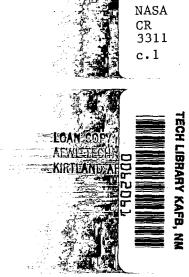
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SUMMARY

Aerodynamic characteristics obtained in a helical flow environment utilizing a rotary balance located in the Langley spin tunnel are presented in plotted form for a 1/10-scale, singleengine agricultural airplane model. The configurations tested include the basic airplane, various wing leading-edge and wingtip devices, elevator, aileron and rudder control settings, and other modifications. Data are presented without analysis for an angle-of-attack range of 8° to 90°, and clockwise and counterclockwise rotations covering an $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$ range from 0 to .9. This information is being obtained, along with that of other models, in order to establish a data base for analysis of the model and fullscale flight results, and to develop design charts for desirable stall/spin characteristics.

INTRODUCTION

A wind-tunnel rotary balance measures forces and moments acting on an airplane model while subjecting it to steady, though not necessarily equilibrium, spin flow conditions. The need for these data was recognized early in aircraft development. For example, early researchers noted in 1928 that the use of "straight" force tests conduce to erroneous conclusions when applied to the spin. NACA investigators at that time developed a "spinning" balance installed in a 5-foot vertical tunnel; they reasoned that subjecting all portions of an aircraft model to a constant wind velocity vector during static force tests was an unsatisfactory simulation of flow conditions existing in a spin.

In recent years, NASA installed a rotary balance apparatus in the Langley full-scale tunnel and sponsored studies to determine the ability of current analytical techniques to compute the flight motions of current fighter configurations. Again, these studies clearly demonstrated the need to model the effects of spin rotation rate on the aerodynamic characteristics in all phases of the spinning motion. This concern is certainly warranted in the case of the high $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$ (non-dimensionalized spin rate) values of today's general aviation airplane designs.

These values are high due to high rates of rotation and low rates of descent for low wing-loaded vehicles. Hence, a difference of up to 90° in angle of attack between wing tips and 70° in sideslip angle between nose and tail can be realized.

The NASA Langley Research Center has initiated a broad, general aviation stall/spin research program which includes spin tunnel and free-flight radio control model tests for a number of configurations typical of light, general aviation airplanes. To support these free-flight investigations, a rotary balance facility was developed in the Langley spin tunnel to rapidly identify an airplane's aerodynamic characteristics in a steady spin flow environment. The influence of spin radius, angle of attack, sideslip angle, rate of rotation and control settings on the aerodynamics can be measured, thereby permitting prediction of incipient and developed spin characteristics.

A 1/10-scale, single-engine agricultural airplane model was tested on the wind tunnel rotary balance in the NASA Langley 20-ft. spin tunnel. This report presents the data obtained for the basic configuration, various wing leading-edge and wing-tip devices, elevator, aileron and rudder control settings and other modifications.

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SYMBOLS

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The units for physical quantities used herein are presented in the International System of Units (SI) and U.S. Customary Units. The measurements were made in the U.S. Customary Units; equivalent dimensions were determined by using the conversion factors given in reference 1.

b	wing span, m (ft)
ē	mean aerodynamic chord, cm (in.)
с _г	lift-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Lift force}}{qS}$
C _N	normal-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Normal force}}{qS}$
с _А	axial-force coefficient, Axial force
с _ү	side-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Side force}}{qS}$
Cl	rolling moment coefficient, Rolling moment
с _т	pitching-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Pitching moment}}{\text{qSc}}$
°n	yawing-moment coefficient, Yawing moment qSb
q	free-stream dynamic pressure, N/m ² (lb/ft ²)
S	wing area, m ² (ft ²)
V	free-stream velocity, m/sec (ft/sec)
α	angle of attack, deg
β	angle of sideslip, deg
Ω	angular velocity about spin axis, rad/sec
$\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$	spin coefficient, positive for clockwise spin
δ _a	aileron deflection, positive when right aileron is down
u	$(\delta_{a_{right}}^{-\delta})/2, deg$
δe	elevator deflection, positive when trailing edge is down,
<u> </u>	deg
δr	rudder deflection, positive when trailing edge is to left, deg

Abbreviations:

cg	center	of	gravity
LE	leading	r eć	lge

SR spin radius

TEST EQUIPMENT

A photograph and sketch of the rotary balance apparatus installed in the Langley 20-Foot Spin Tunnel are shown in figures 1 and 2, respectively. The arm of the balance system rotates about a vertical axis and is mounted on the free end of a horizontal supporting boom, which is hinged at the wall. It is moved from the wall to the center of the tunnel by cables, secured, and then driven by a drive shaft through couplings and gears.

A test model is mounted on a strain gauge balance which is affixed to the bottom of the rotary balance apparatus. Controls located outside the tunnel are used to activate motors on the rig, which position the model to the desired attitude. The angle-of-attack range of the rig is 8 to 90 degrees, and the sideslip angle range is ±15 degrees. The spin radius and lateral displacement motors allow the operator to position the moment center of the balance on the spin axis or at a specific distance from the spin axis. This is done for each combination of angle of attack and sideslip angle. The NASA six-component strain gauge balance mounted inside the model measures the normal, axial, and side forces, and the yawing, rolling, and pitching moments acting about the model body axis. Interactions among the six components are available from previous laboratory calibration tests and are used to correct the raw forces and moments output by the balance strain gauge transducers. For the data presented herein and the practice generally, the force and moment axes of the balance are mounted coincident with the body axes of the airplane, with the moment center at the cg location about which the aerodynamic moments are desired. Electrical current to and from the balance and to the positioning motors on the rig, and position-indicating potentiometer voltages are conducted through slip rings located at the rig head. Examples of how the rig is positioned for different angles of attack and sideslip angles are shown in figures 2a and 2b, respectively.

The model can be rotated up to 90 rpm in either direction. By using different rotational speeds and a specific airflow in the tunnel, the motions of an airplane in a steady spin can be simulated. The aerodynamic forces and moments can be measured at different values of $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$, including the case of $\frac{\Omega b}{2V} = 0$, where static aerodynamic data are obtained.

Additional background for this apparatus is given in reference 2.

The data acquisition, reduction and presentation system for the rotary balance set-up includes an RPM indicator, a l2-channel scanner/voltmeter with a l4-bit variable gain analog to digital converter, and a mini-computer with graphics and a printer. With this equipment, immediate presentation of data in tabular and/or plotted form is possible.

TEST PROCEDURES

Rotary aerodynamic data are obtained in two steps. First, the inertial forces and moments (tares) acting on the model at different attitudes and rotational speeds are measured. To accomplish this, a covered bird cage like structure, which encloses the model without touching it, is mounted on the upper portion of the rig and rotates with the model. In this manner, the air immediately surrounding the model is trapped by the structure and constrained to rotate with it. As the rig is rotated at the desired attitude and rate, a pulse voltage from a magnetic trigger device on the drive shaft begins the data sampling process. Eighty samples of the 6 balance output channels are taken over 10 revolutions, with the computer adjusting the timing, according to the RPM indicator, to sample at 8 fixed angular positions of the rotating rig. The inertial forces and moments thus measured are curve-fitted to a least-squares function of $\frac{\Omega^2}{100}$ and stored for later use on magnetic tape.

For the second step, the covered structure enclosing the model is removed and the total wind-on forces and moments are measured. The aerodynamic forces and moments are determined by subtracting the tare values from the total wind-on values at each tested RPM and angle of attack. The aerodynamic data are converted to coefficient form and stored on magnetic tape.

MODEL

A 1/10-scale fiberglass-epoxy, wood and aluminum model of a typical single-engine configuration used for agricultural purposes was tested in the present study. A three-view drawing of this model is shown in figure 3, dimensional characteristics of the model are presented in Table I, and a photograph of the model installed on the rotary balance located in the Langley 20-Foot Spin Tunnel is presented in figure 1.

The model was fabricated such that various modifications could be added. These consisted of a turbine nose, as shown in figure 4; canopy fairing and a wing-fuselage fillet, shown in figure 5; an outboard leading-edge wing droop, shown in figure 6; and a full span leading-edge wing slot, shown in figure 7. In addition, several wing-tip modifications designed to alter the characteristics of wing-tip vortex flow were tested. These consisted of winglets, wing-tip sails and Lockheed Vortex Diffuser Vanes, as shown in figures 8 and 9. The Lockheed Vortex Diffuser Vane is patented by the Lockheed-Georgia Aircraft Company.

The model control surfaces could be fixed at any position prior to the test. The maximum deflections for the control surfaces were:

Elevator, deg	27	up, l	17	dow	'n
Rudder, deg	24	right	-,	24	left
Aileron, deg	21	up, 1	17	dow	'n

TEST CONDITIONS

The tests were conducted in the spin tunnel at a tunnel velocity of 7.62 m/sec (25ft/sec), which corresponds to a Reynolds number of approximately 120,000 based on the model mean aerodynamic chord. Unless otherwise noted in Table II, all the configurations were tested through an angle-of-attack range of 8 to 35°, with the spin axis in the plane of symmetry of the aircraft at a full-scale distance 152.4 cm (60 in.) forward of the cg location of .262. In addition, for some configurations, data were obtained for angles of attack between 30 and 90°, with the spin axis through the cg location. Data were thus obtained at two spin radii for angles of attack of 30 and 35 degrees. At each spin attitude, measurements were obtained for nominal $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$ values of .1, .2, .3, .4, .5, .6, .7, .8, and .9, in both clockwise and counter-clockwise directions, as well as for $\frac{\Omega b}{2\pi} = 0$ (static value).

DATA PRESENTATION

Table II identifies the configurations tested and the corresponding appendix figure numbers which present the aerodynamic data. The aerodynamic coefficients plotted vs. $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$ are presented for each configuration in six sequentially numbered figures in the following order: $C_n, C_\ell, C_m, C_N, C_Y$, and C_A . Each figure consists of two pages, which present the subject

aerodynamic coefficient plotted vs $\frac{\Omega b}{2V}$ for the following angles of attack and spin radius:

a) $\alpha = 8$, 10, 12, 14, 16 deg SR = 152.4 cm (60 in.) b) $\alpha = 18$, 20, 25, 30, 35 deg SR = 152.4 cm (60 in.) and, in addition, for some configurations noted in Table II: c) $\alpha = 30$, 35, 40, 45, 50 deg SR = 0

d) $\alpha = 55, 60, 70, 80, 90 \text{ deg}$ SR = 0

All the moment data are presented for a cg location of .26 \bar{c} .

Lift coefficient plotted vs angle of attack for zero rotation rate is presented in the Appendix for several configurations cited in Table II.

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TABLE I.- DIMENSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BASIC MODEL .89 (2.92) Wing: Span, m (ft) 1.35 (4.43) Area, m^2 (ft²)304 (3.27) (9.0)22.9 22.9 (9.0)Mean aerodynamic chord, cm (in.). 22.9 (9.0)Aspect ratio 6.0 Dihedral, deq 3.5 Incidence: Root, deg 2.07 Tip (of constant chord section), deg . . . 0.39 Airfoil section NACA 4412 Horizontal tail: Span, m (ft)49 (1.60) Area, m^2 (ft²) .050 (.54) Incidence, deg -1.55 Airfoil Section Flat plate Vertical tail: Area, m^2 (ft²) .021 (.222) Flat plate Airfoil section

TABLE II.- CONFIGURATIONS TESTED AND FIGURE INDEX

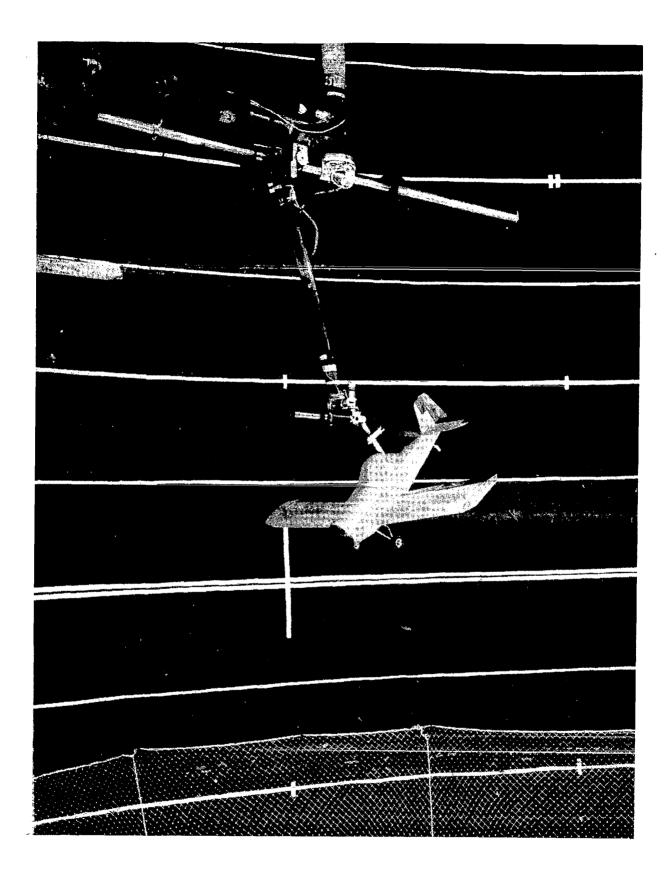
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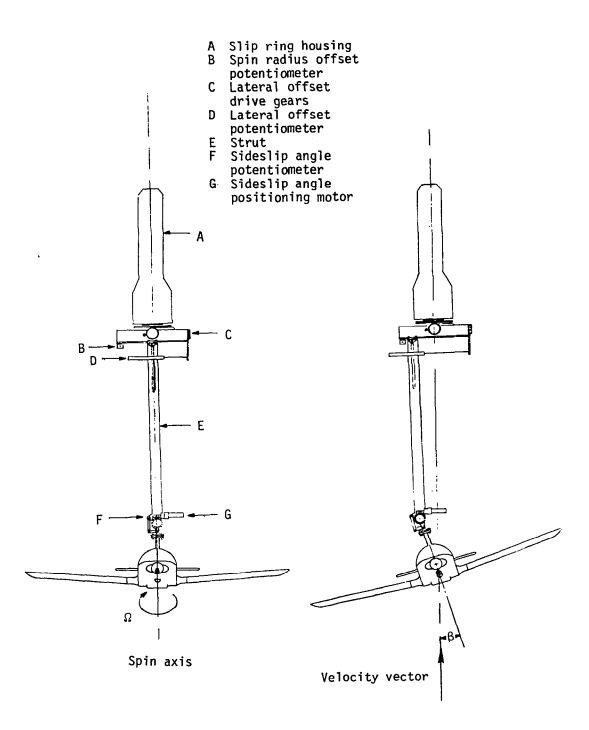
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a,b,c _{Al-A6}	Basic	0	Q	0	also α =30 to 90 [°] at SR=0
A7-A12		17		-24	
A12-A18		-27			
A19-A24			+19		
A25-A30			-19		
A31-A36	Turbine nose	0	Ģ	ļ	also α =30 to 90 [°] at SR=0
A37-A42	Canopy fairing				
^с А43-А48	Wing-fuselage fillet				
^с А49-А54	with outboard LE wing droop				also α =30 to 90 [°] at SR=0
^с А55-А60	with outboard LE wing slat				
^а А61-Абб	Full-span wing slat				
а А67-А72	Segmented wing slat				
^b а73-а78	Winglets				
^b A79-A84	Wing tip sails				
^b A85-A90	Lockheed Vortex Diffuser Vanes	Ť	T T		

 a C $_{\rm L}$ vs. α presented in figure A91.

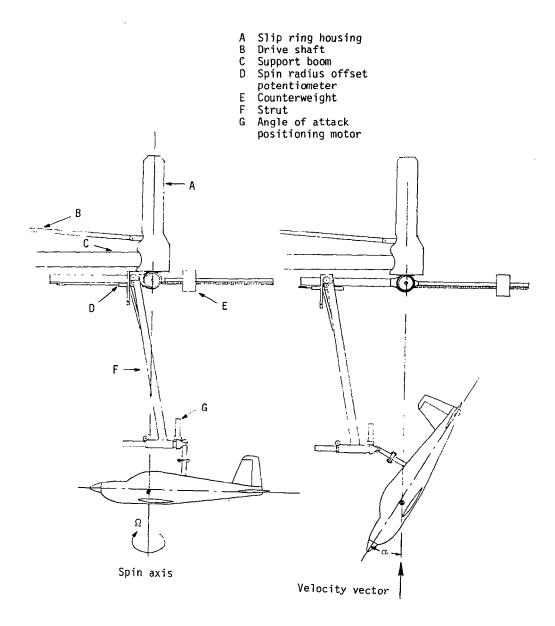
^b C_I, vs. α presented in figure A92.

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(b) Front view of model.



(a) Side view of model.

Figure 2.- Sketch of rotary balance apparatus.

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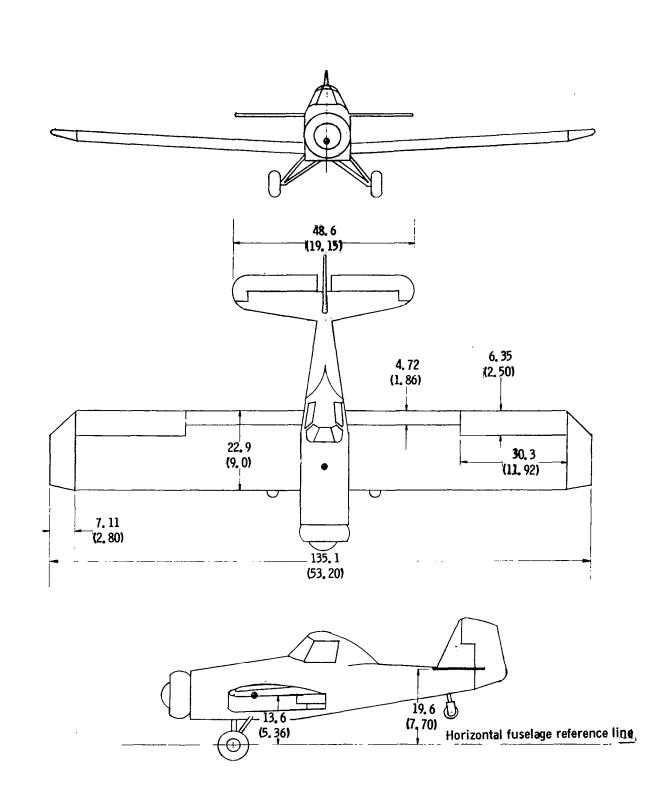


Figure 3. - Three-view of 1/10 - scale basic configuration. Center of gravity positioned at 0. 26°C. Dimensions are given in centimeters (inches), model scale.

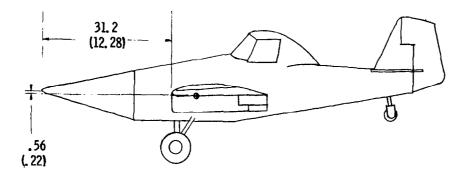


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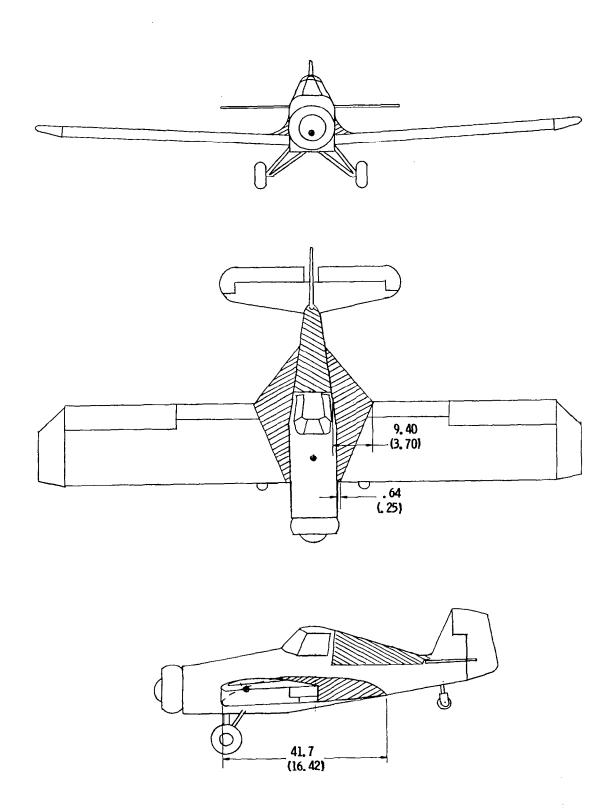
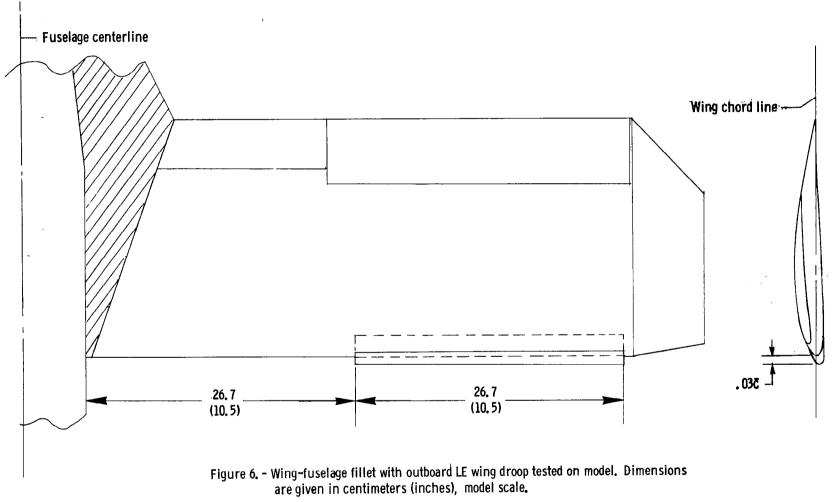


Figure 5. - Canopy fairing and wing-fuselage fillet tested on model. Dimensions are given in centimeters(inches), model scale.

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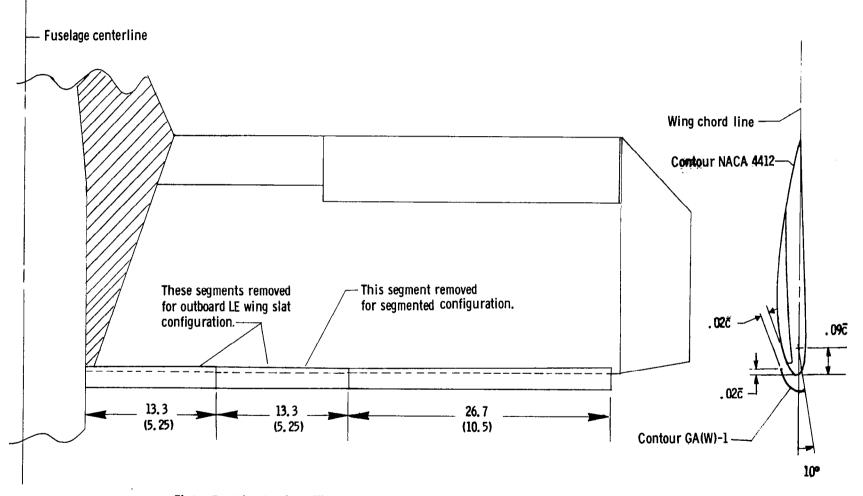


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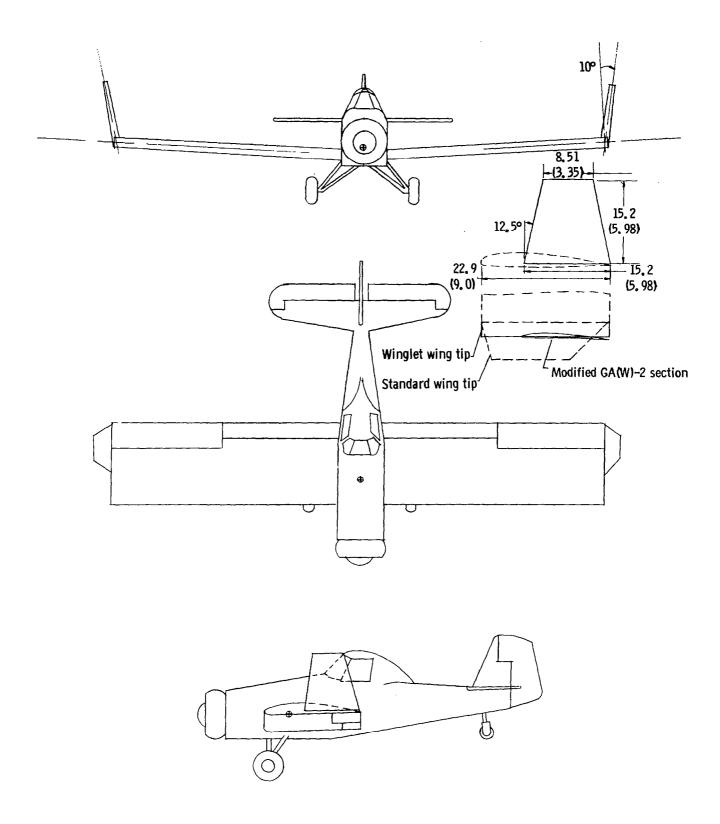
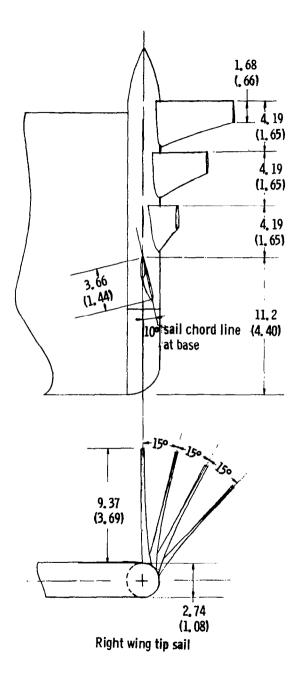
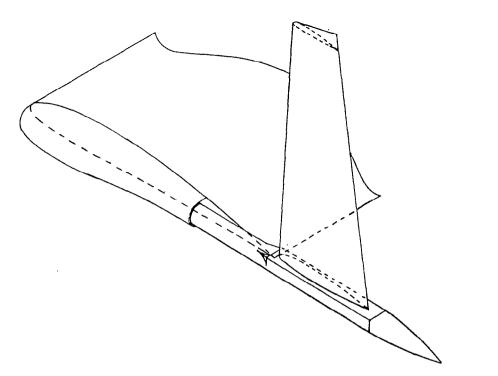
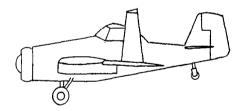


Figure 8. - Winglet installation tested on model. Dimensions are given in centimeters (inches), model scale.







