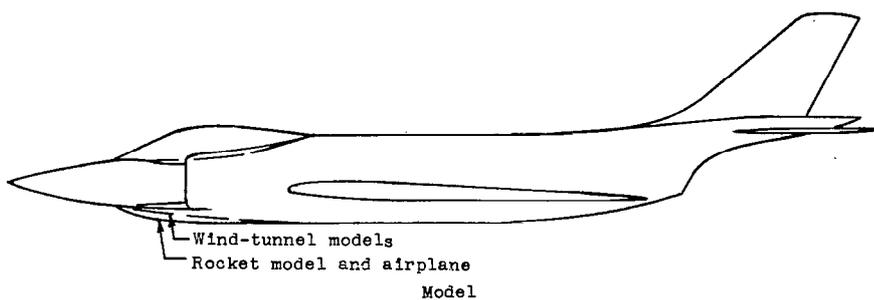
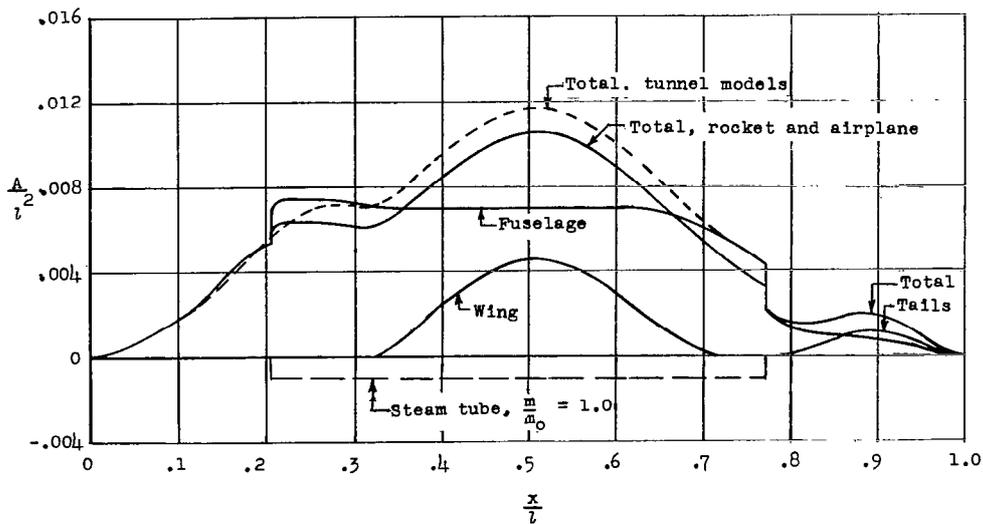


Figure 4.- Concluded.



Equivalent body



Area distribution

Figure 5.- McDonnell XF3H-1 airplane.  $C_L \approx 0$ .