Lockheed vortex diffuser vane

Figure 9. - Wingtip sails and tip vortex diffusers tested on model. Dimensions are given in centimeters (inches), model scale.

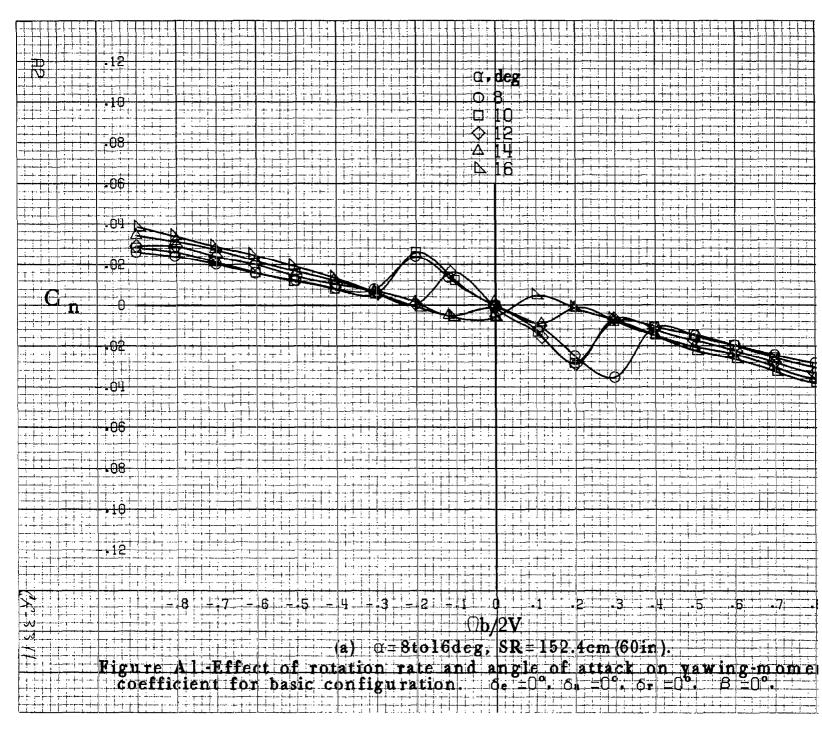
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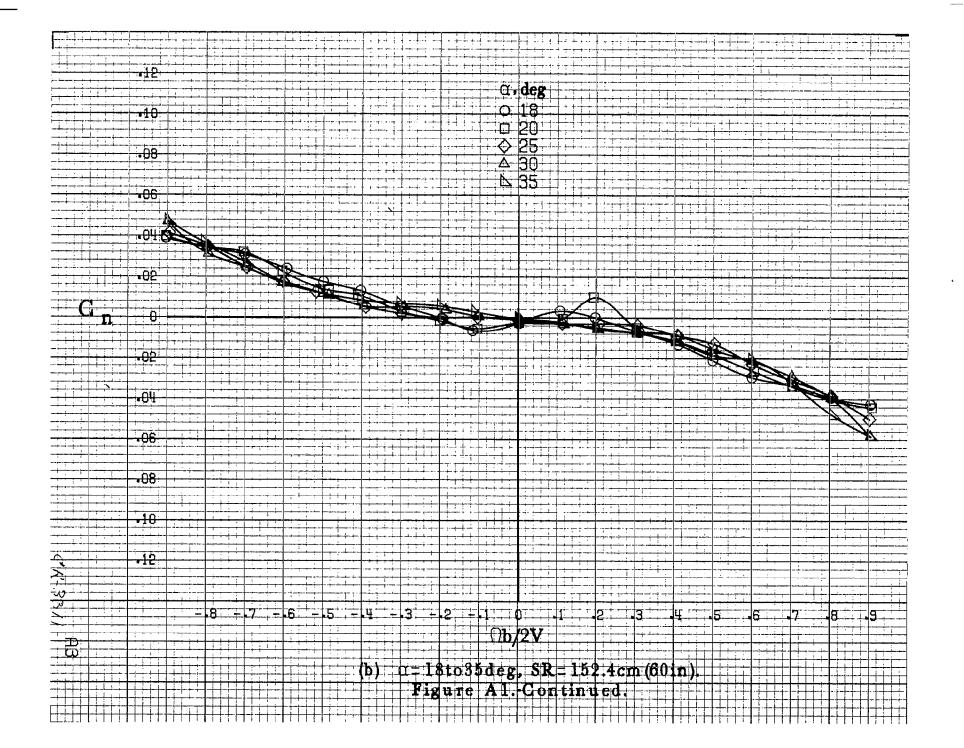
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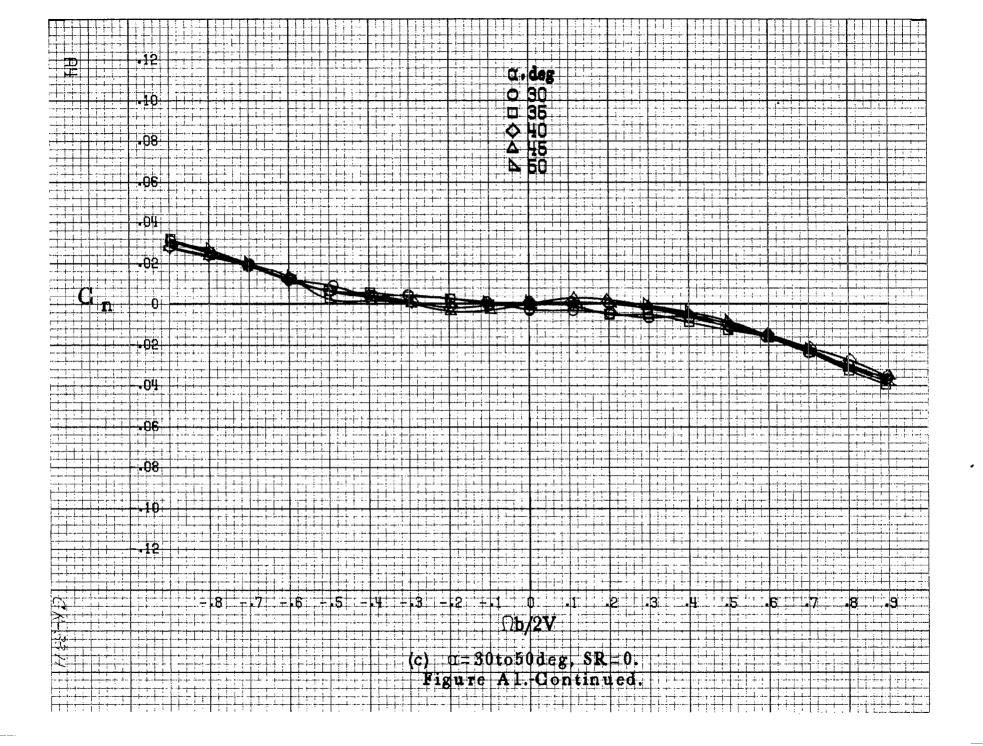
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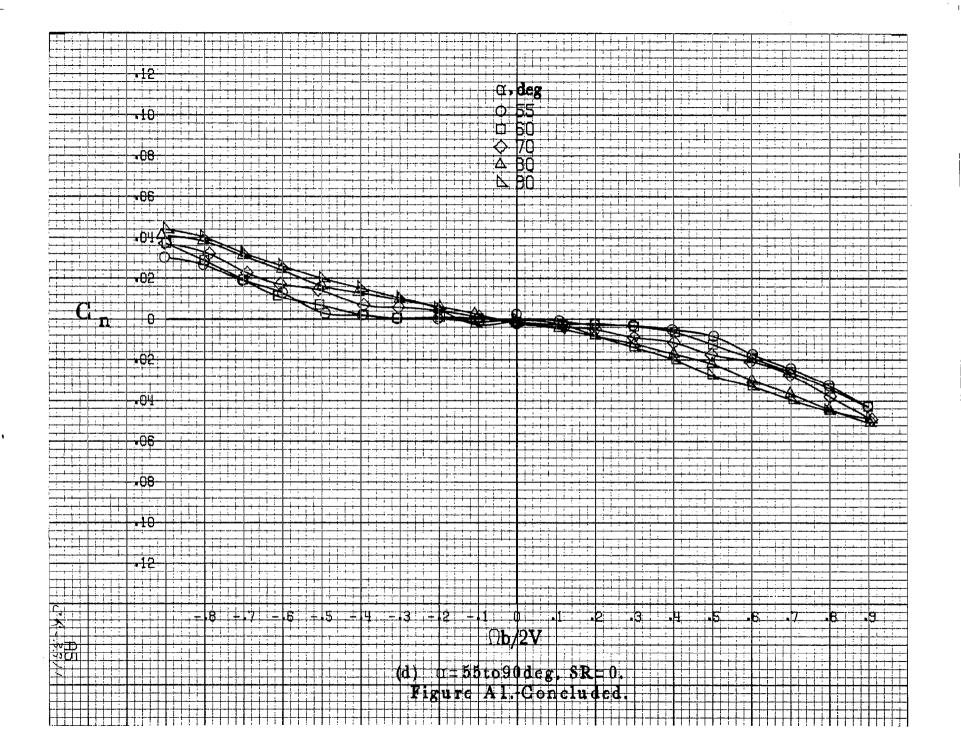
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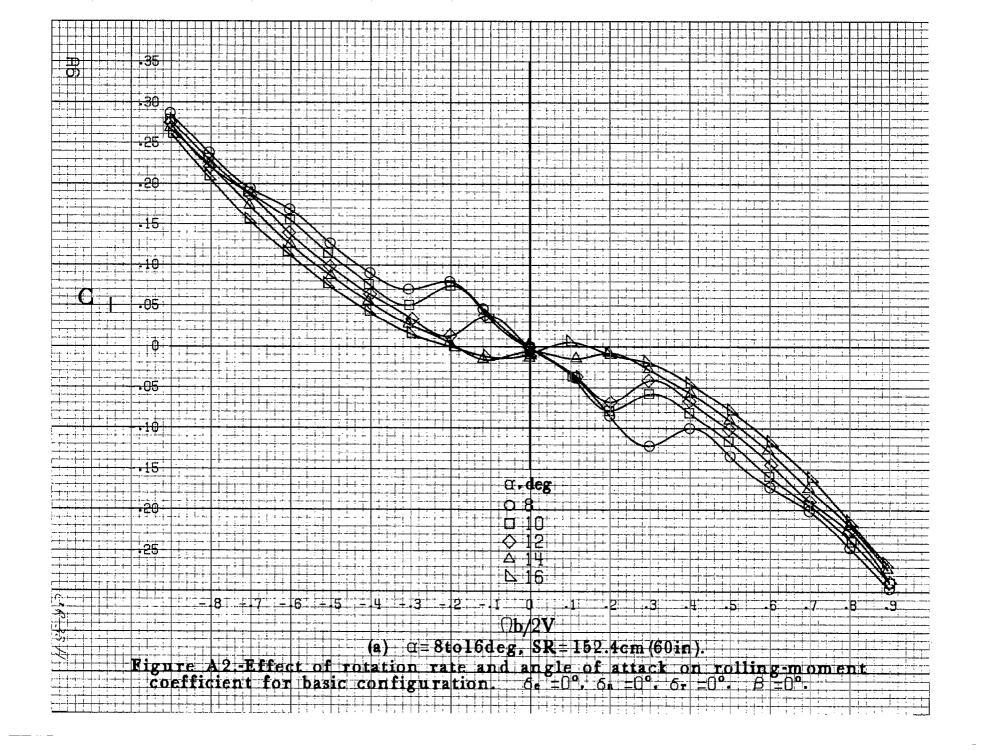
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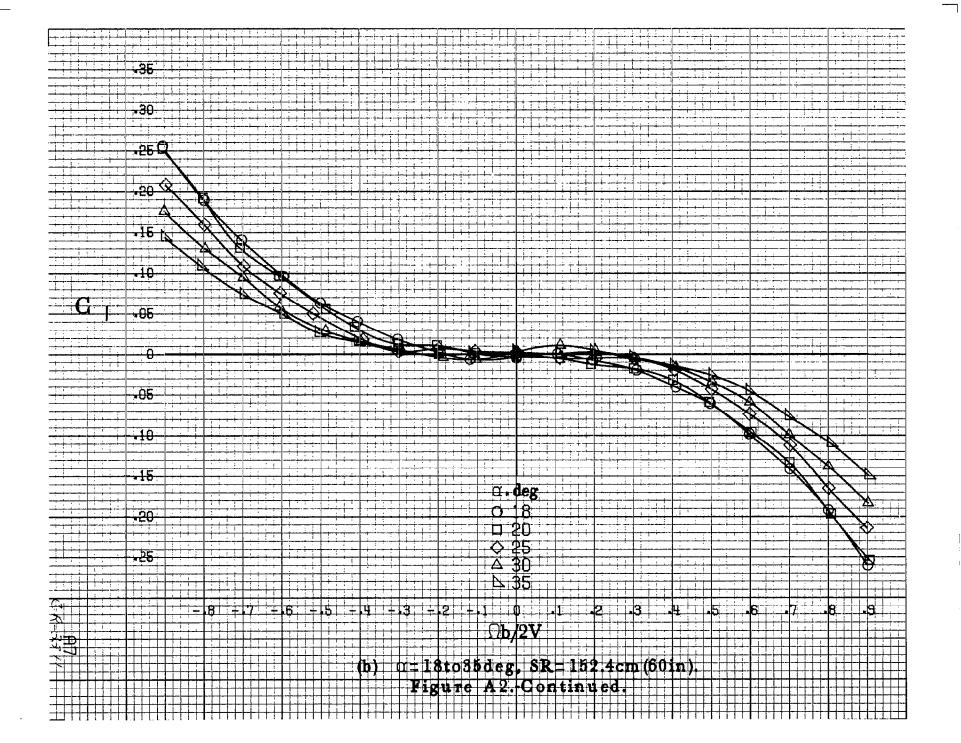