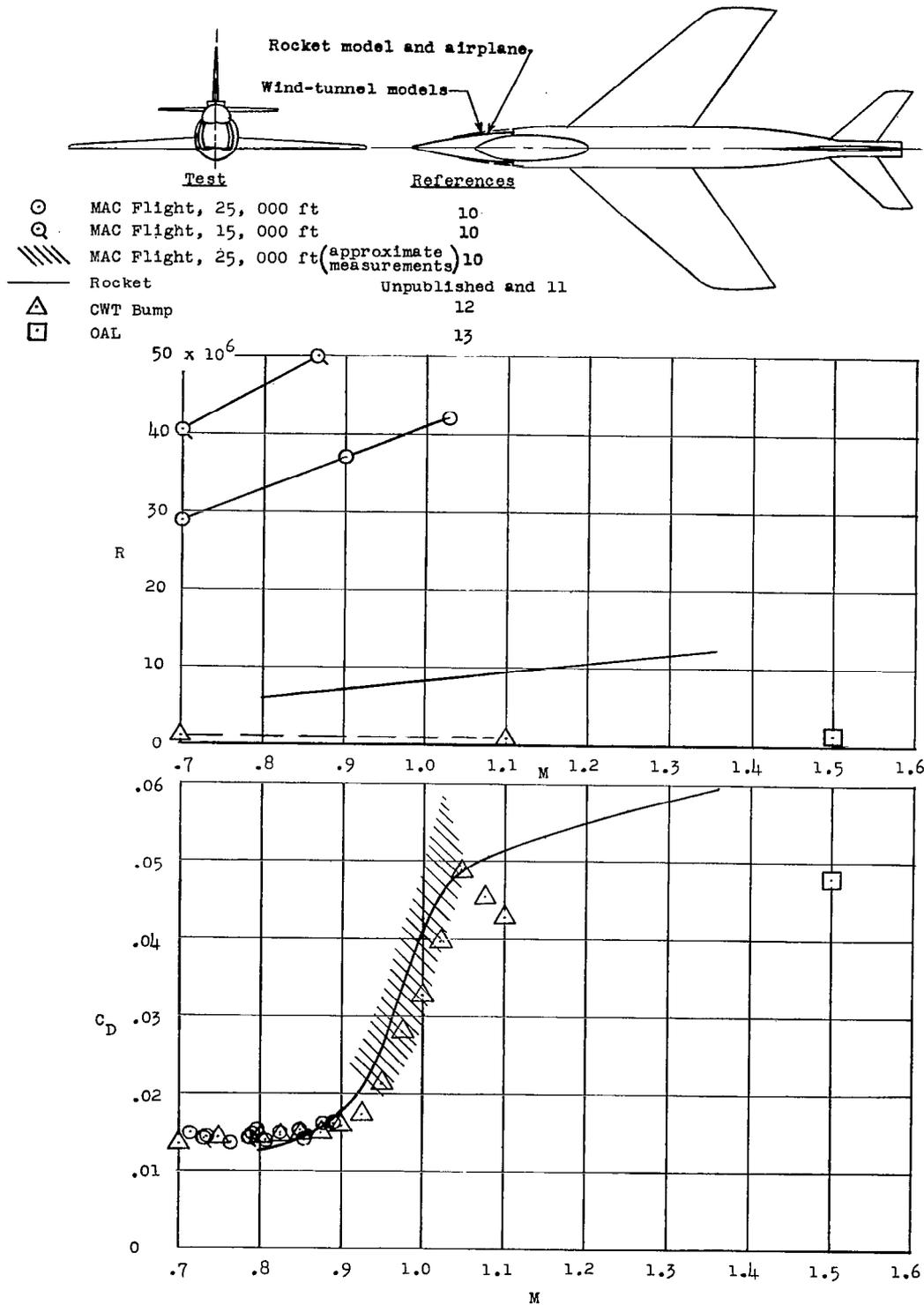


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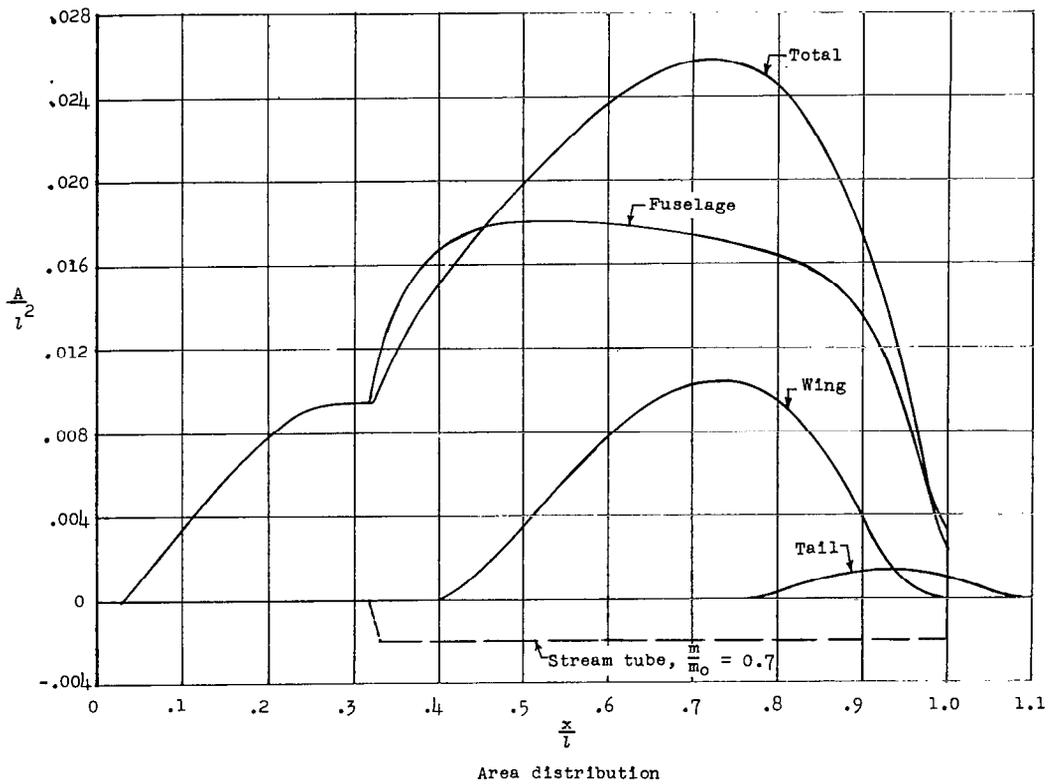
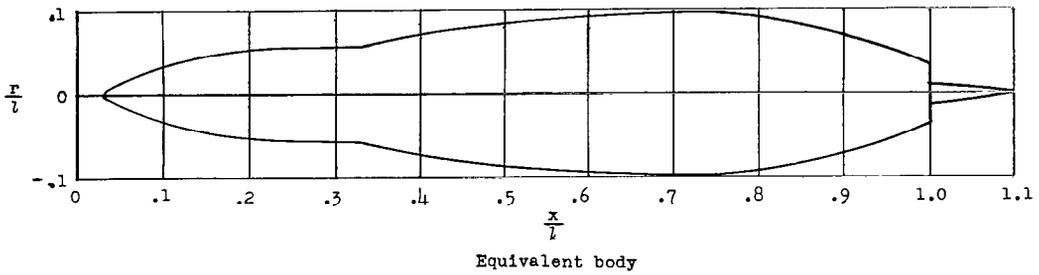
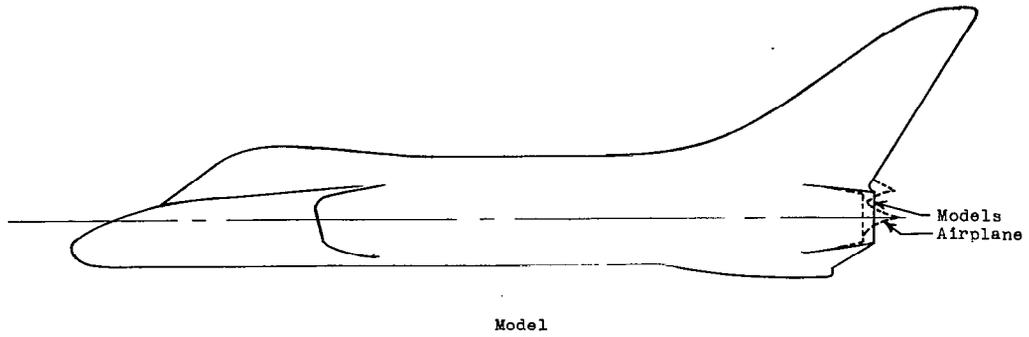


Figure 6.- Douglas XF<sup>4</sup>D-1 airplane.  $C_L \approx 0$ .