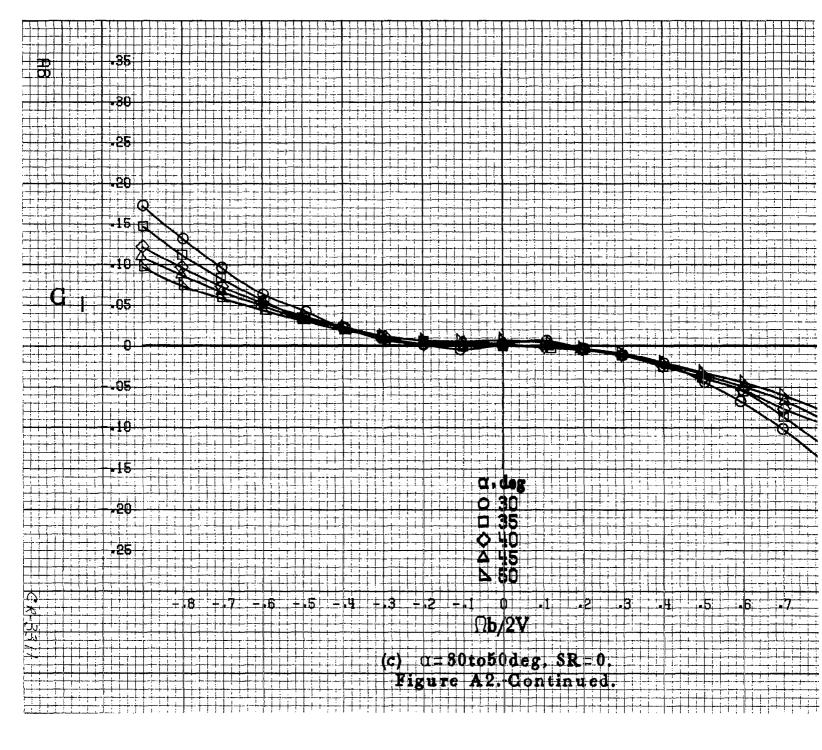


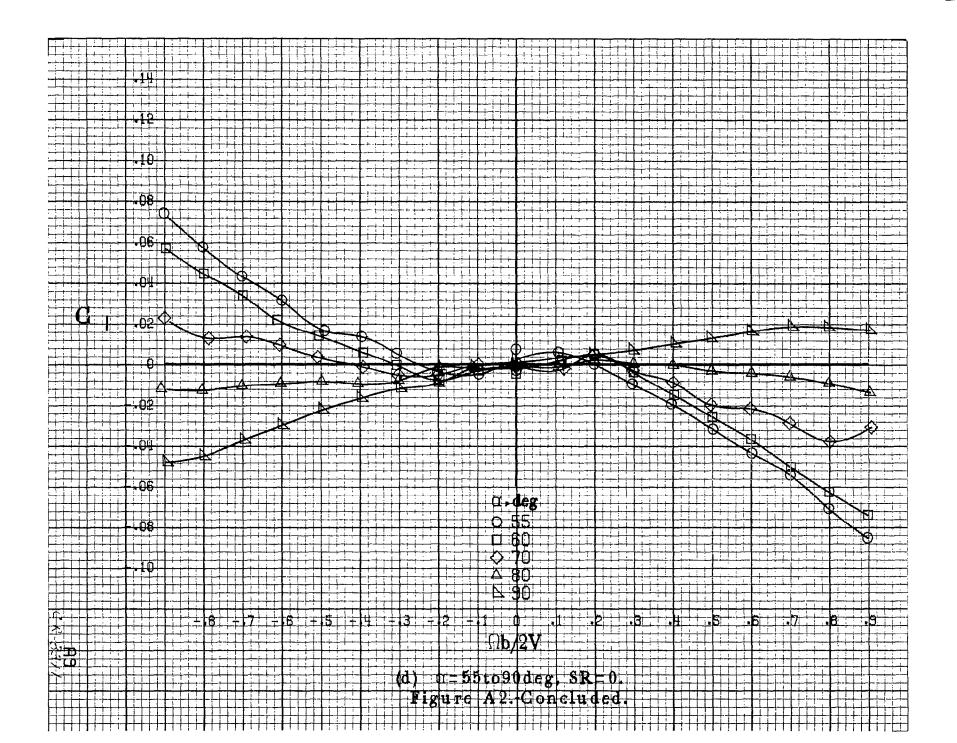


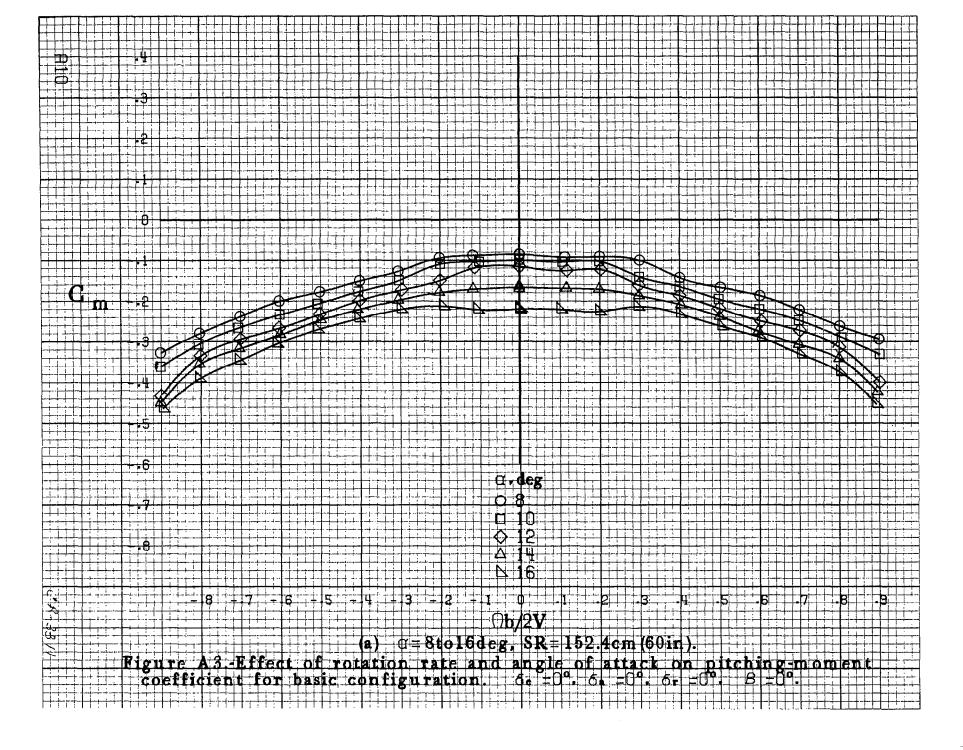


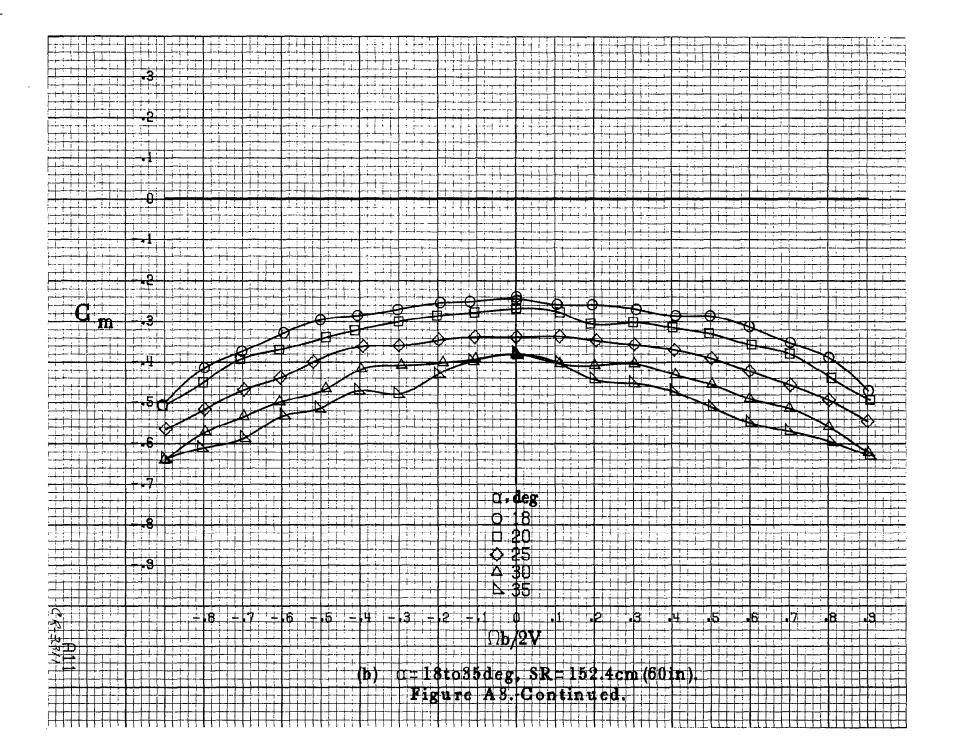


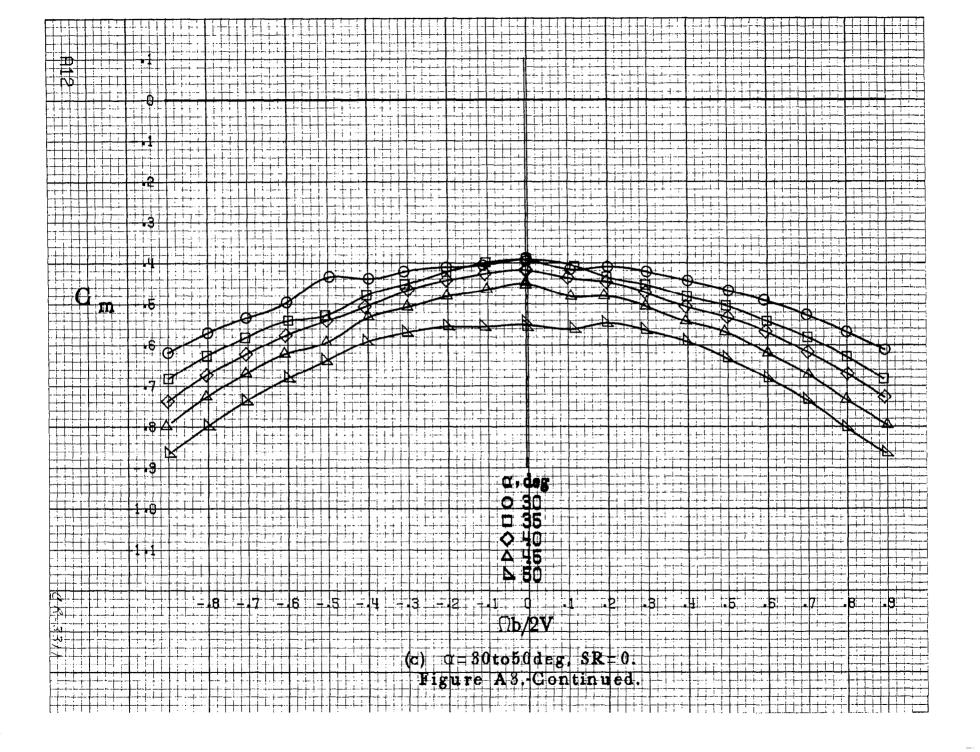


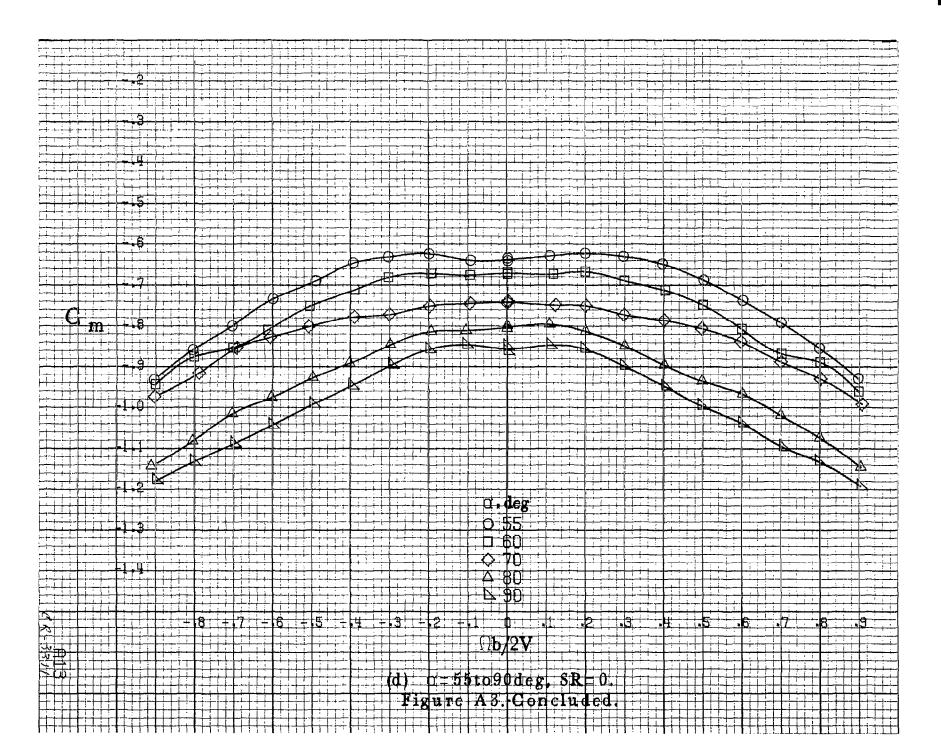


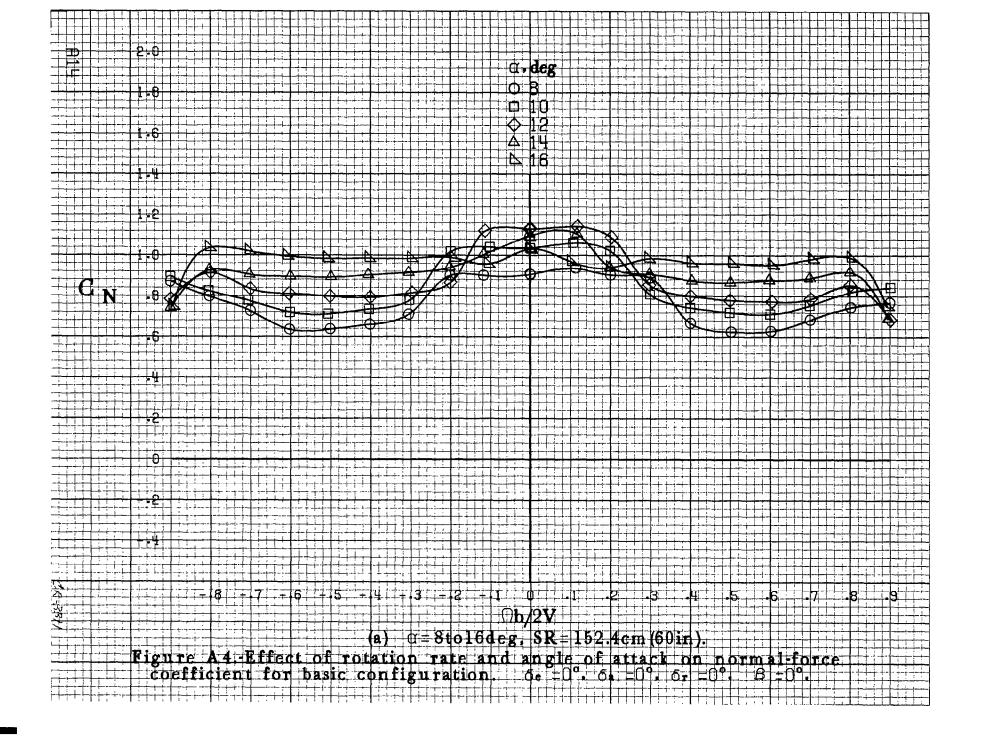


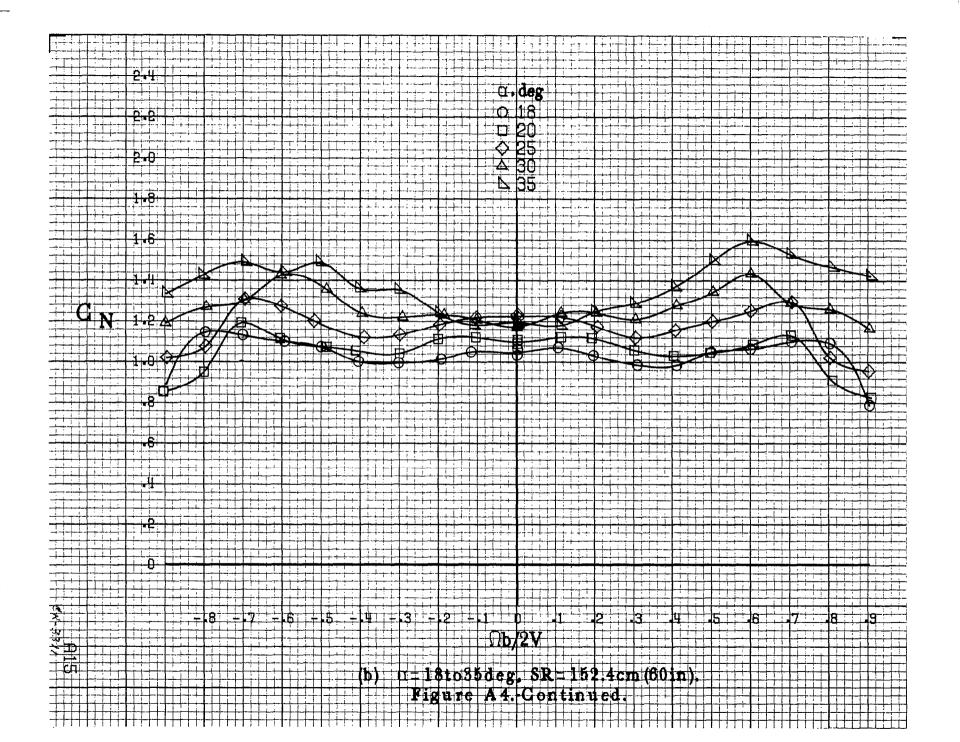


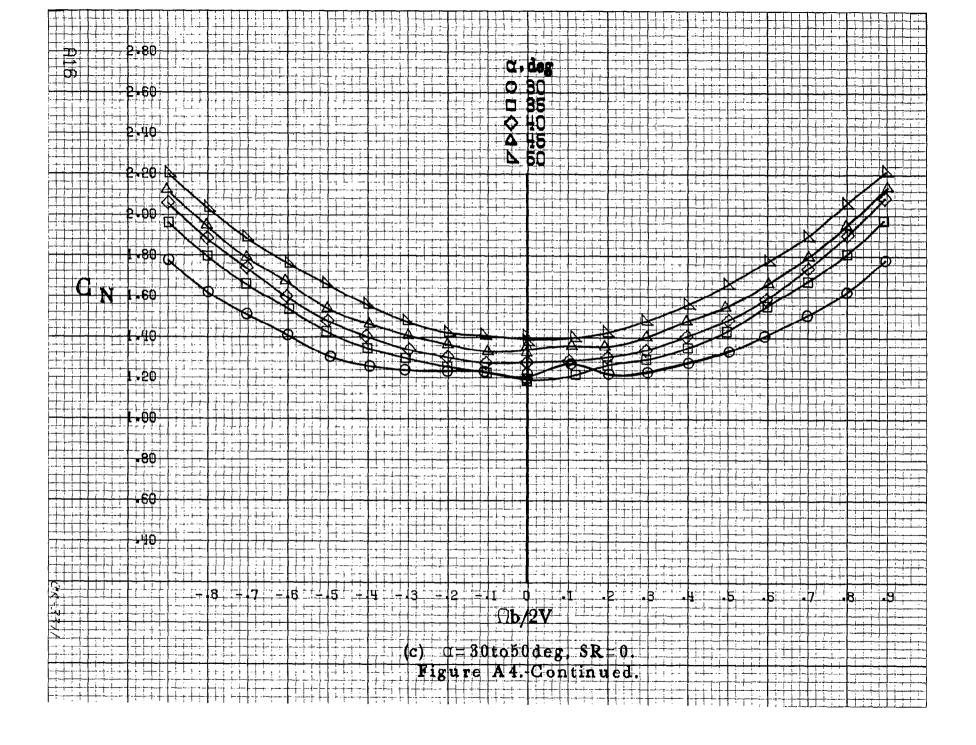


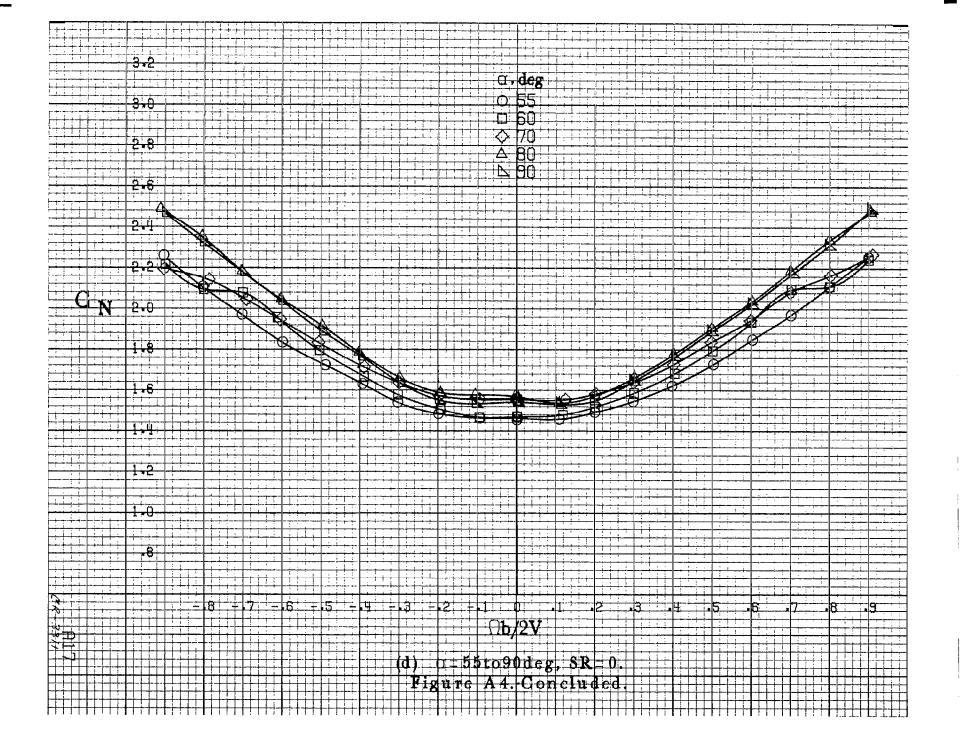


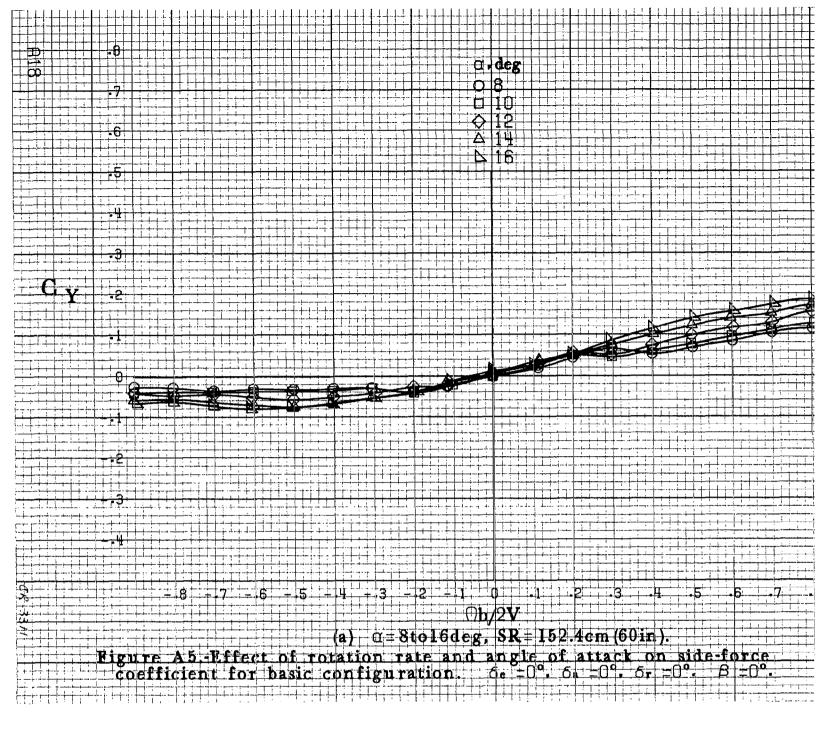