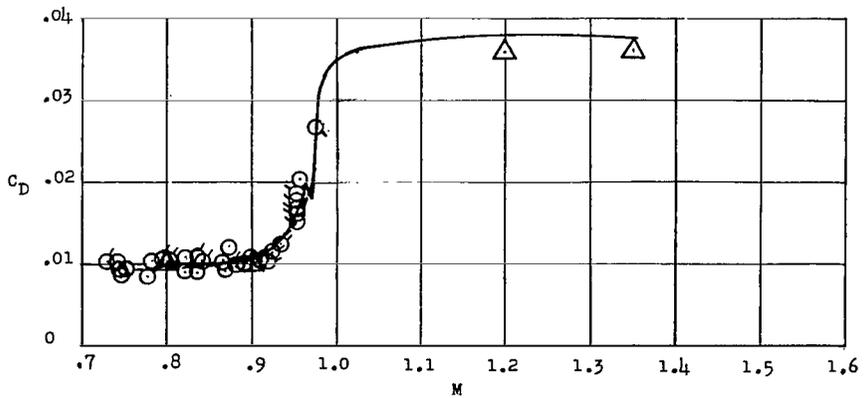
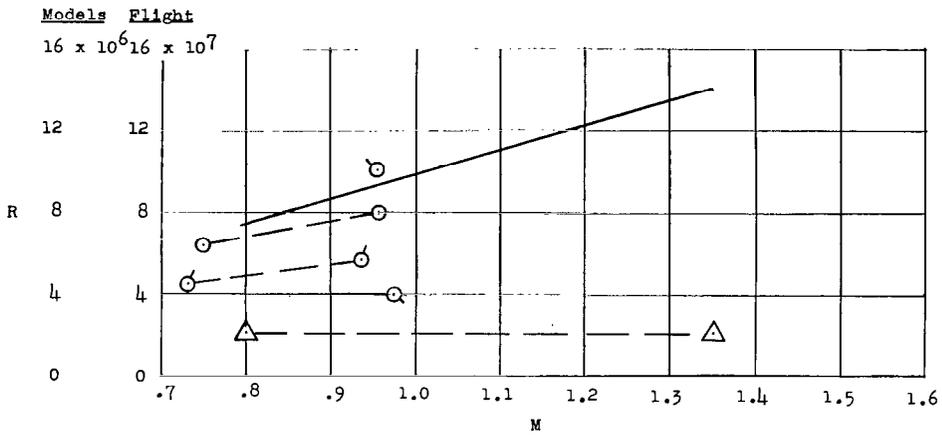
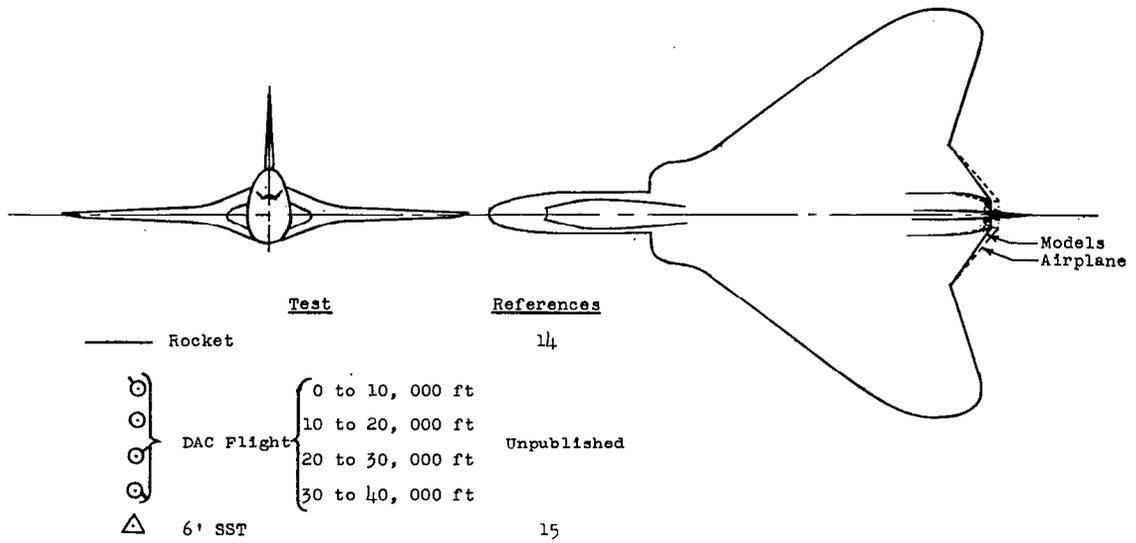