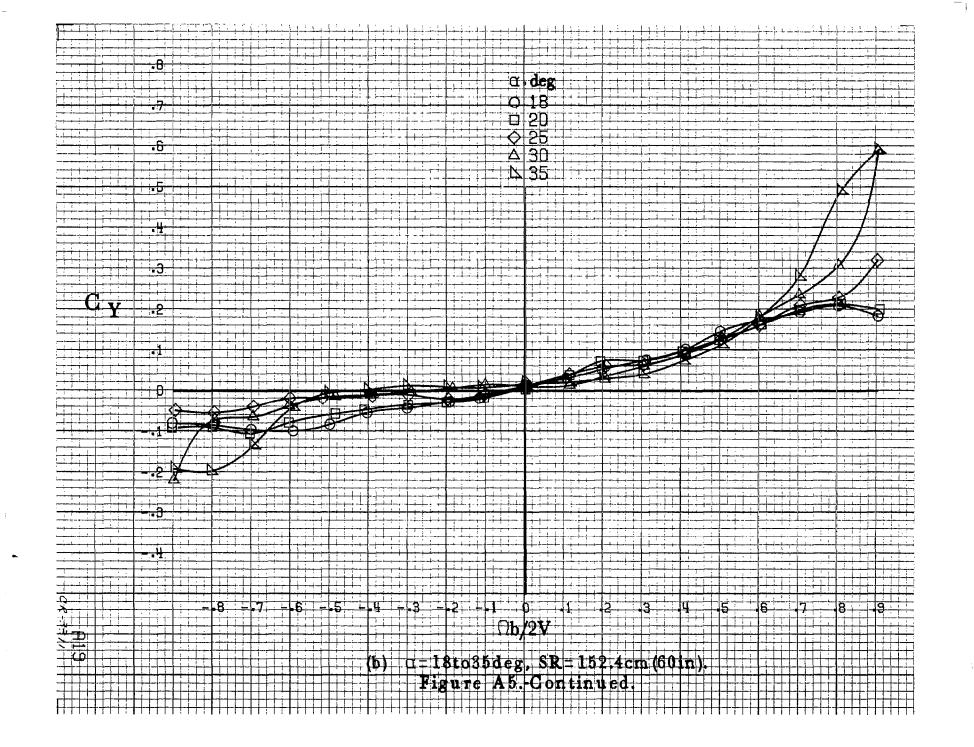


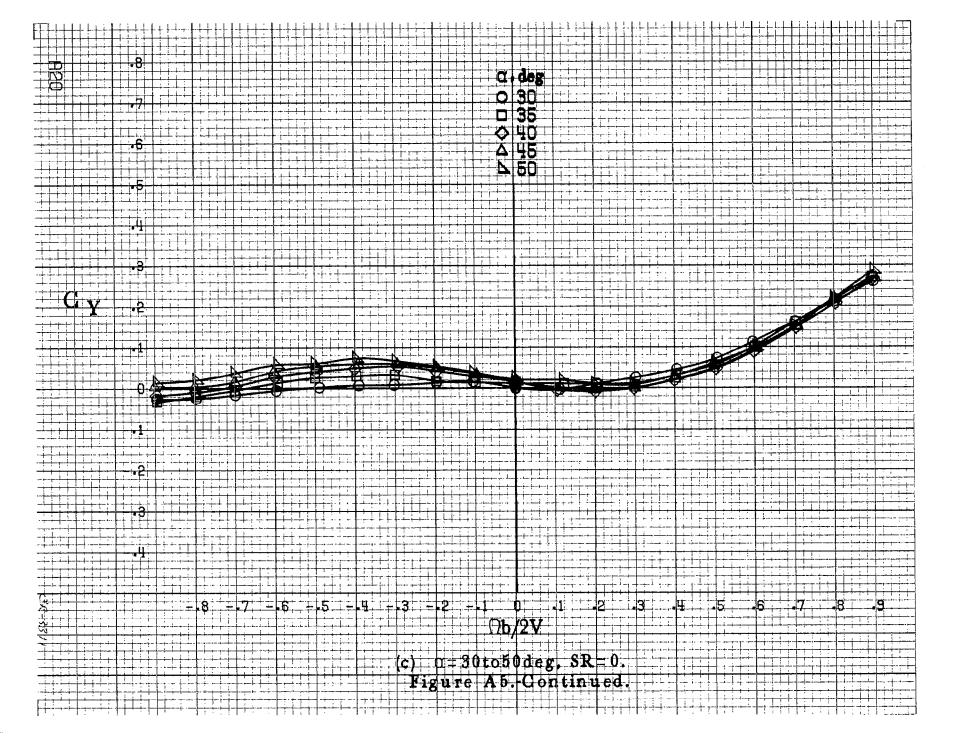


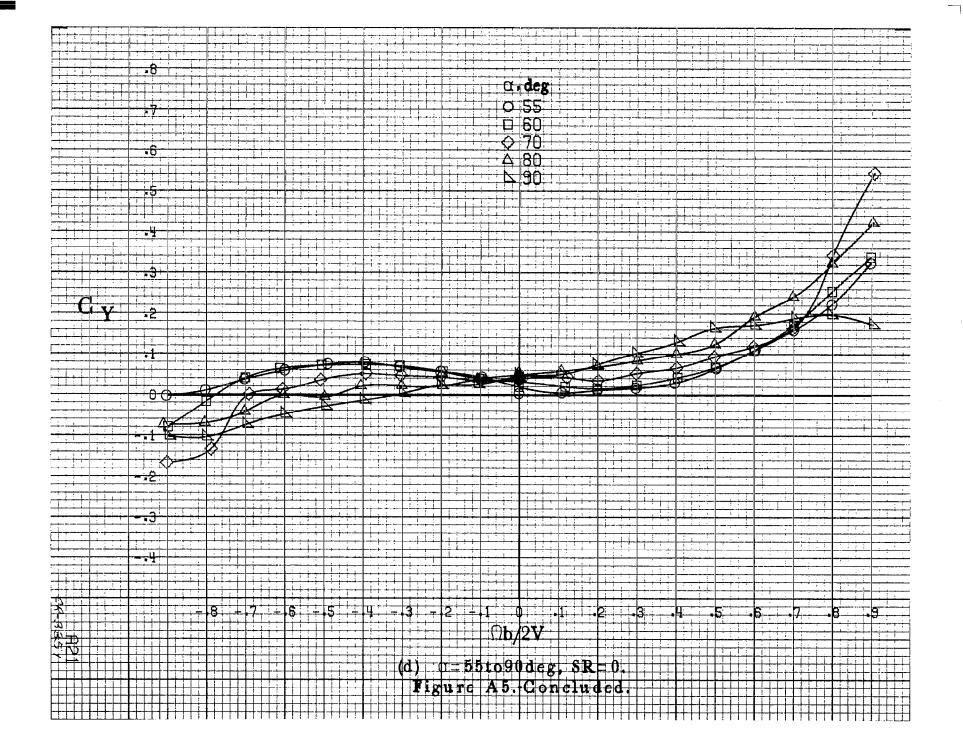


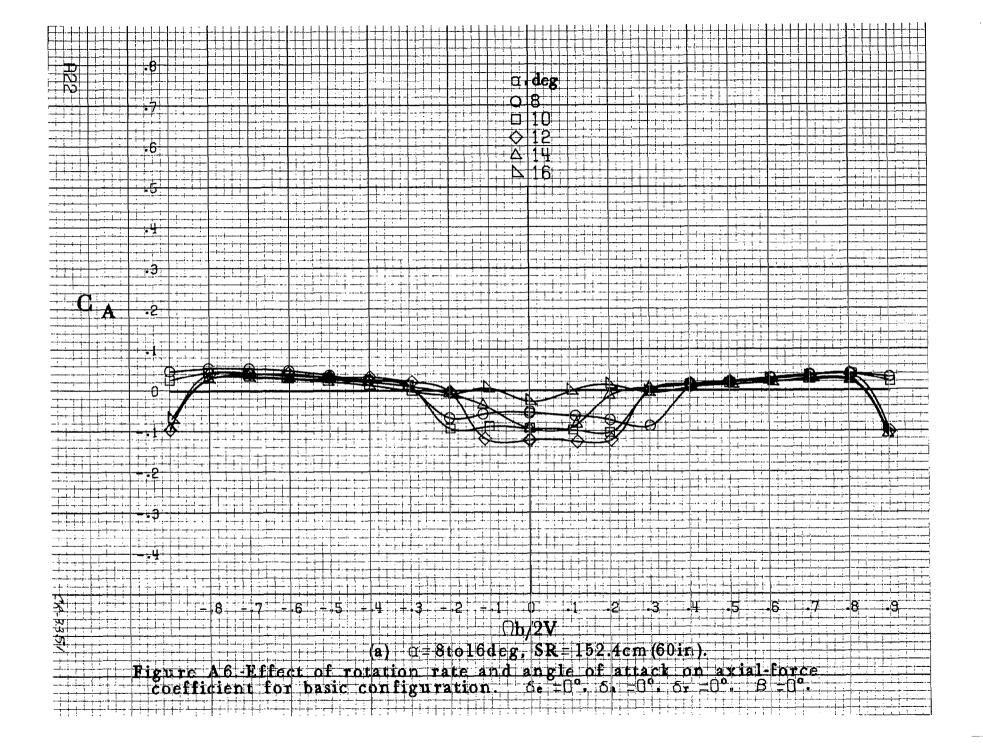


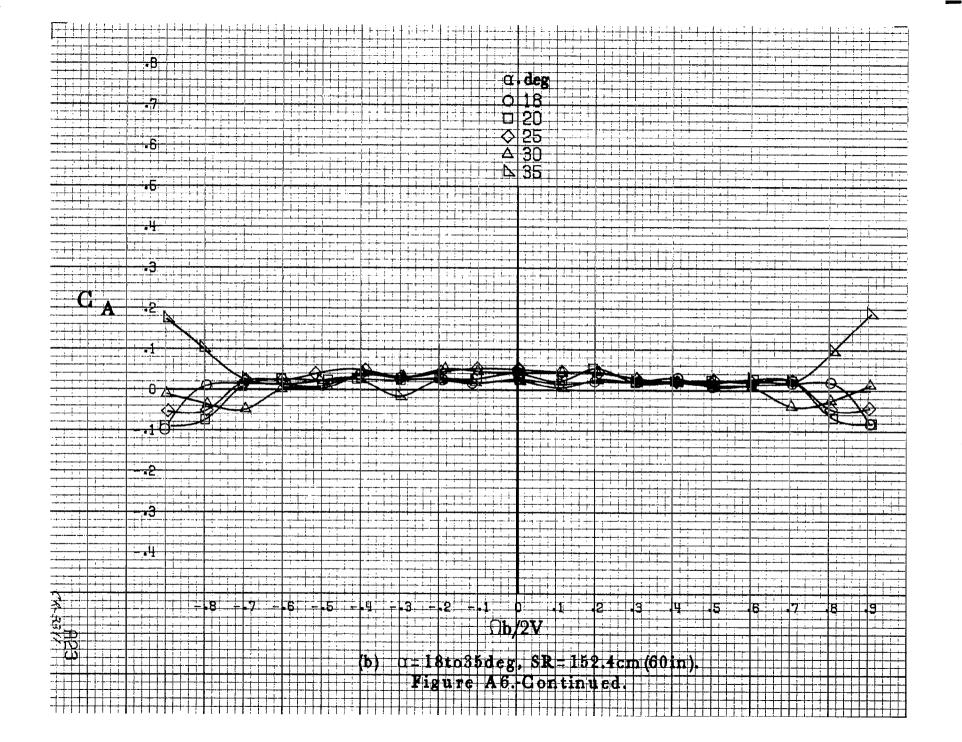


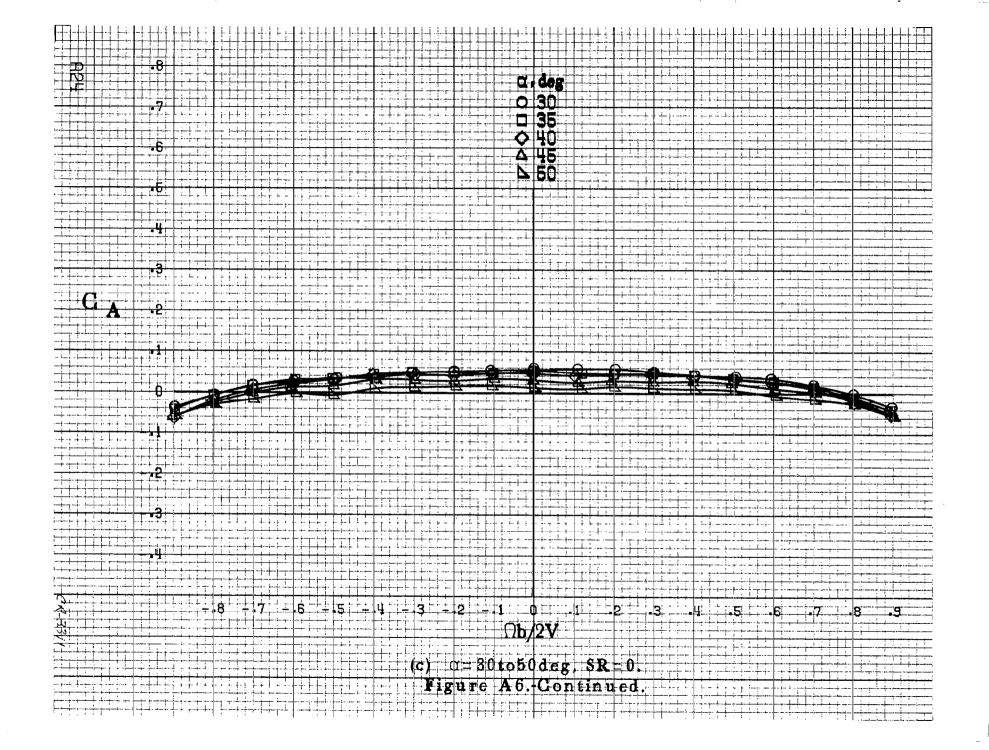


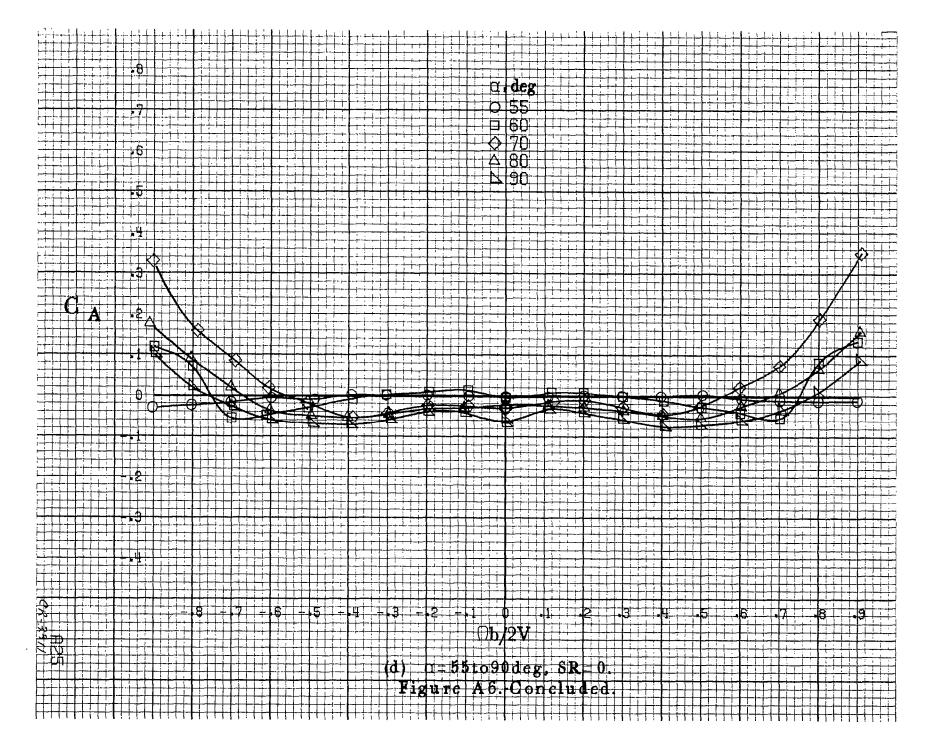


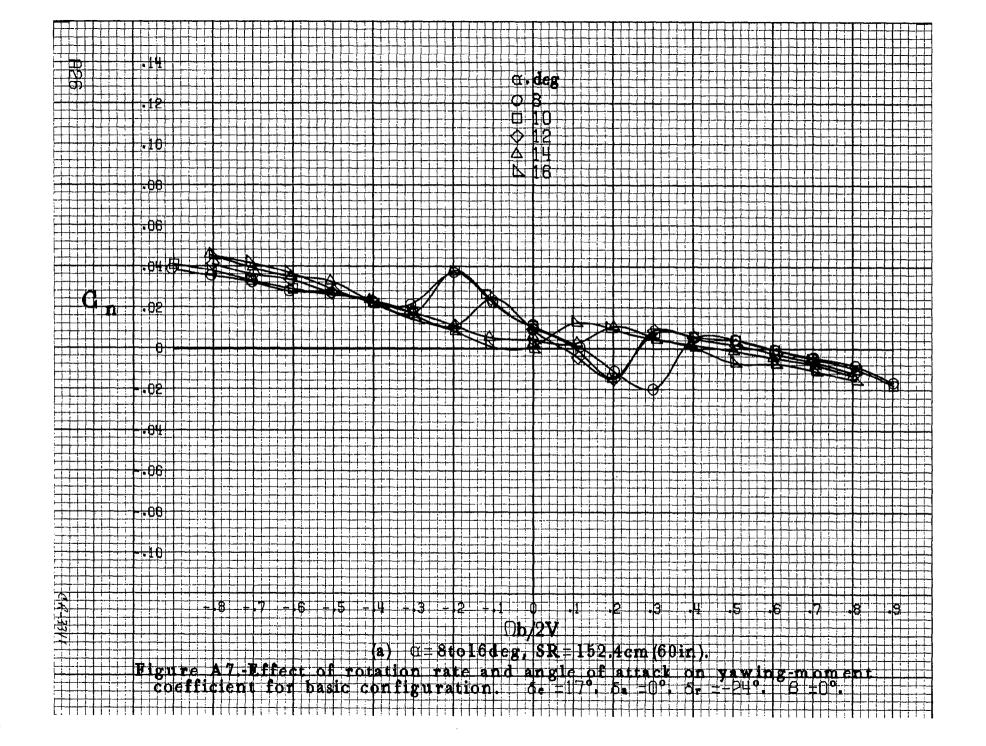


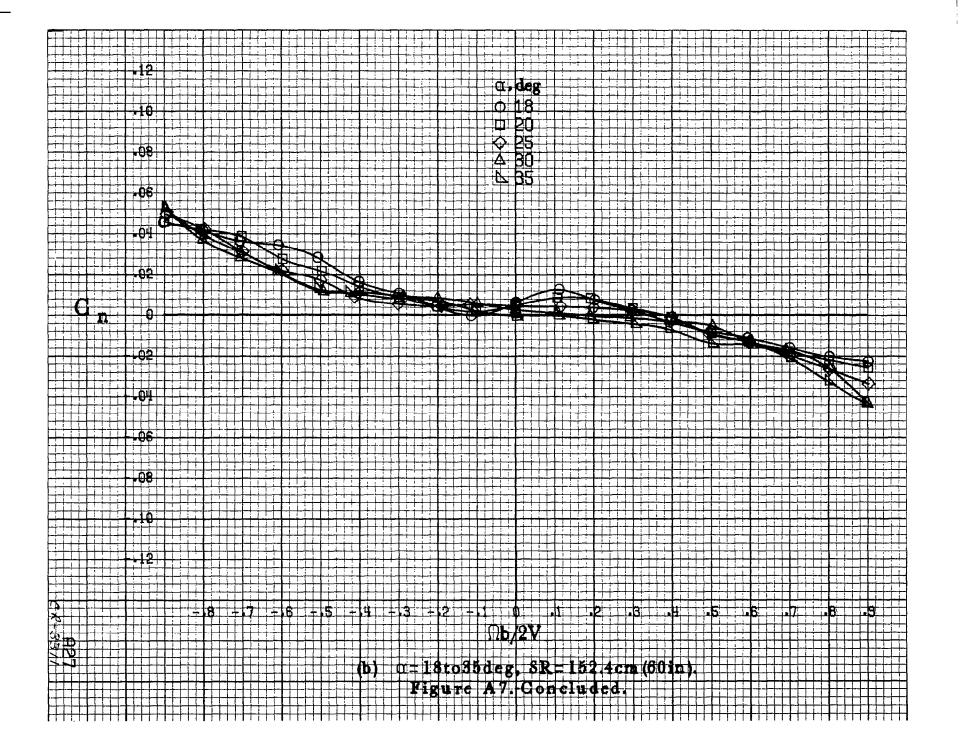


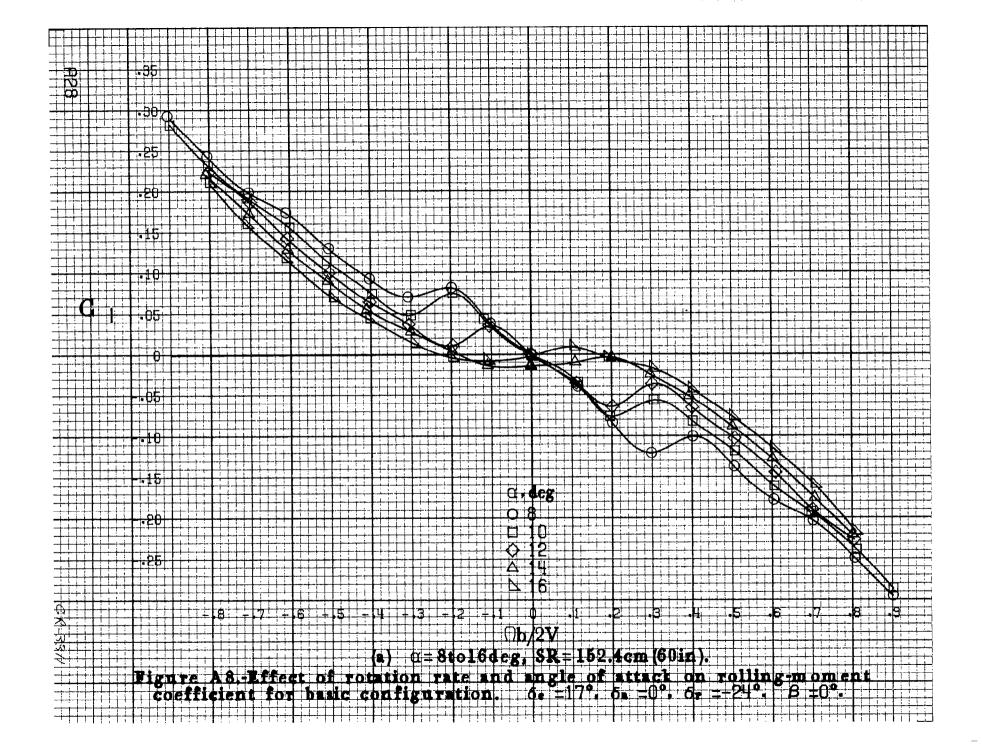


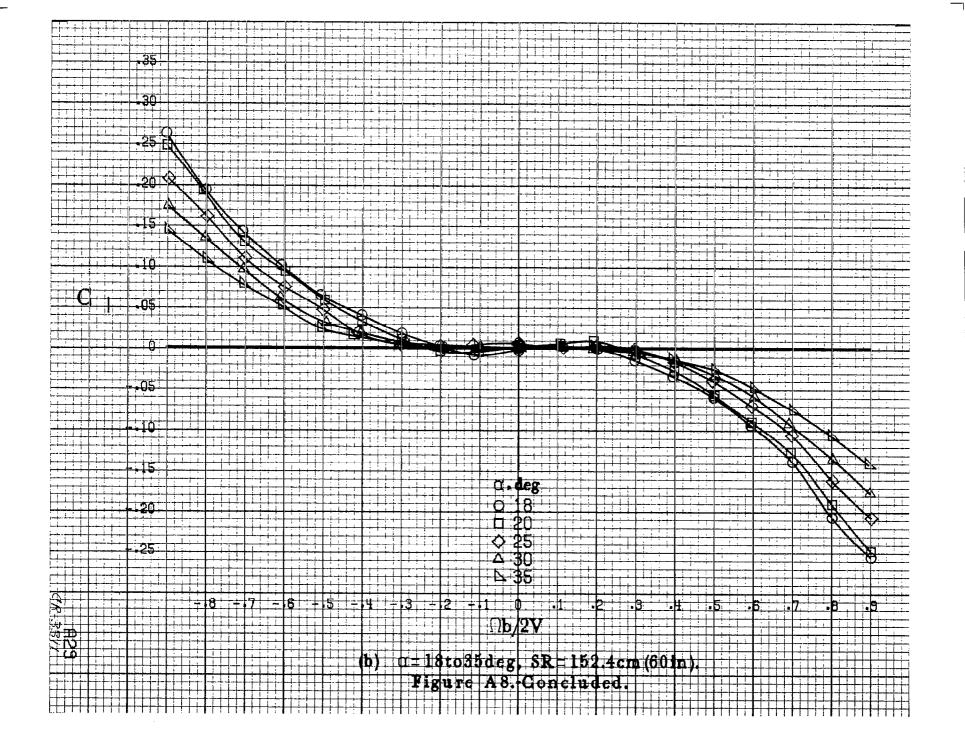


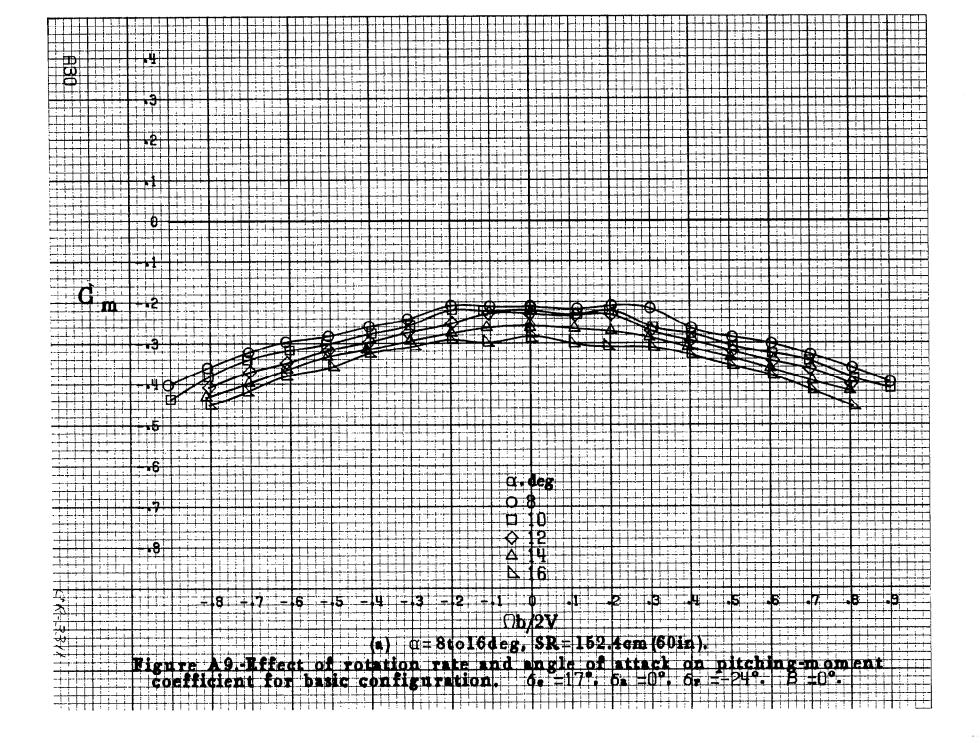