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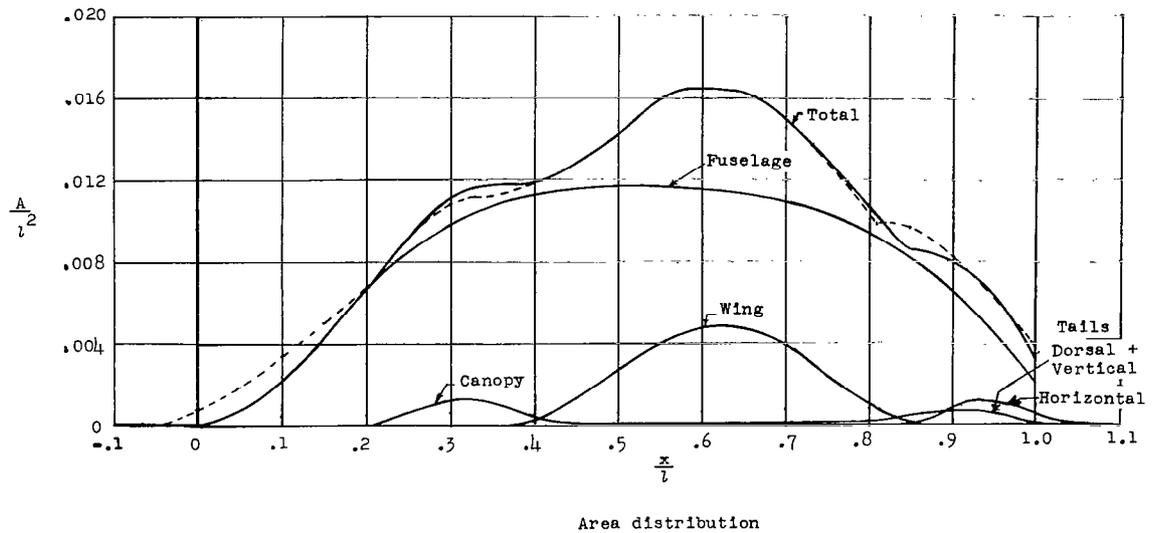
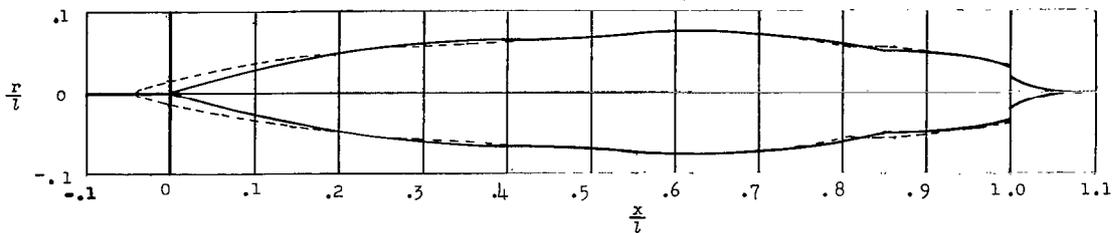
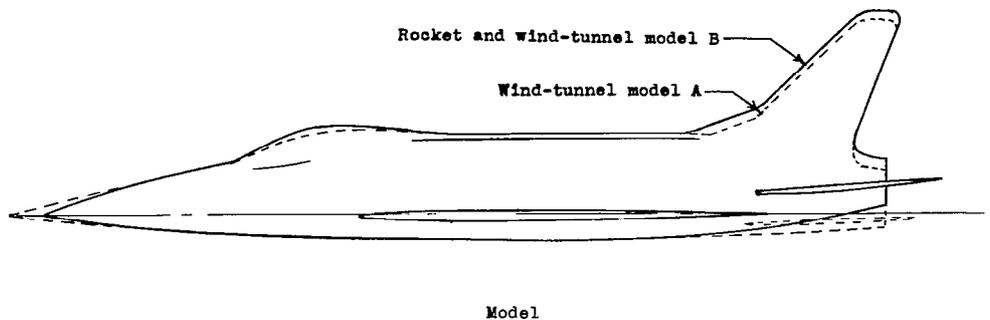


Figure 7.- North American YF-100A airplane.  $C_L \approx 0$ .