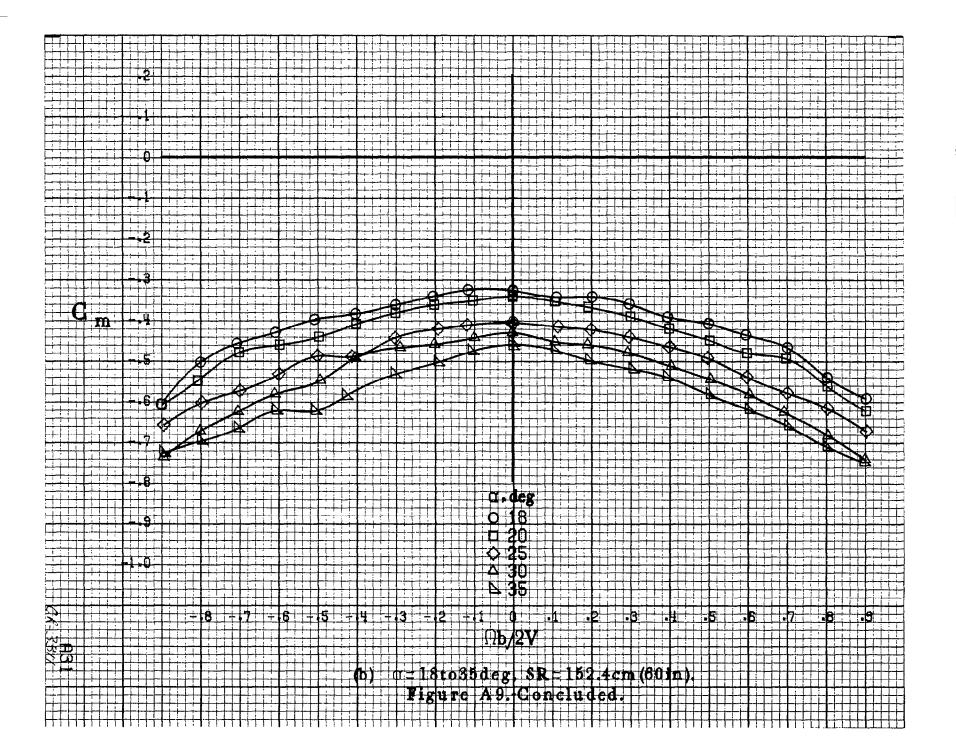


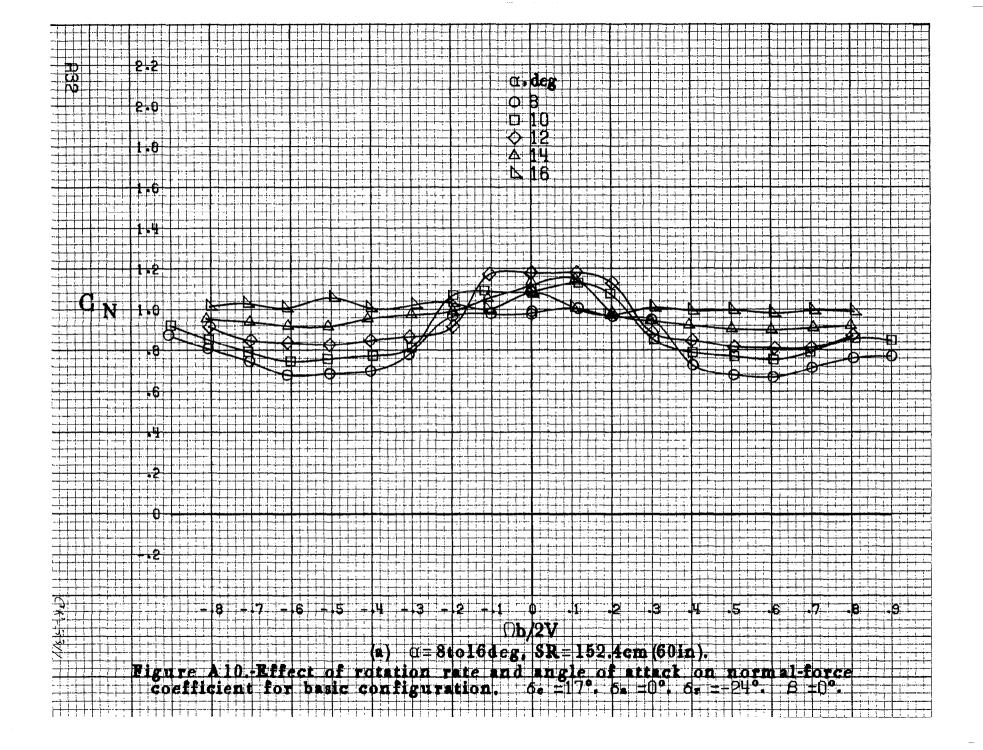


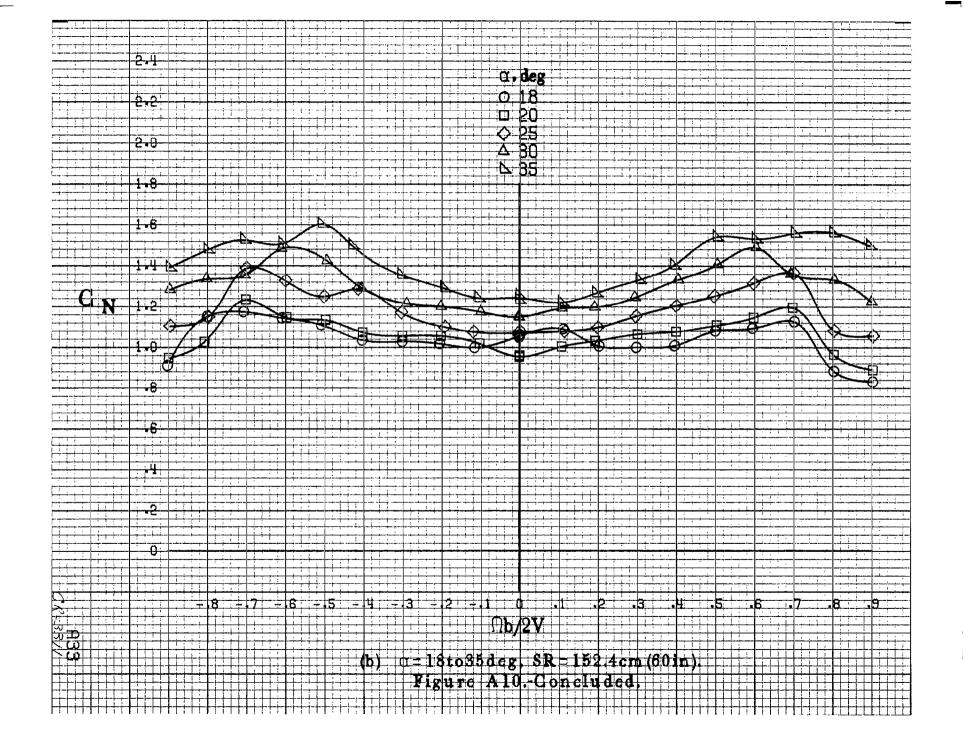


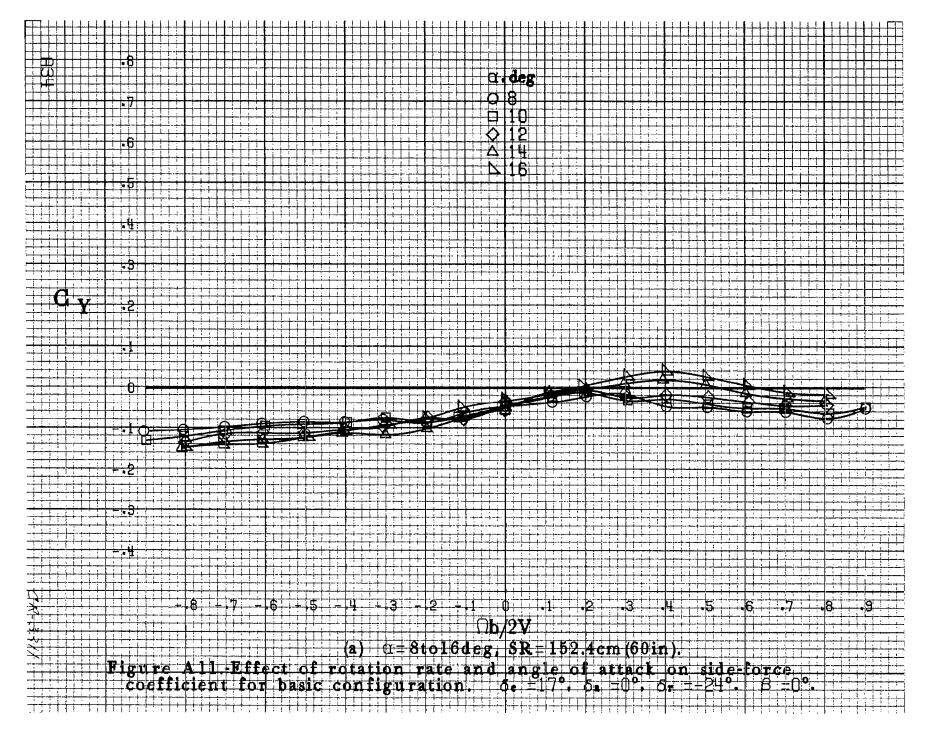




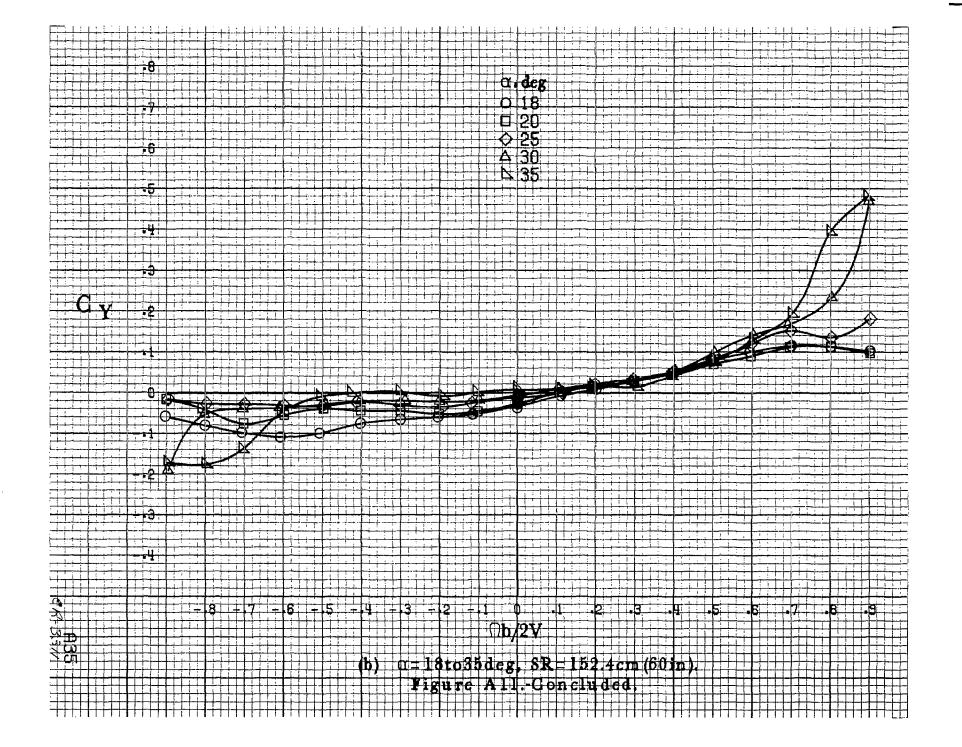


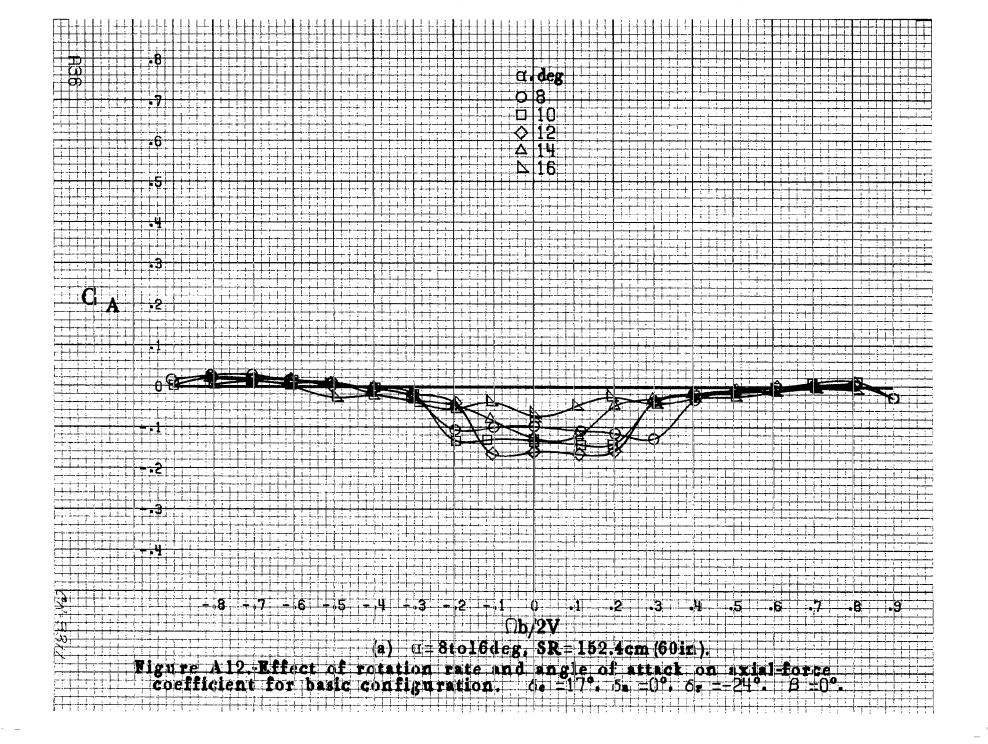


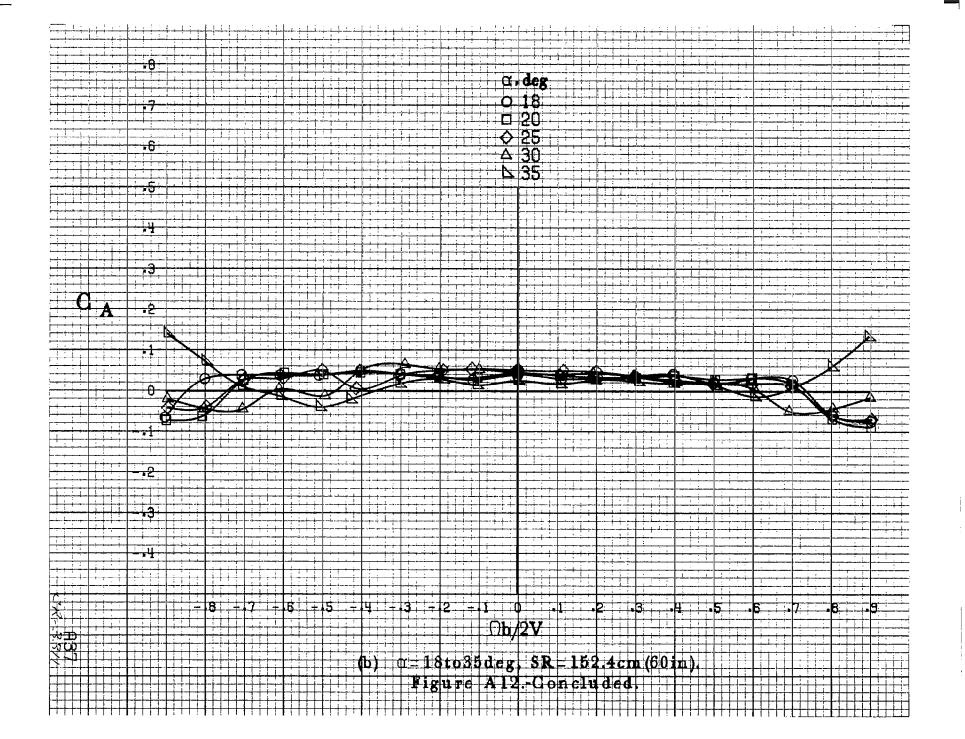


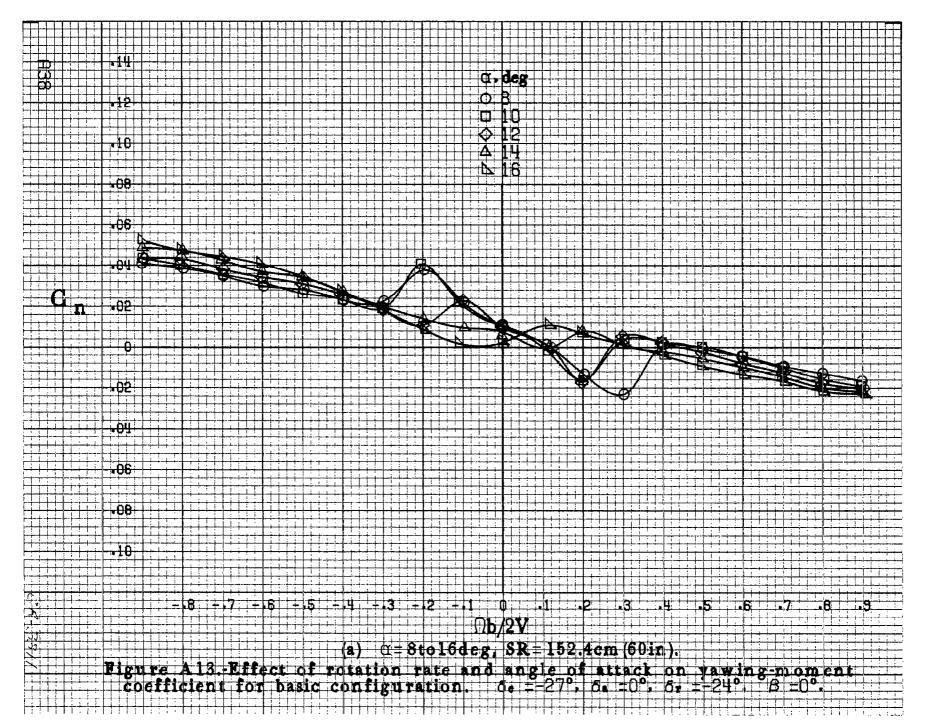


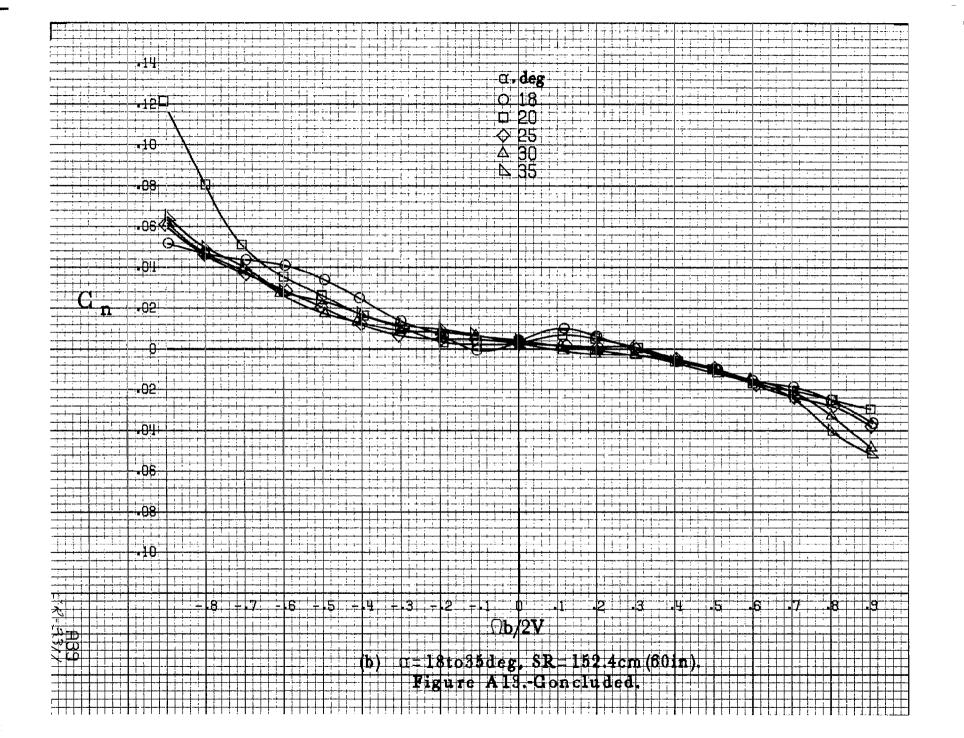
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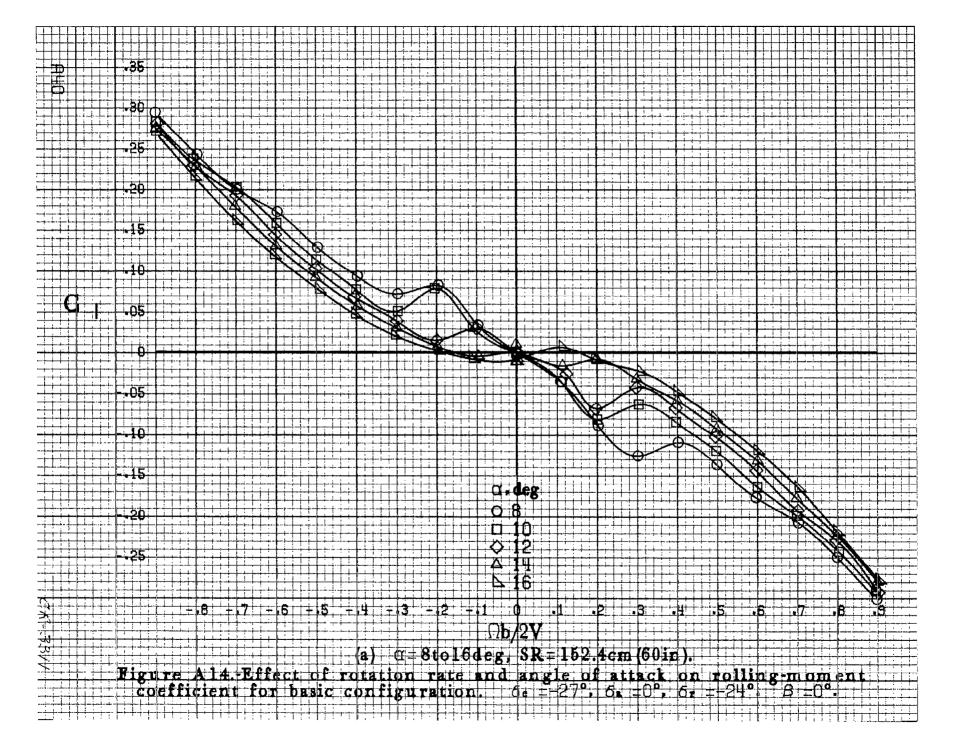


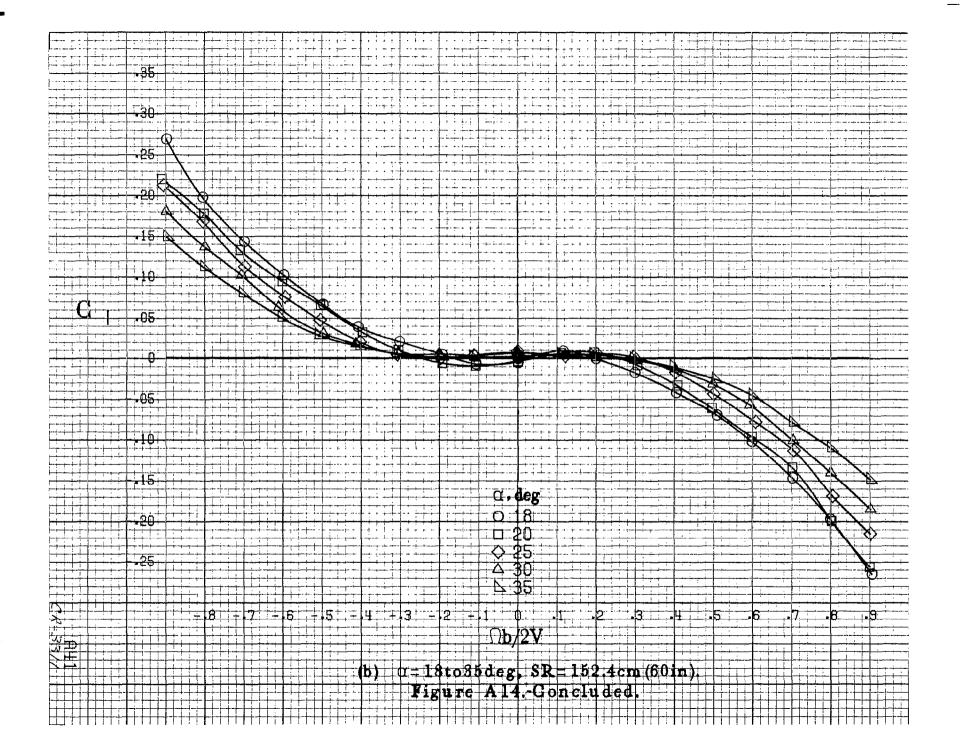


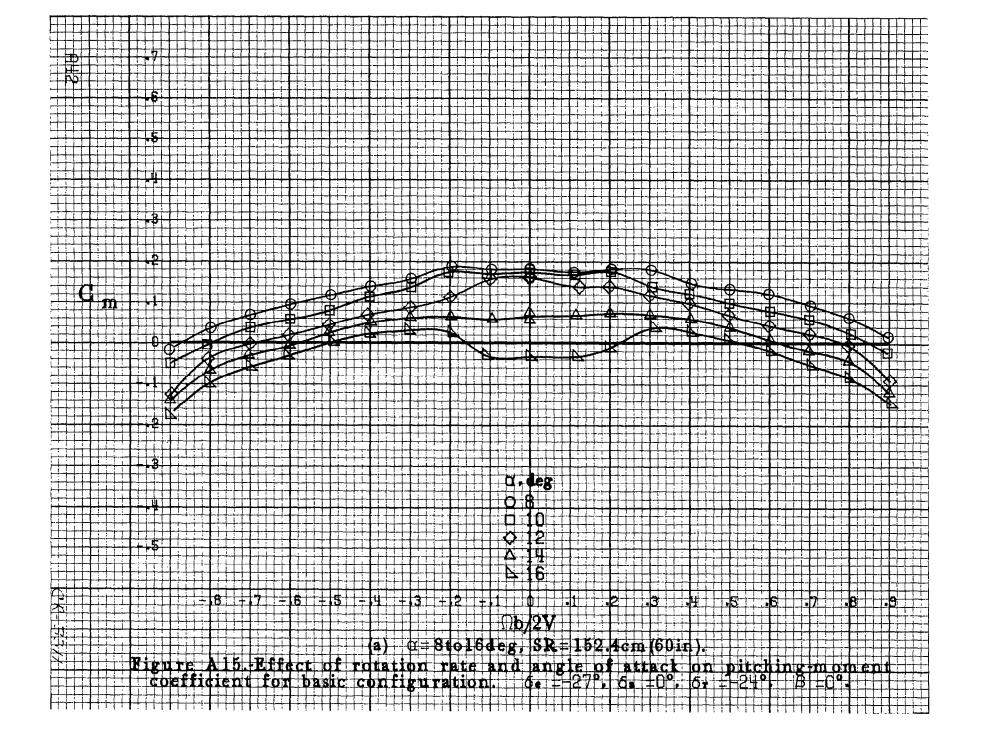


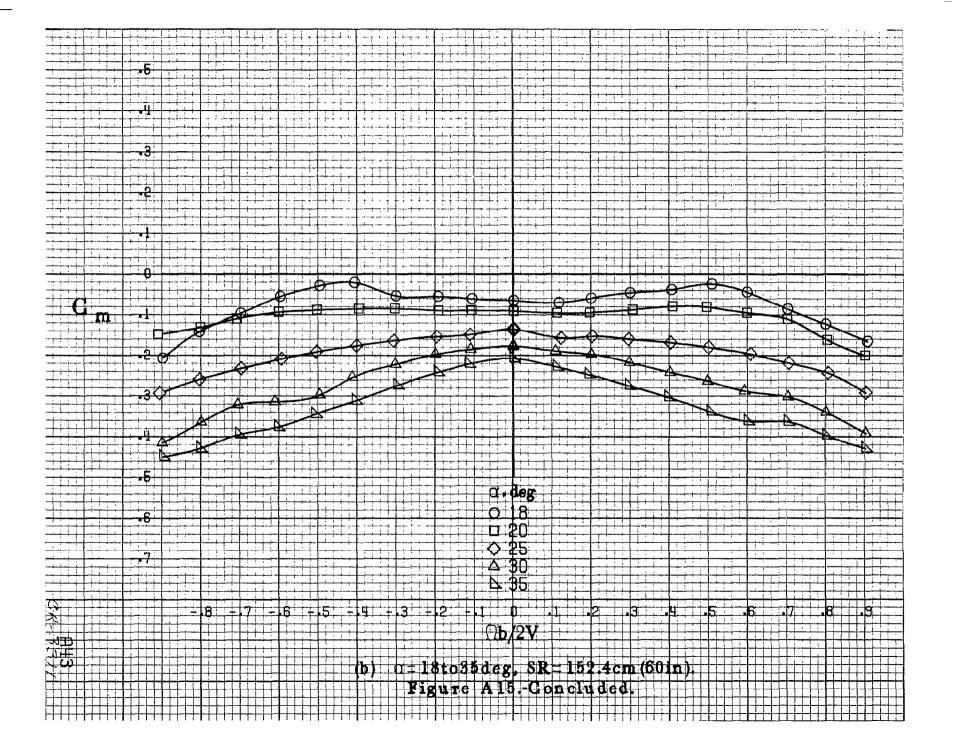


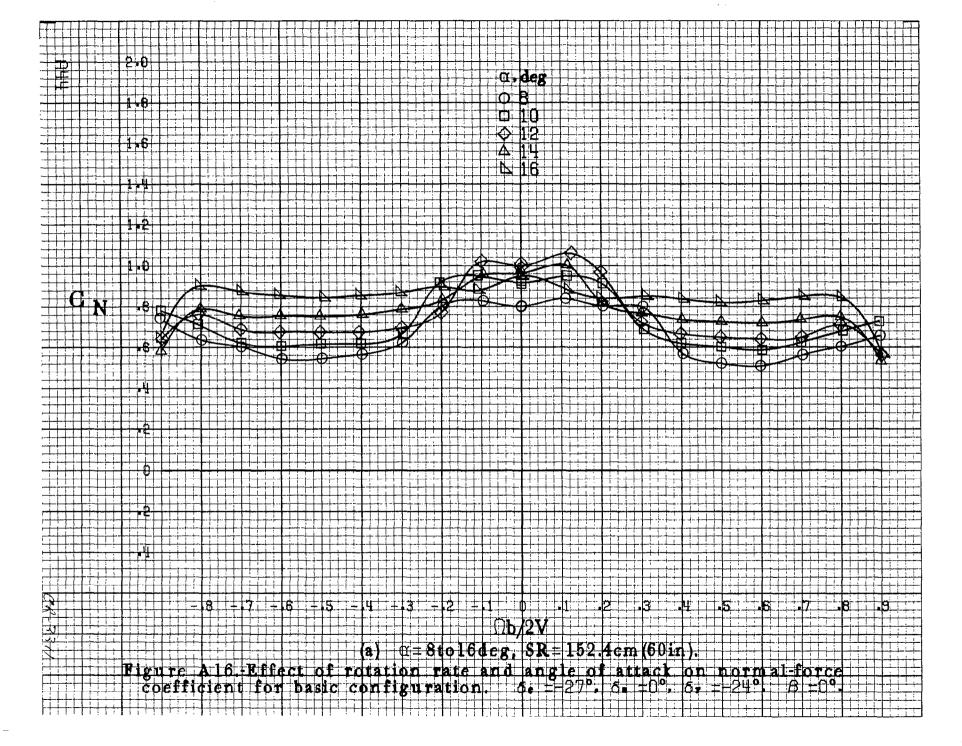




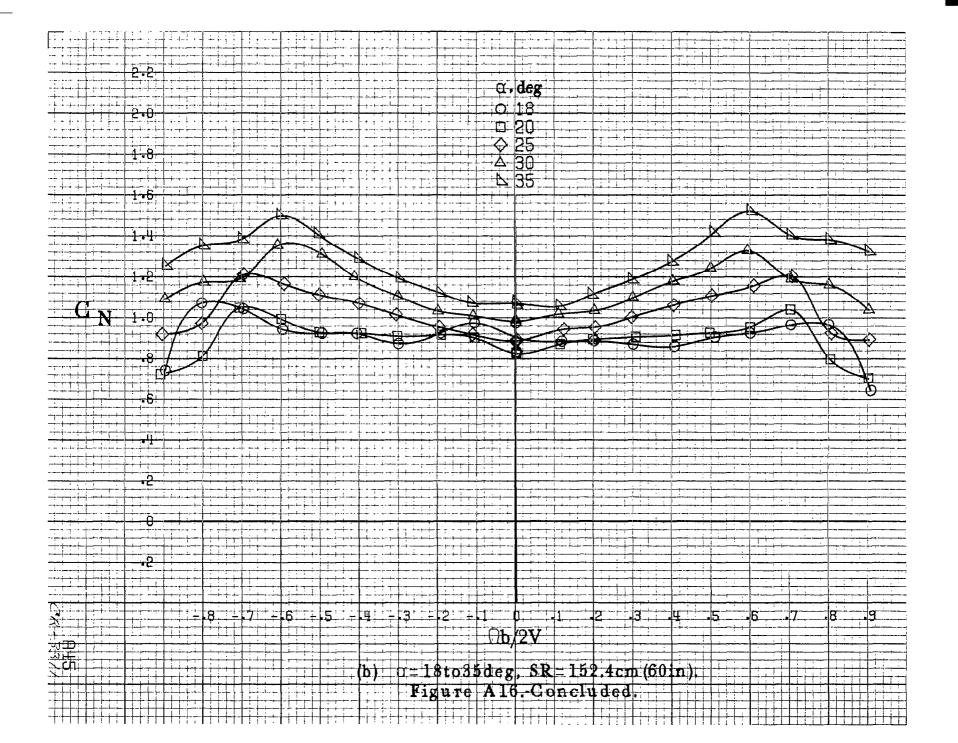


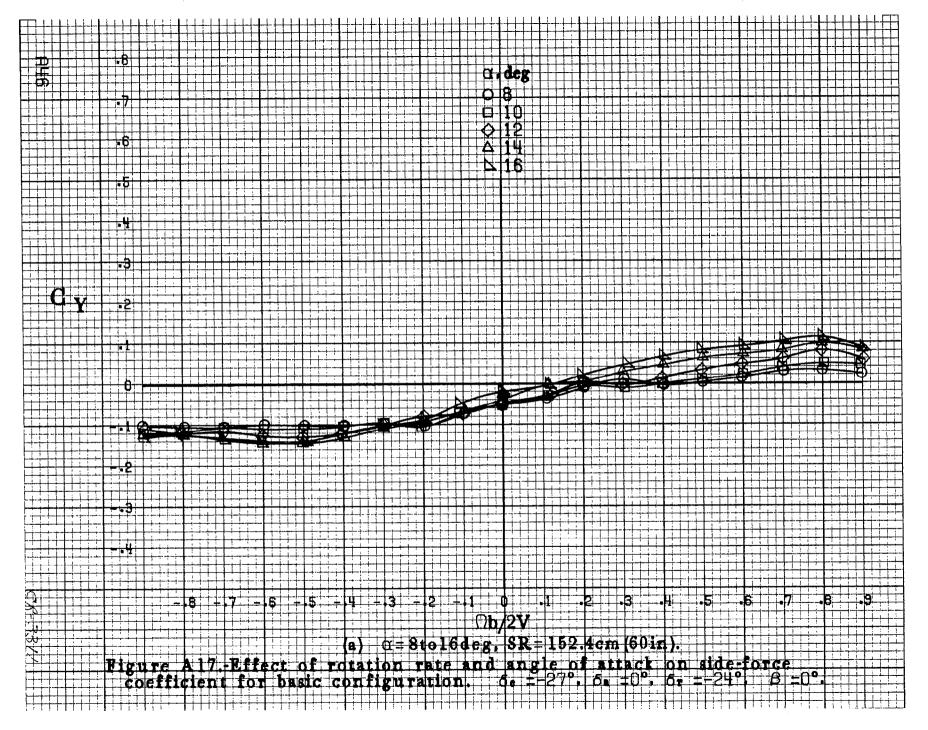


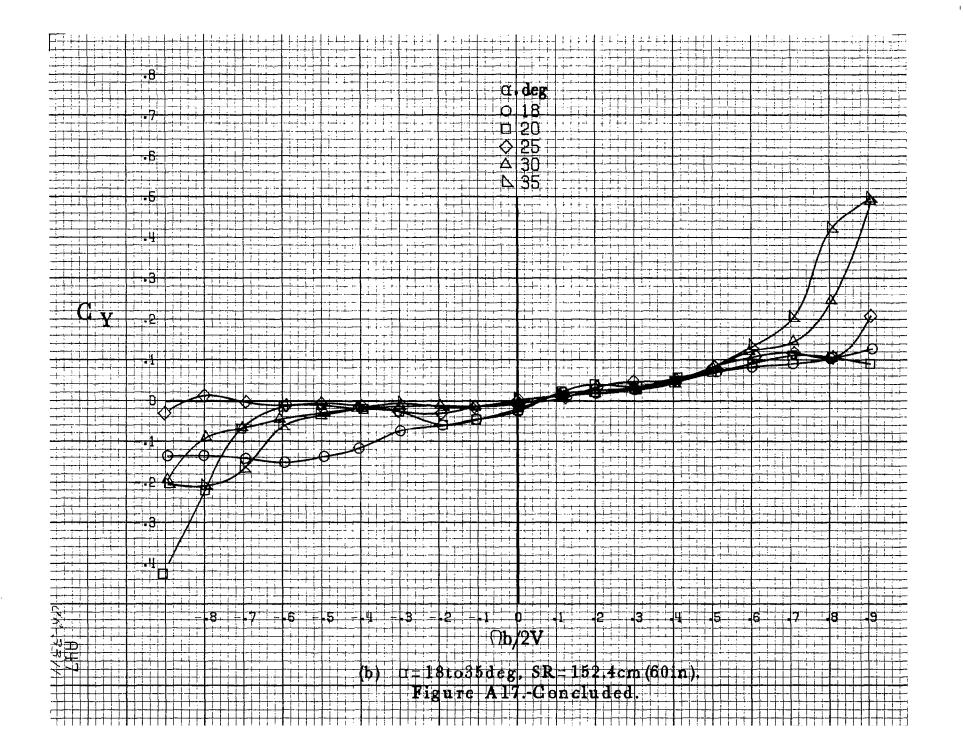


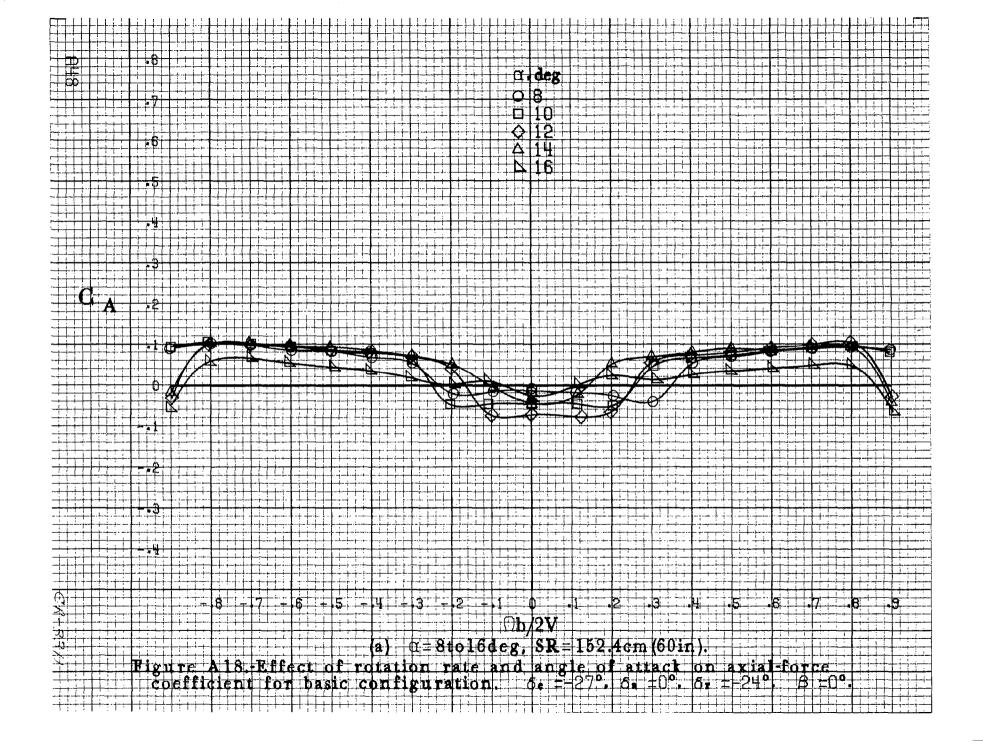


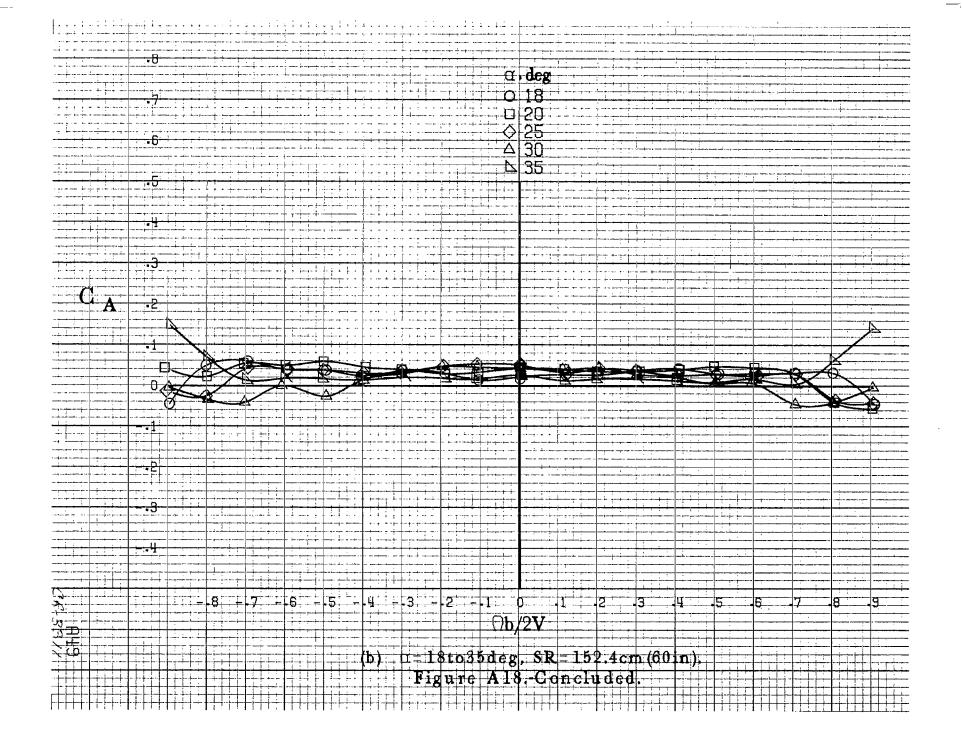
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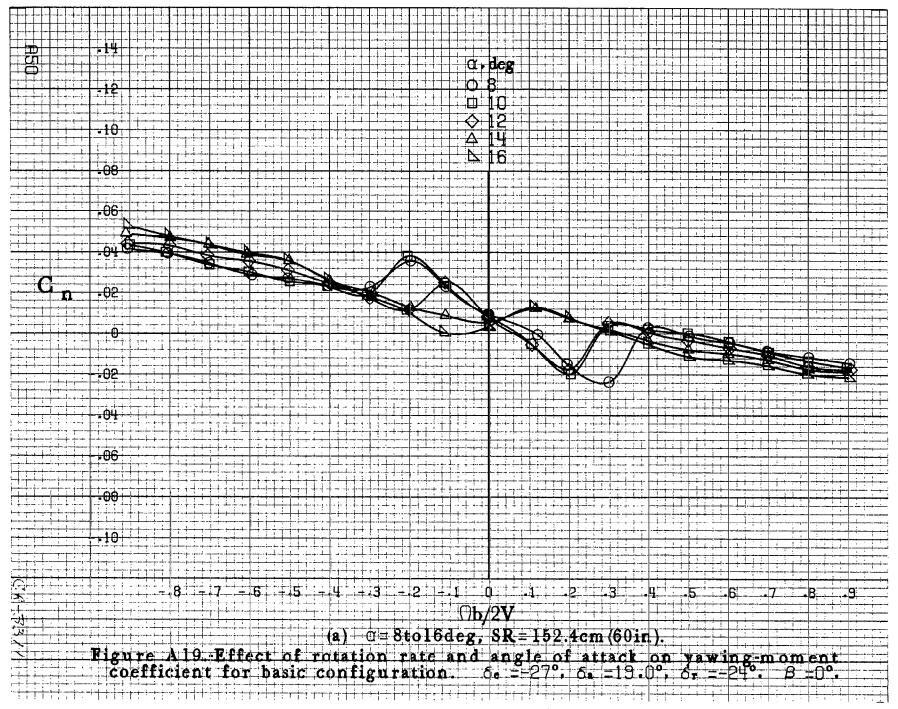






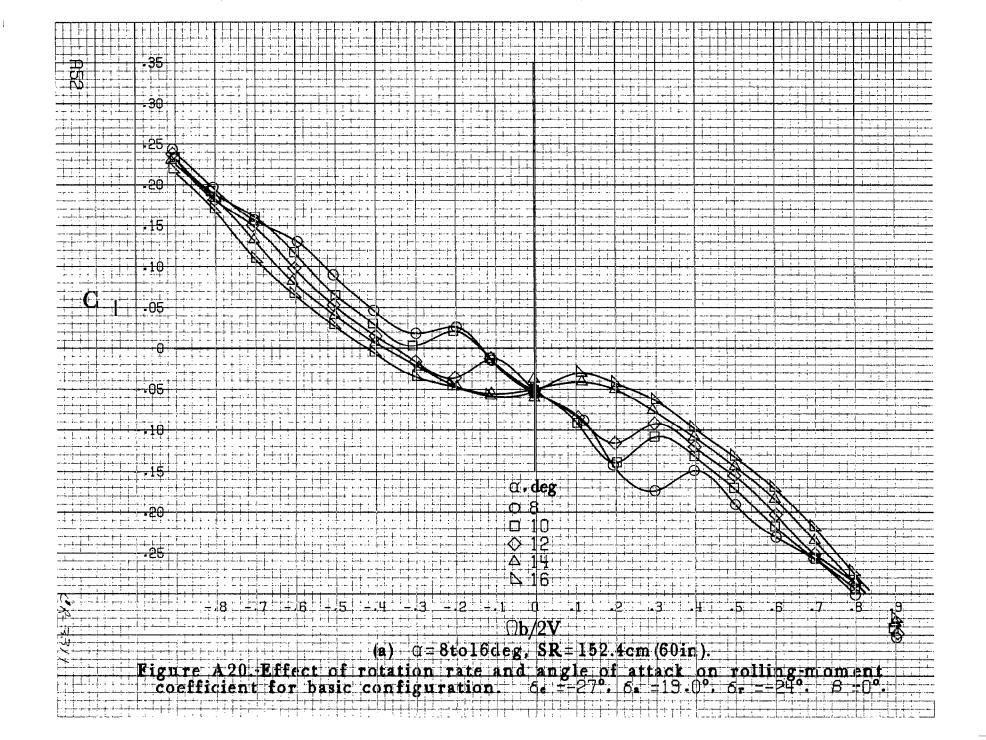


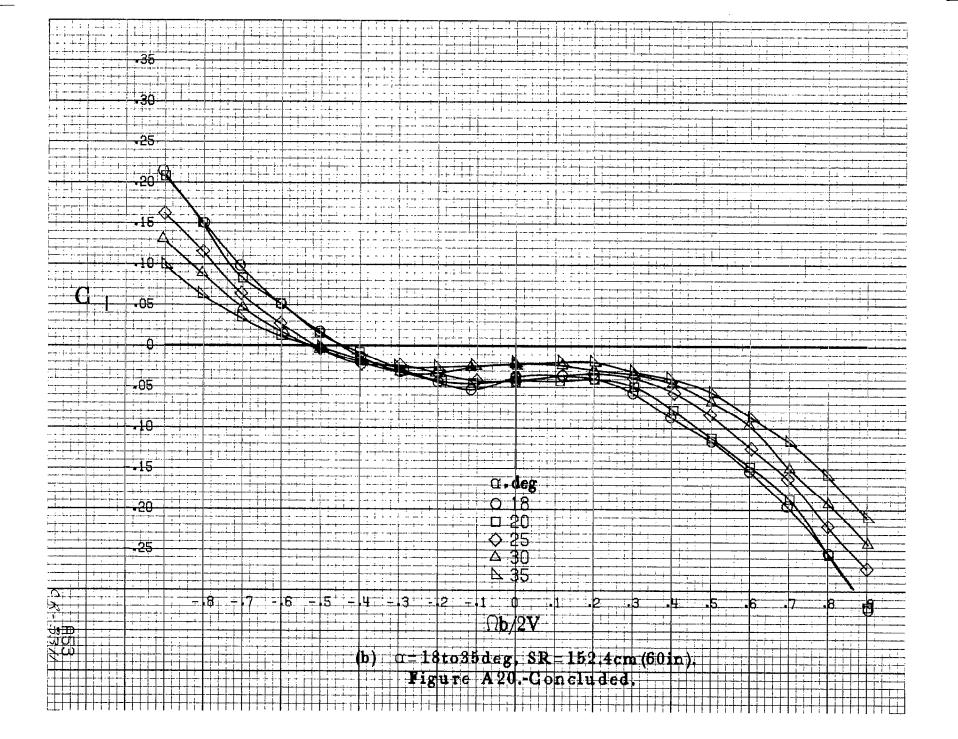


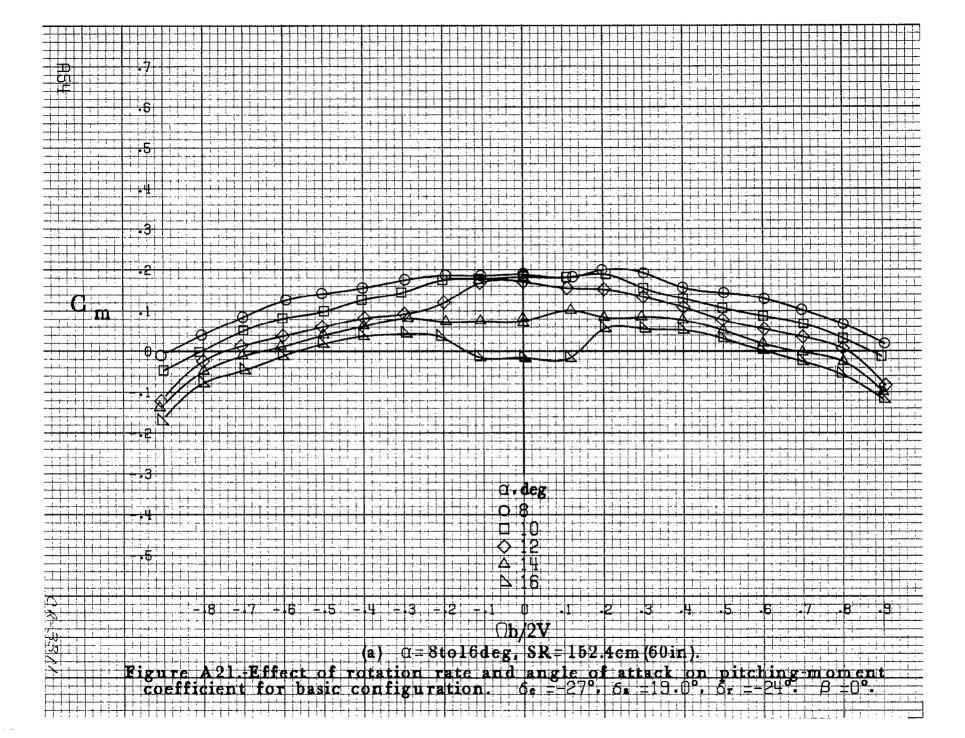


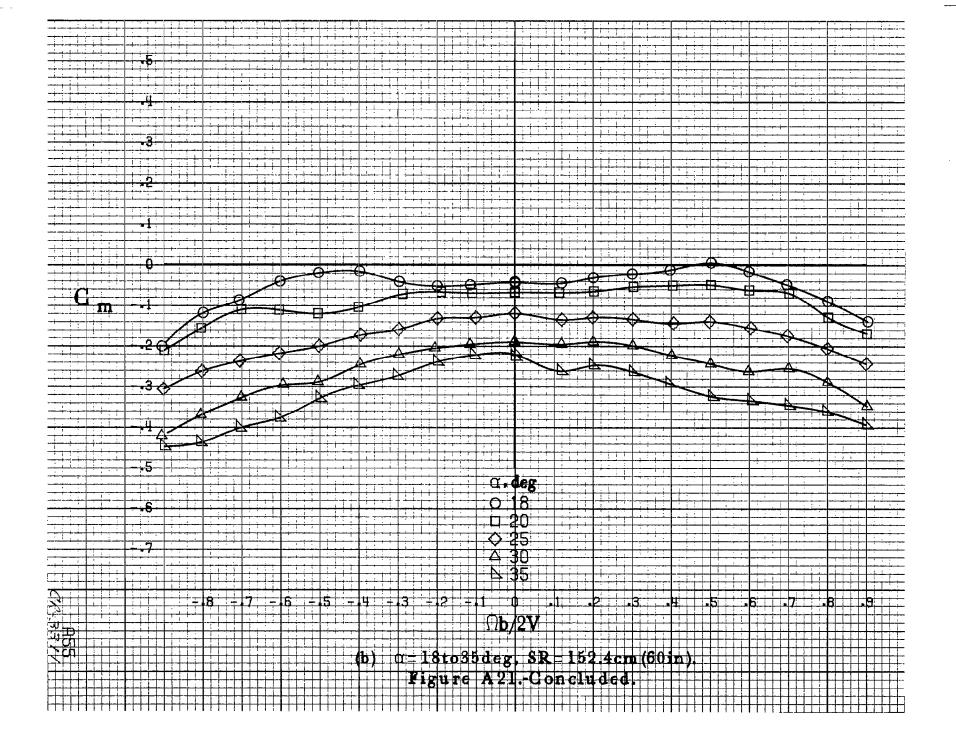
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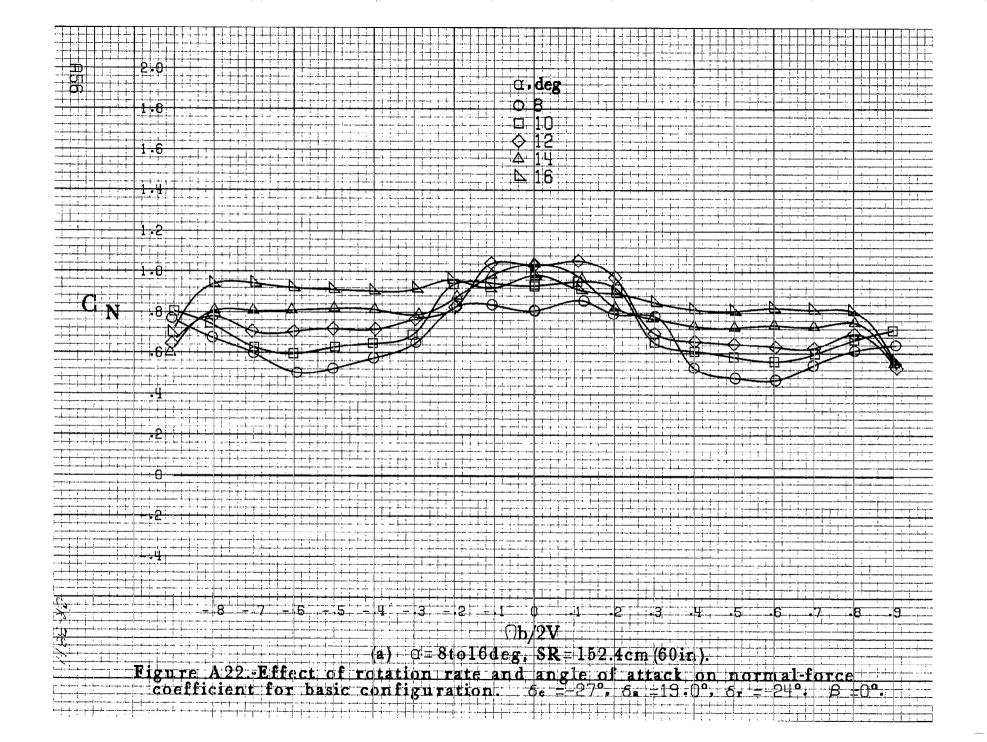
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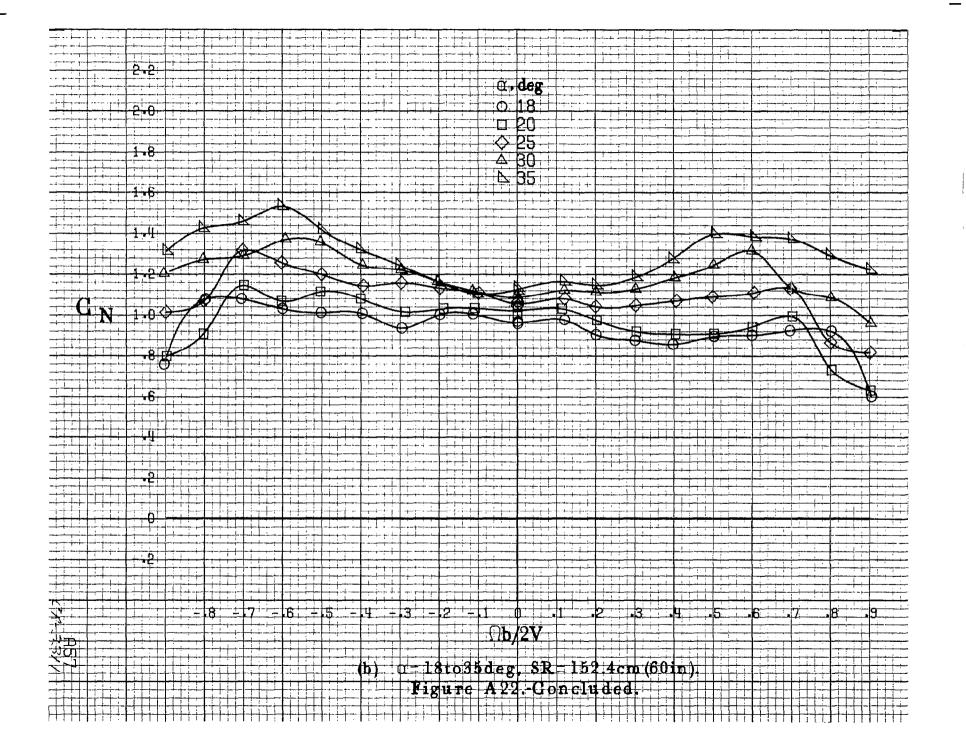