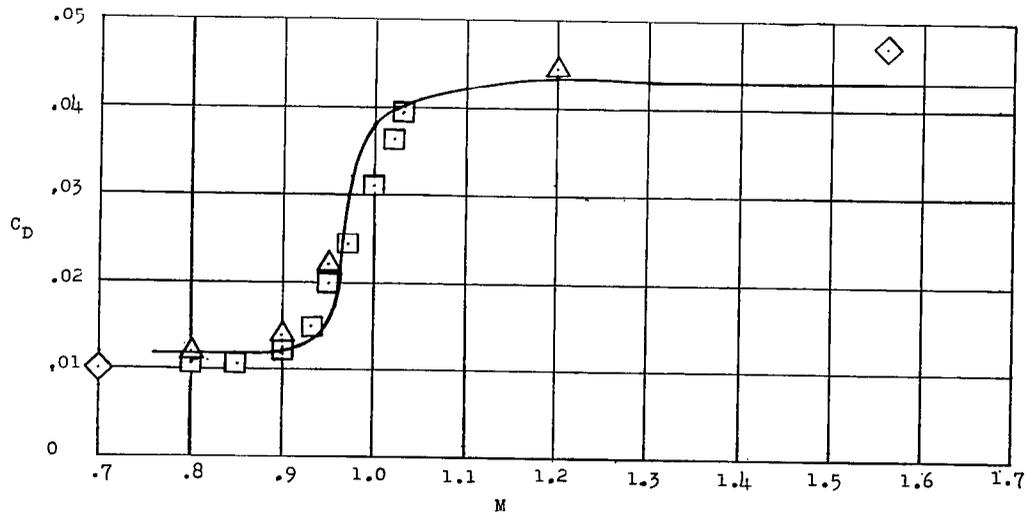
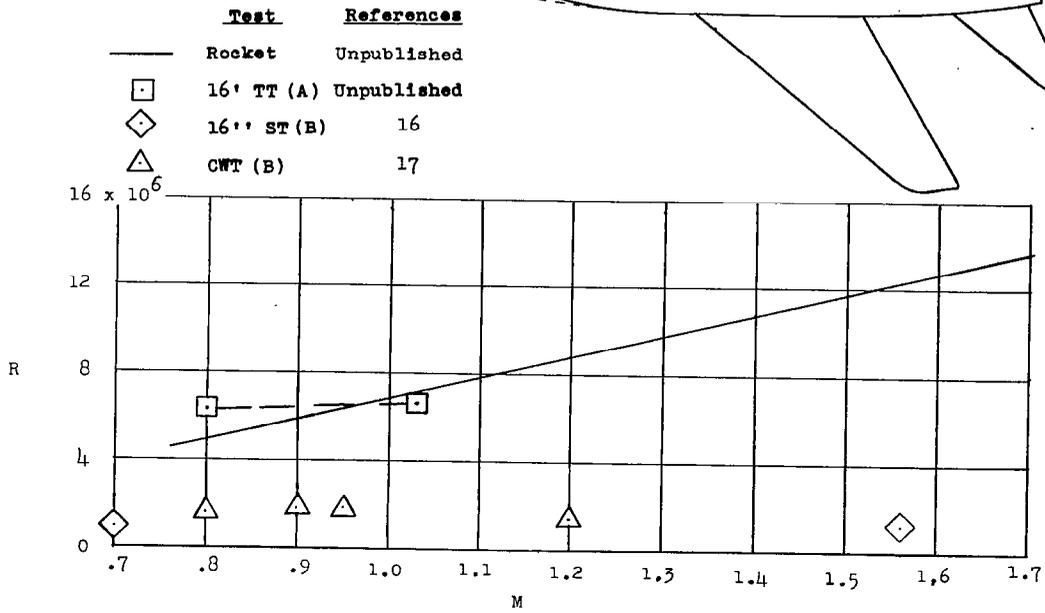