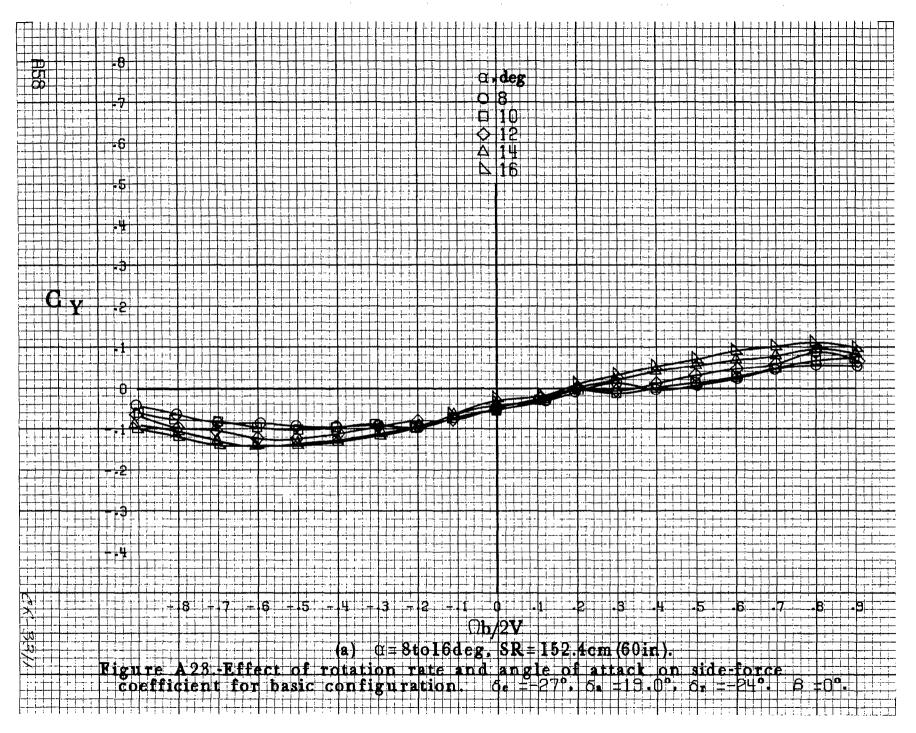


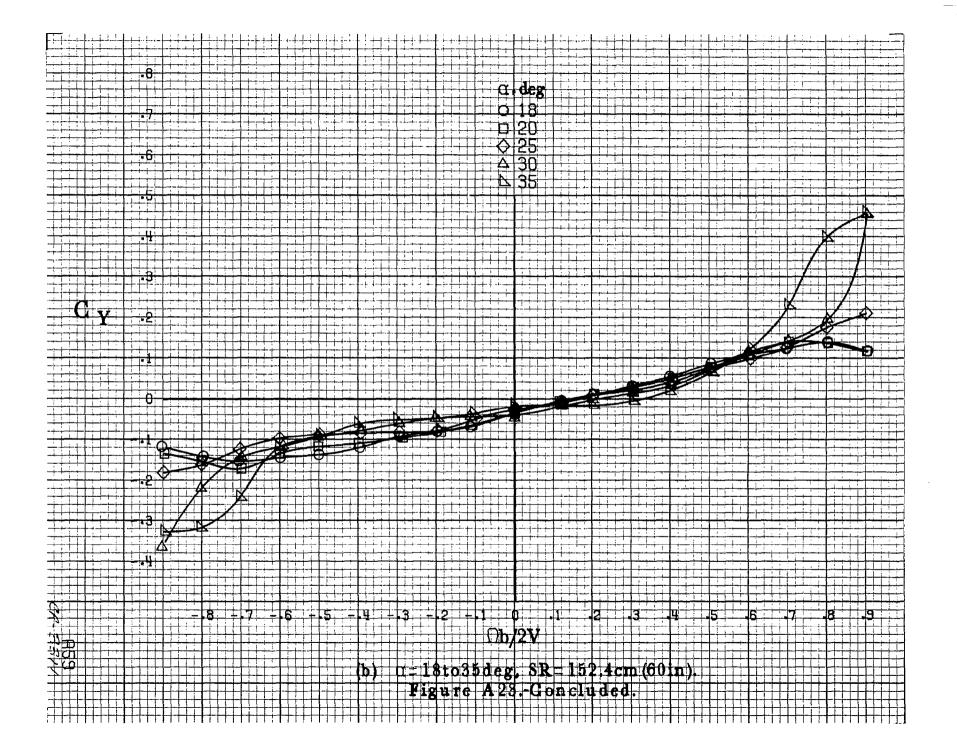


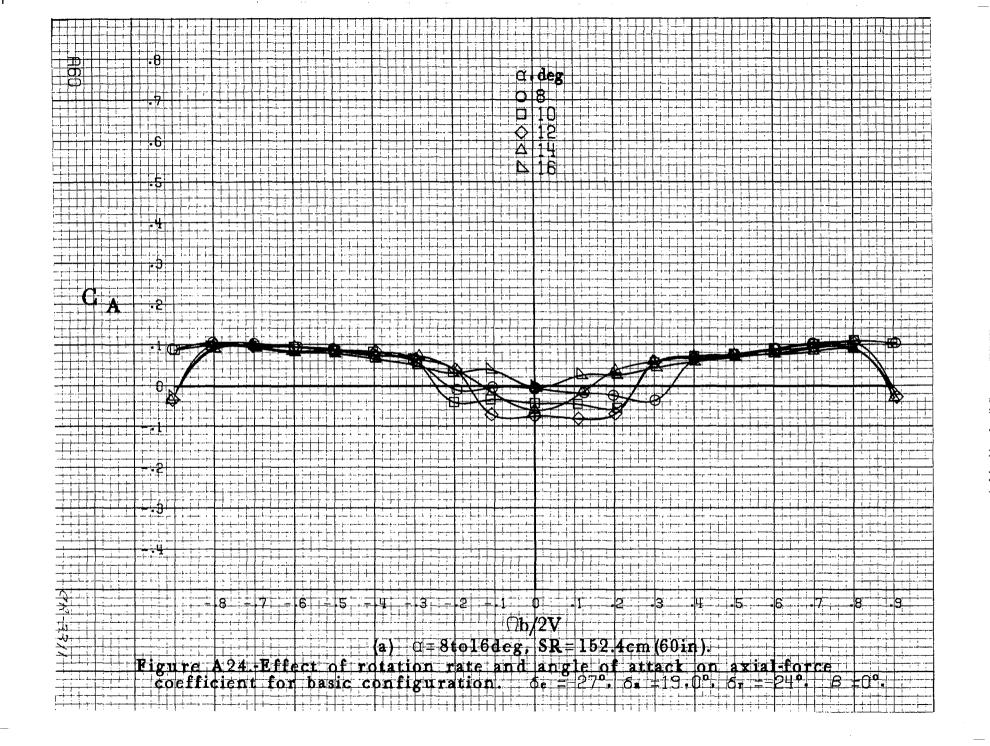


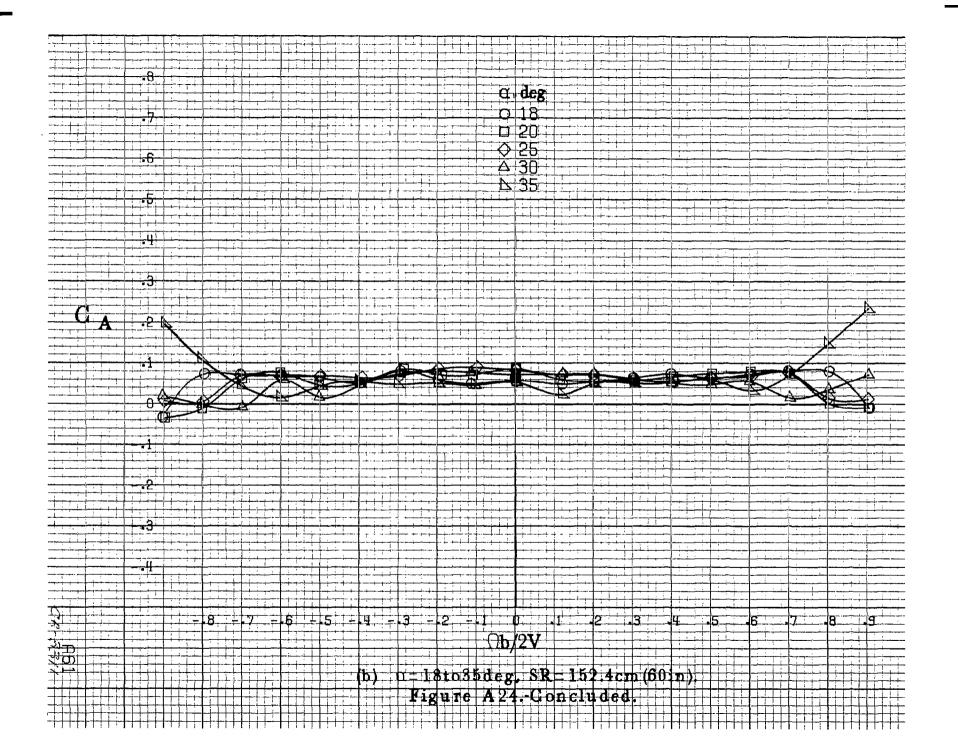


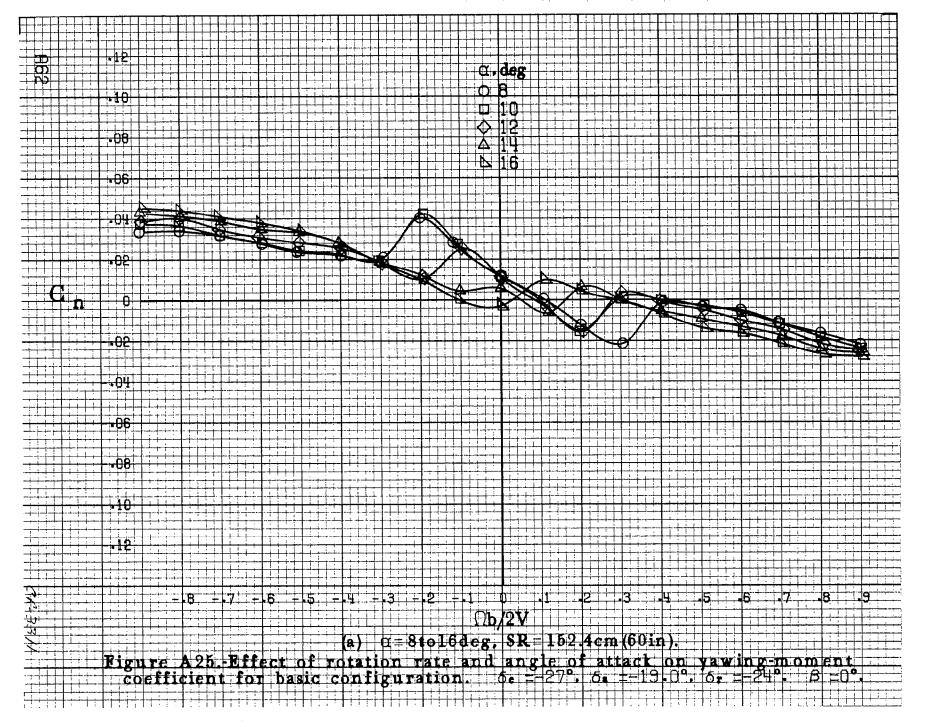


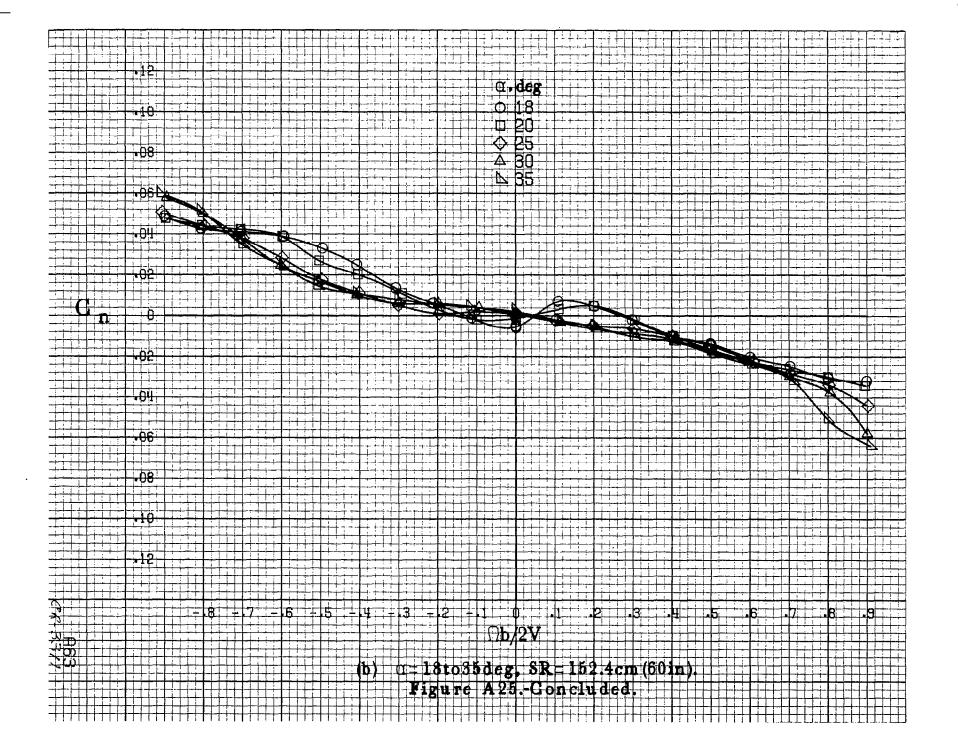


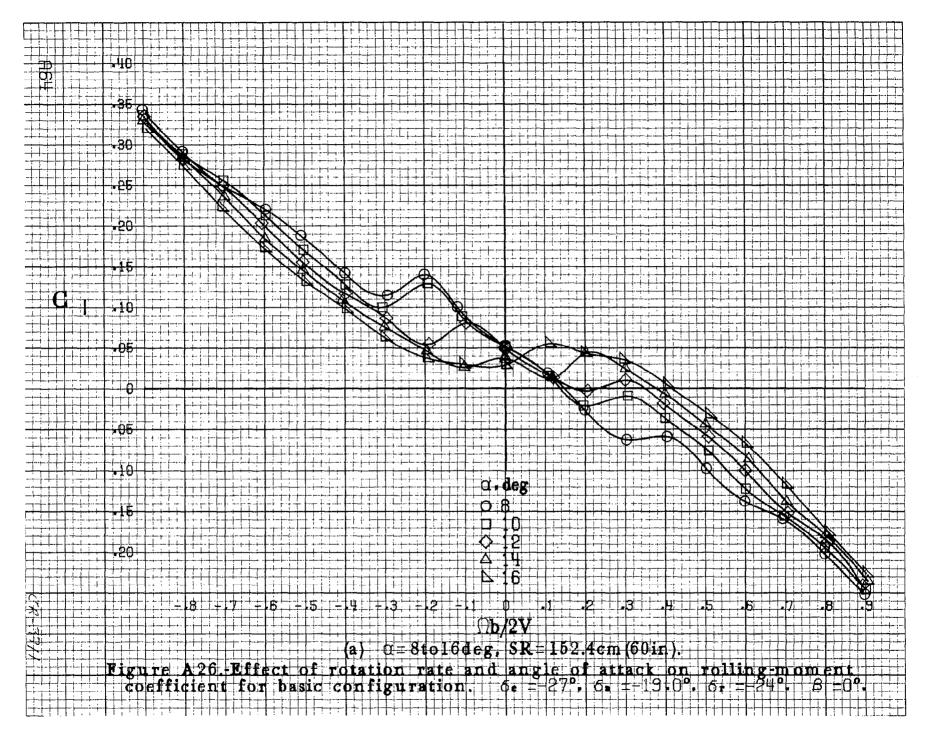


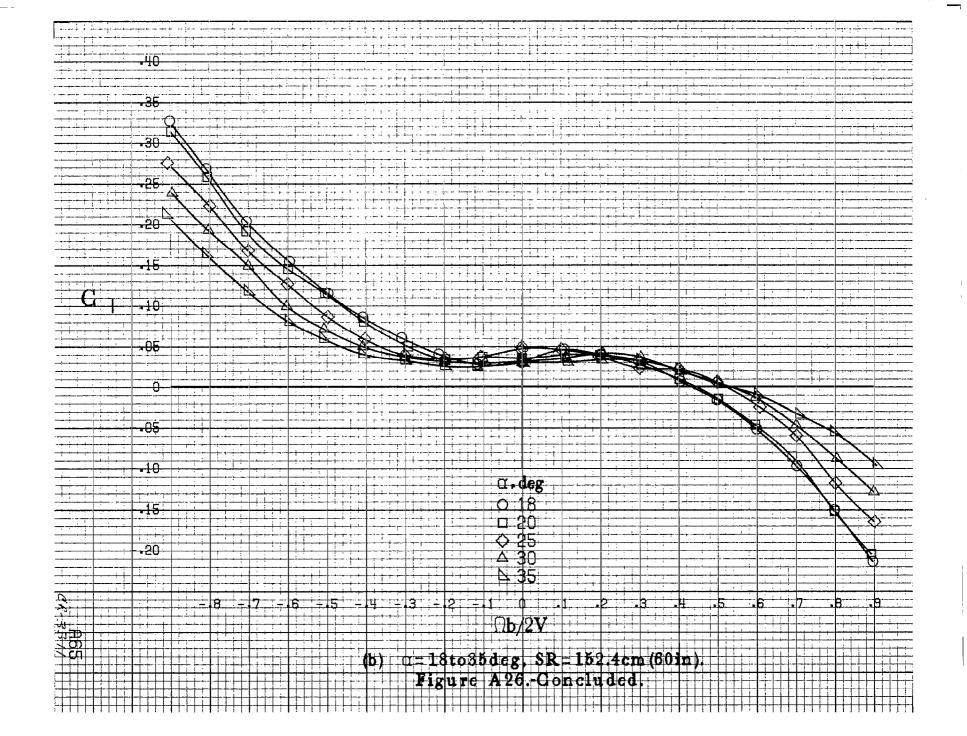


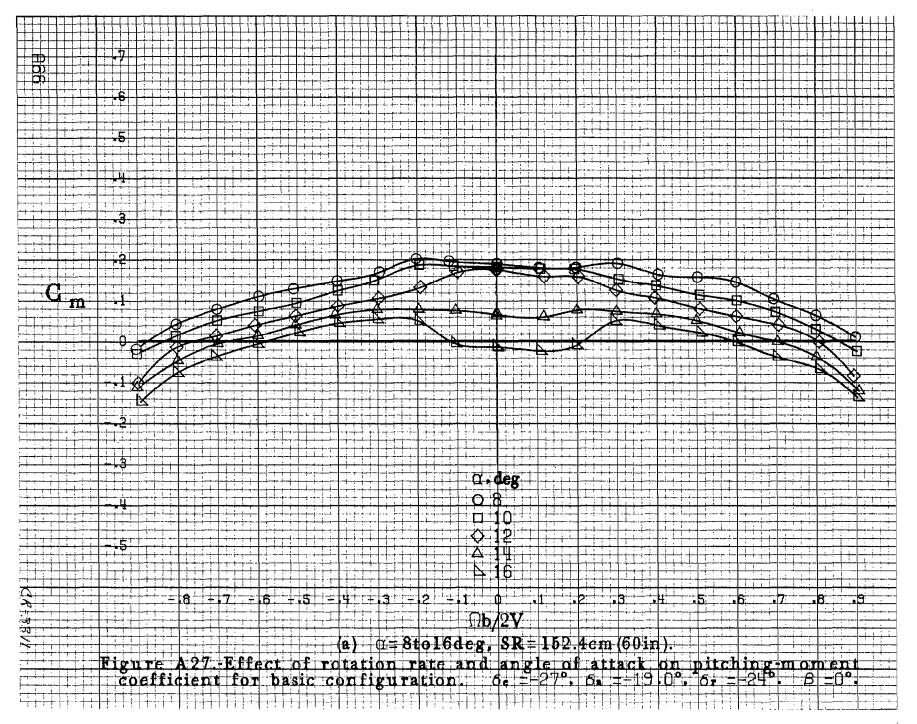


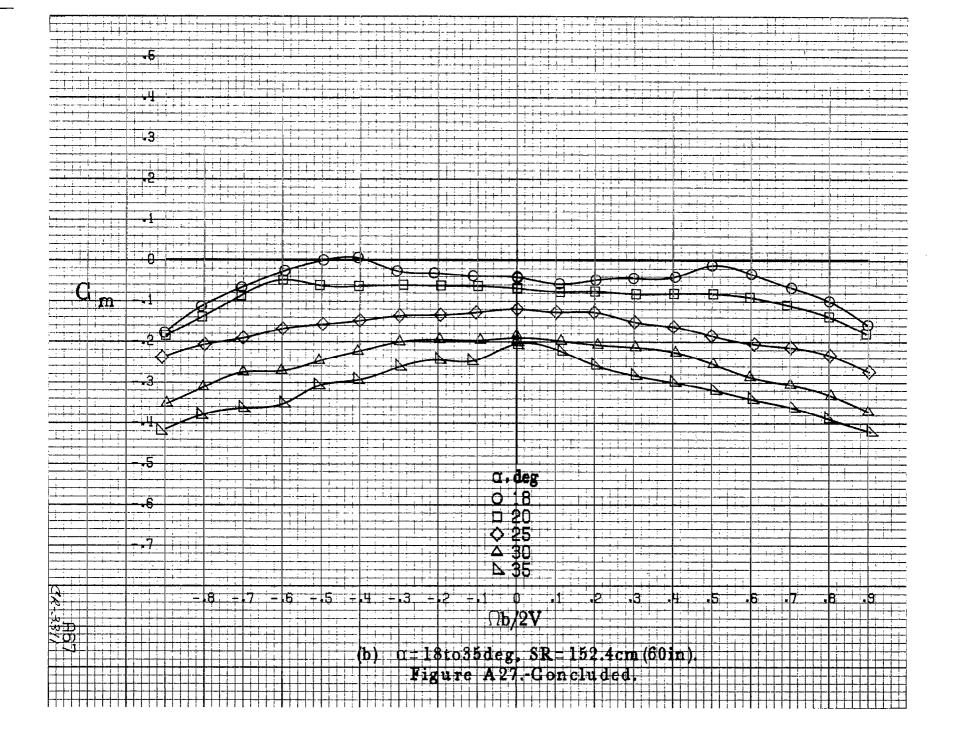