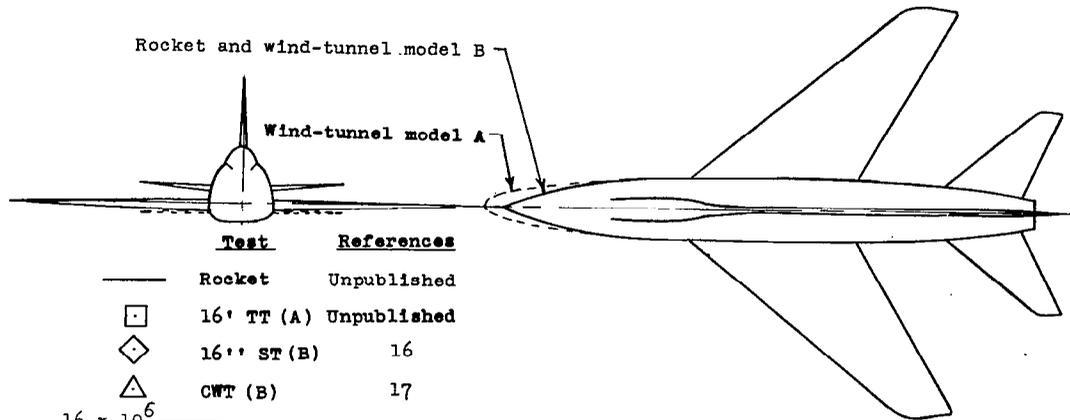
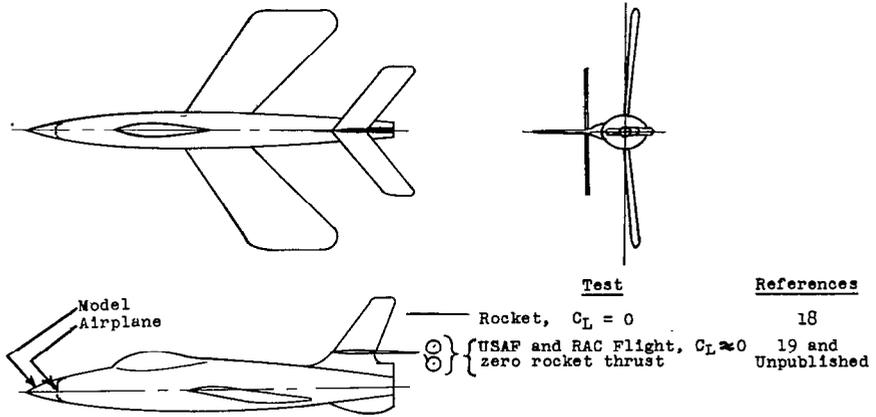


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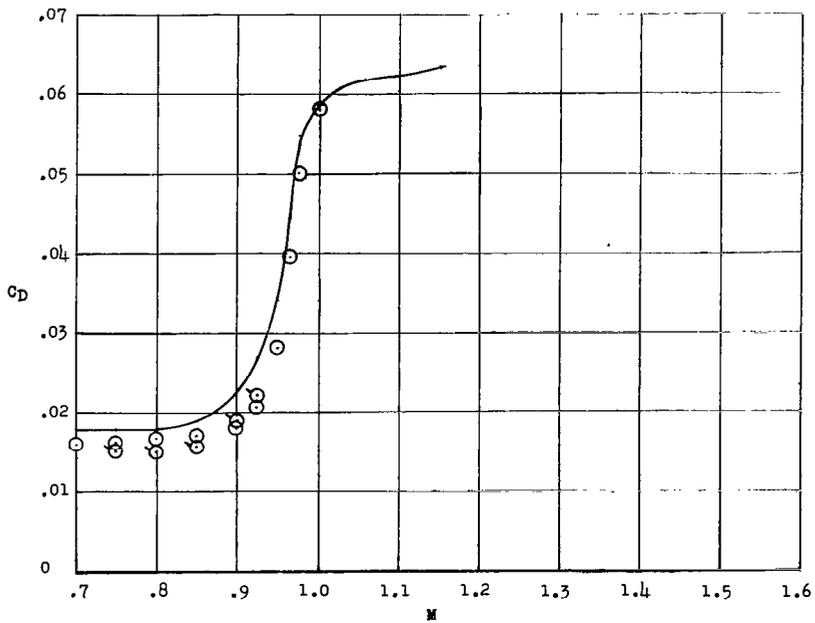
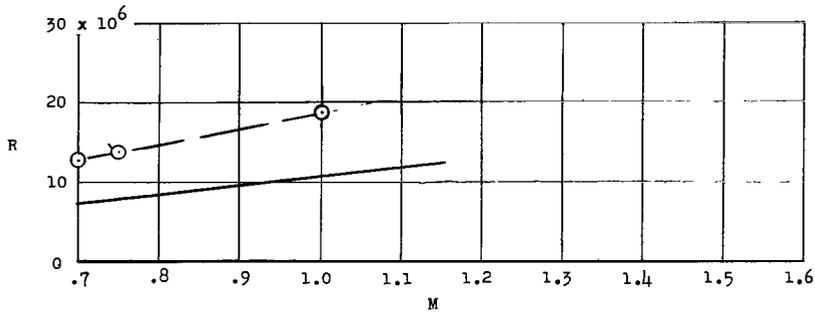
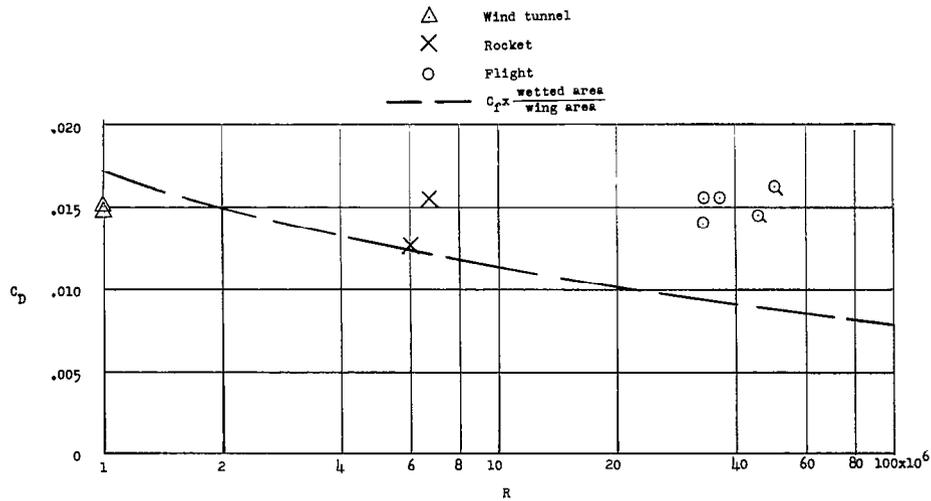
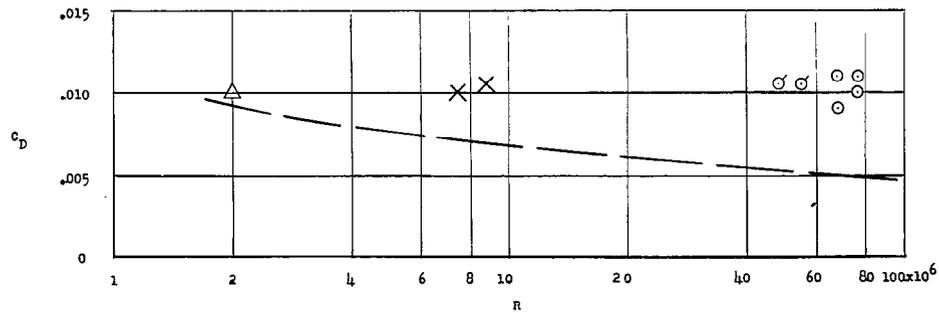


Figure 8.- Republic XF-91 airplane.  $C_L \approx 0$ .



(a) McDonnell XF3H-1 airplane. Data from figure 5.



(b) Douglas XF4D-1 airplane. Data from figure 6.

Figure 9.- Comparison of  $C_D$  from tests at various Reynolds numbers.  
 $M = 0.8$  to  $0.9$ .



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