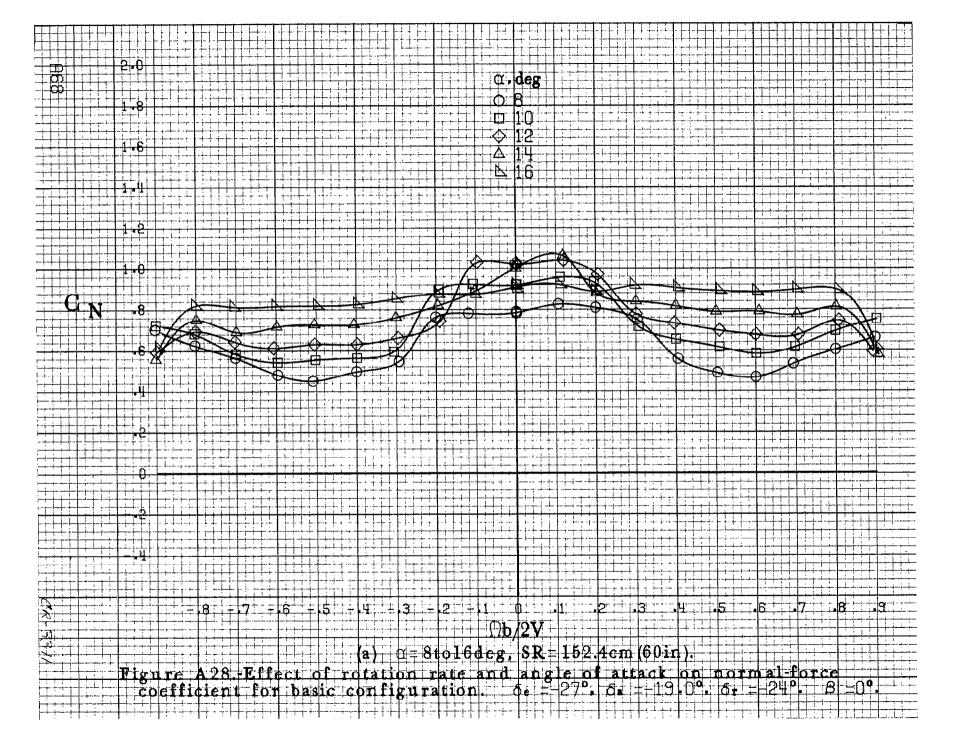


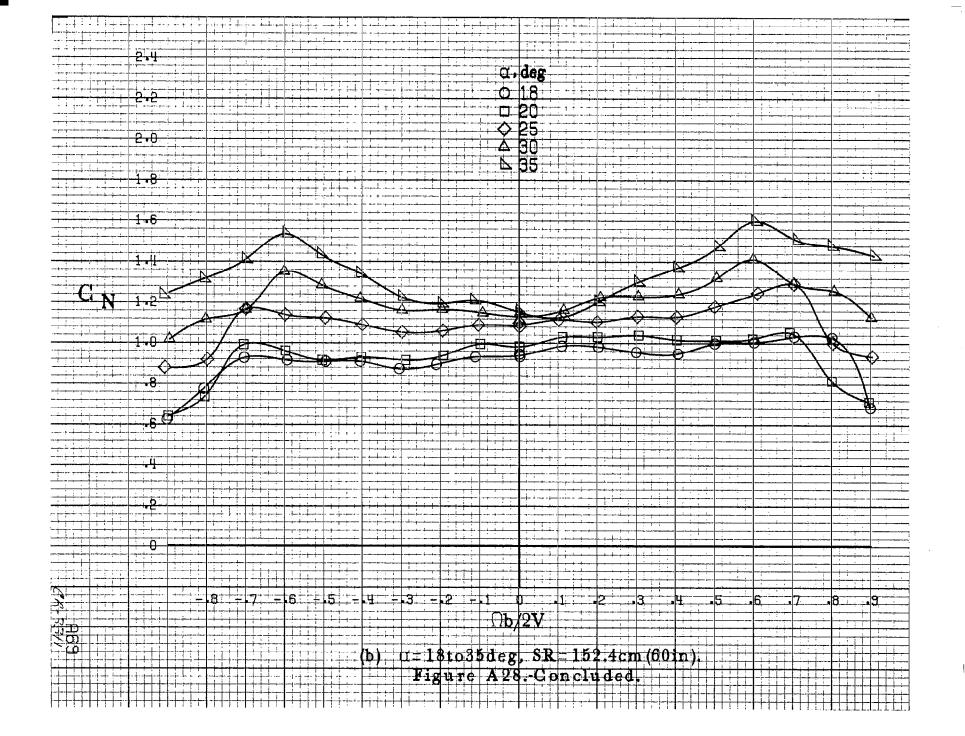


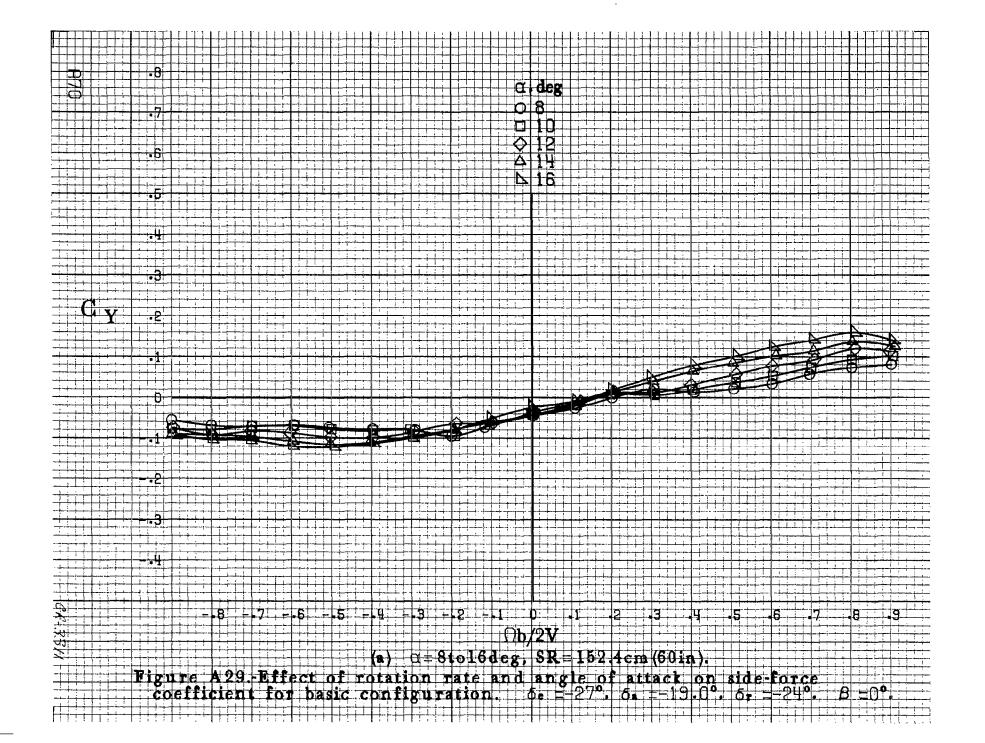


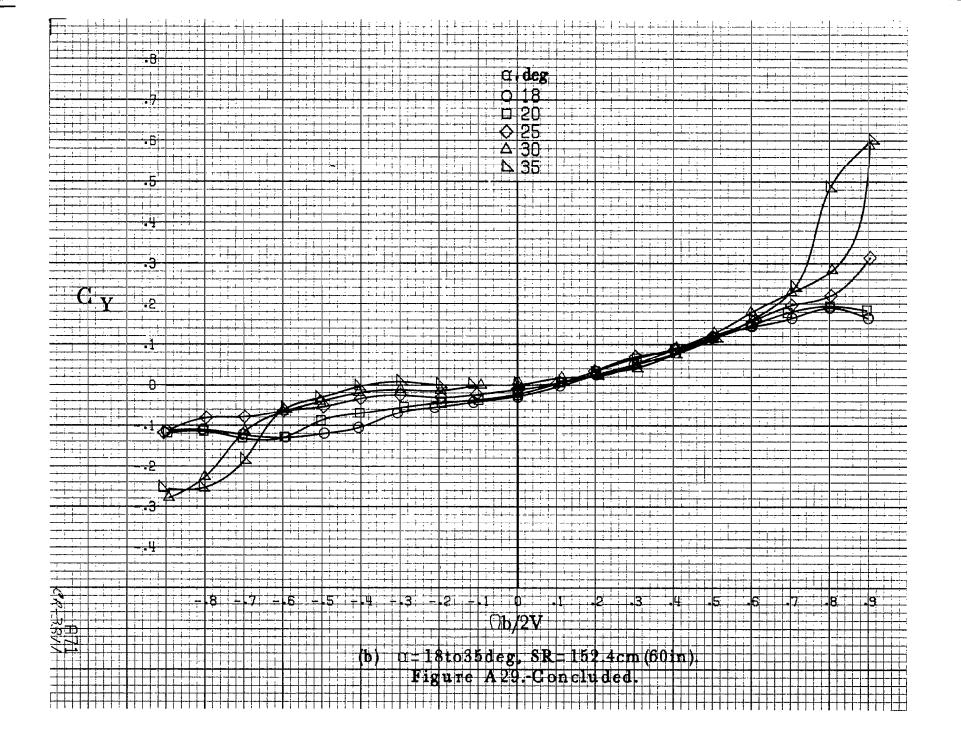


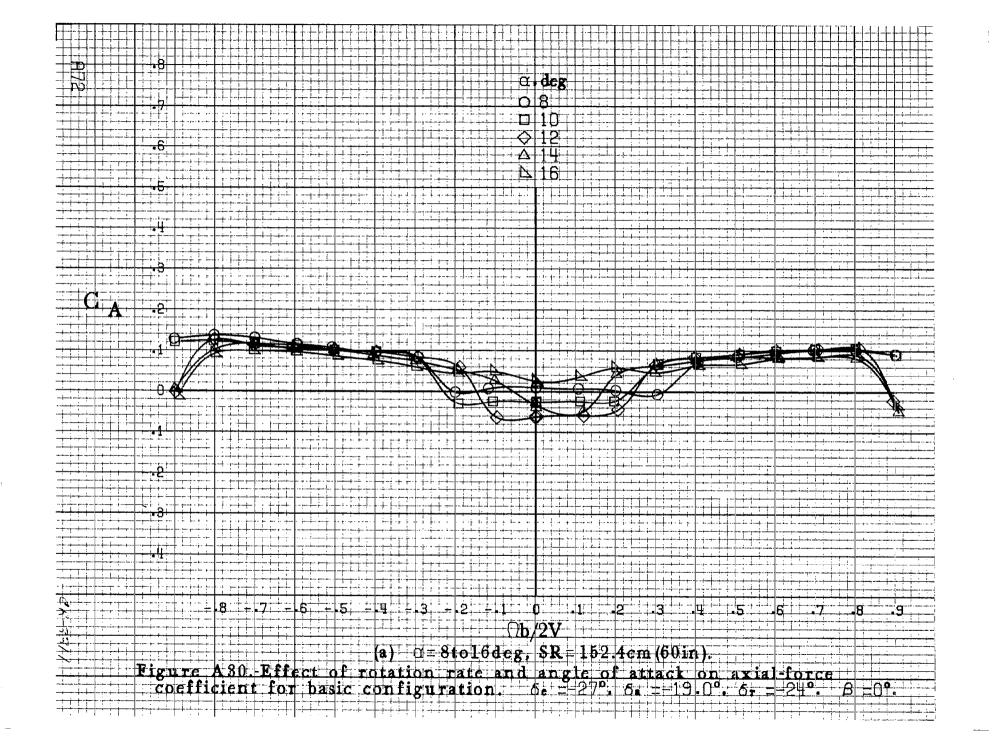


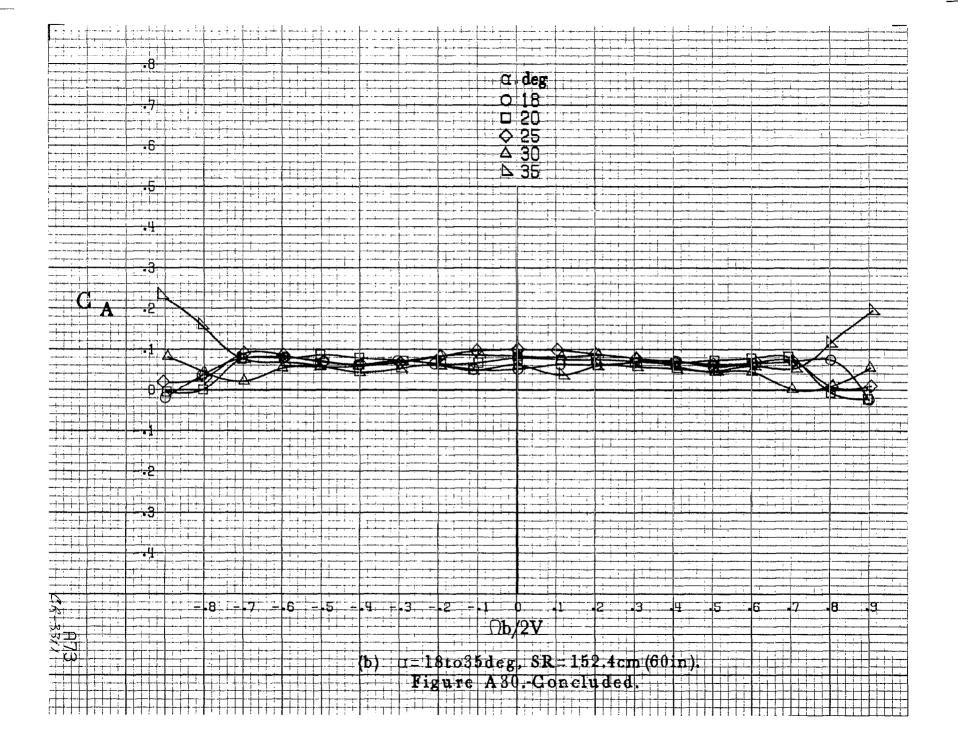


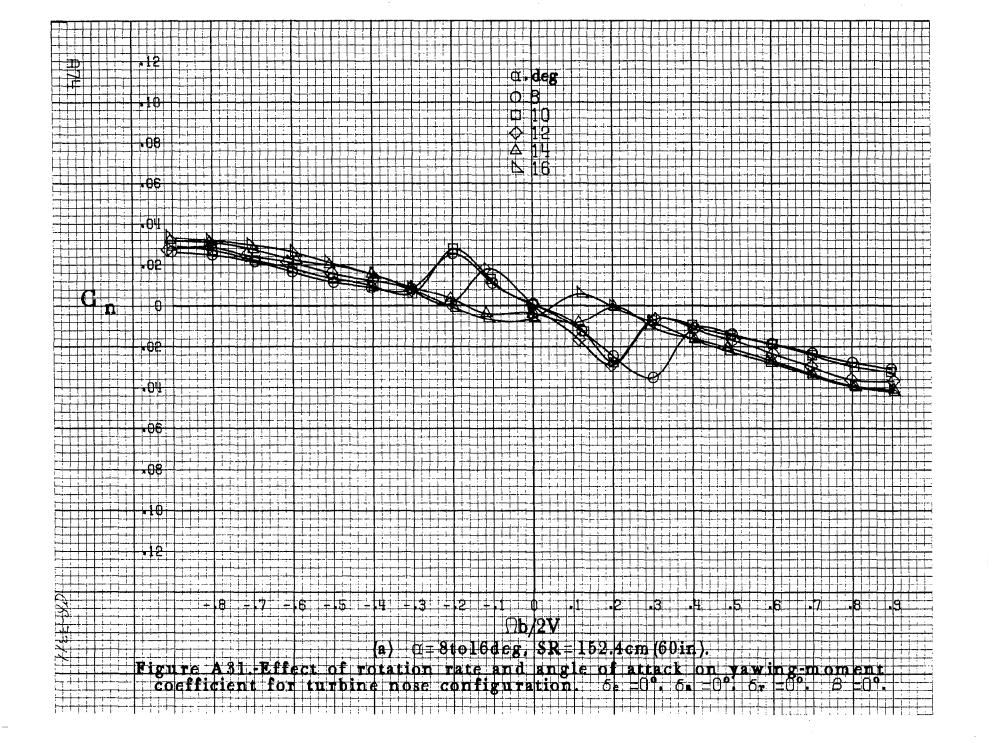


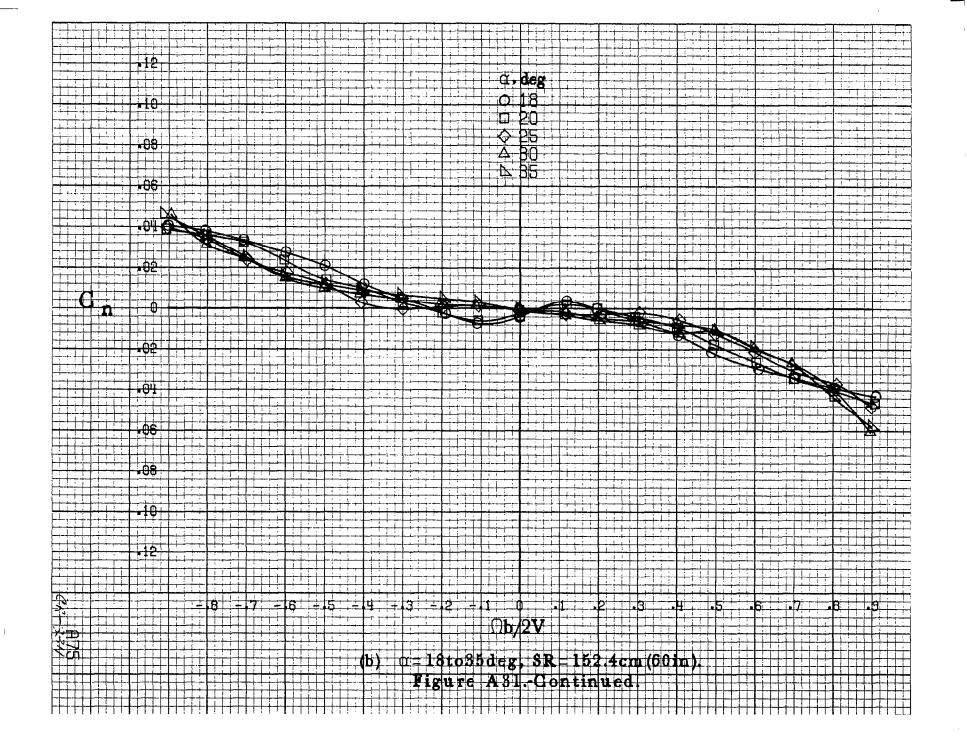


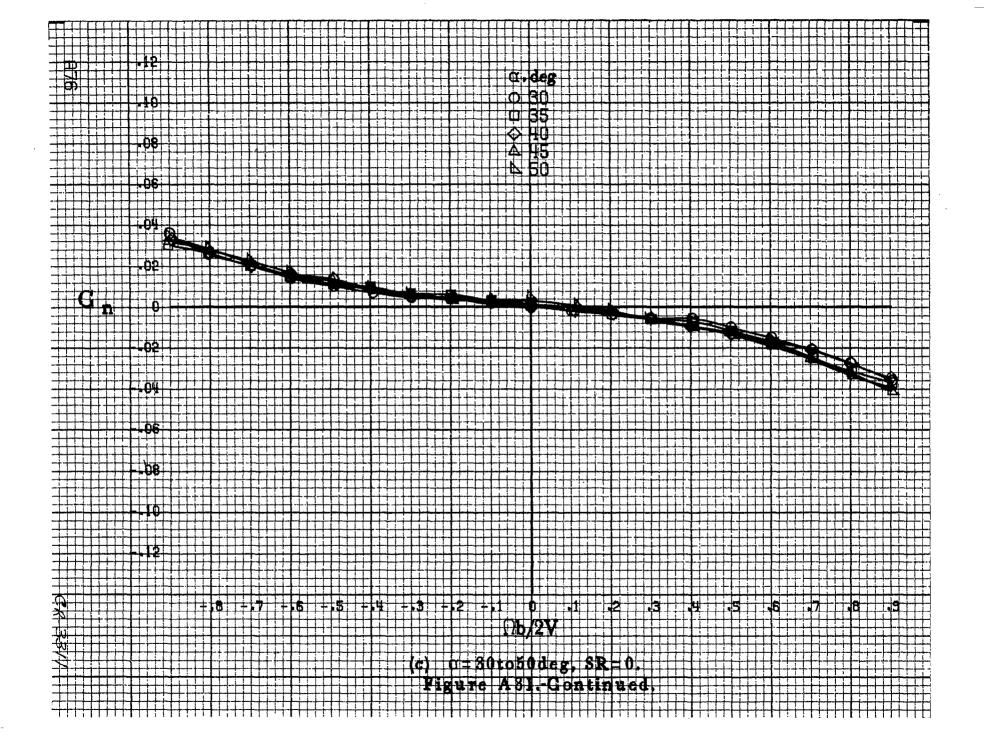


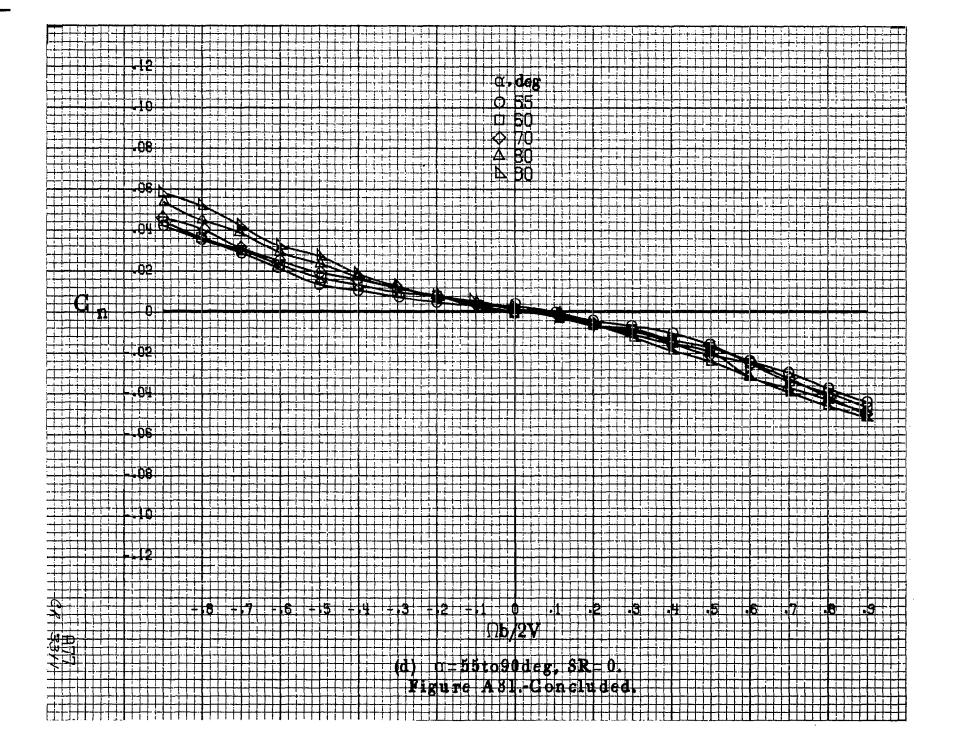


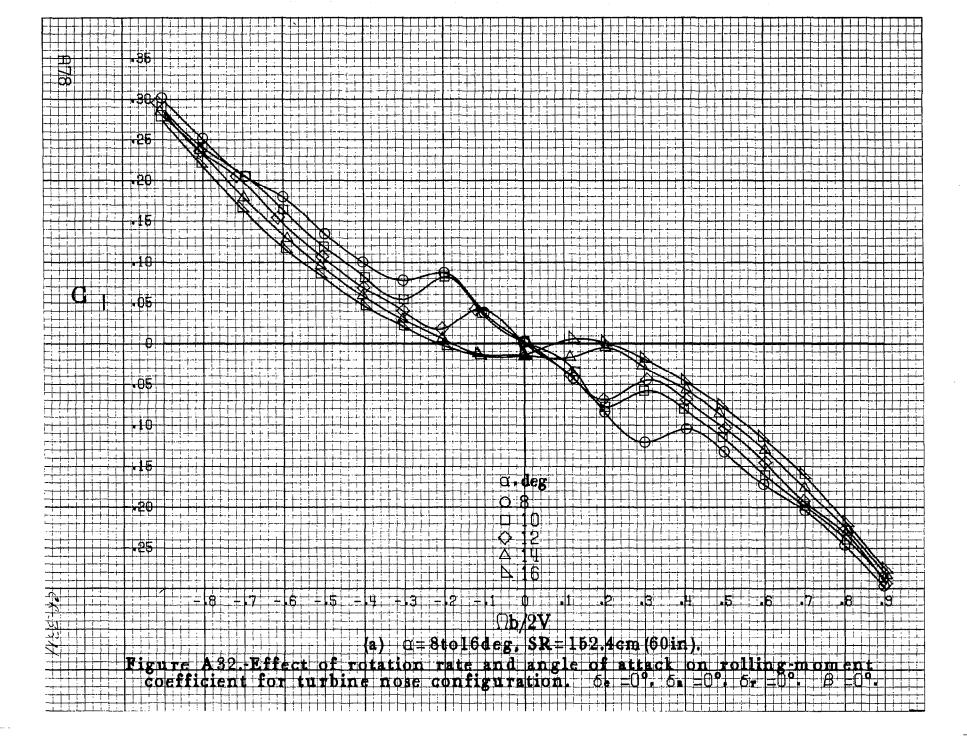


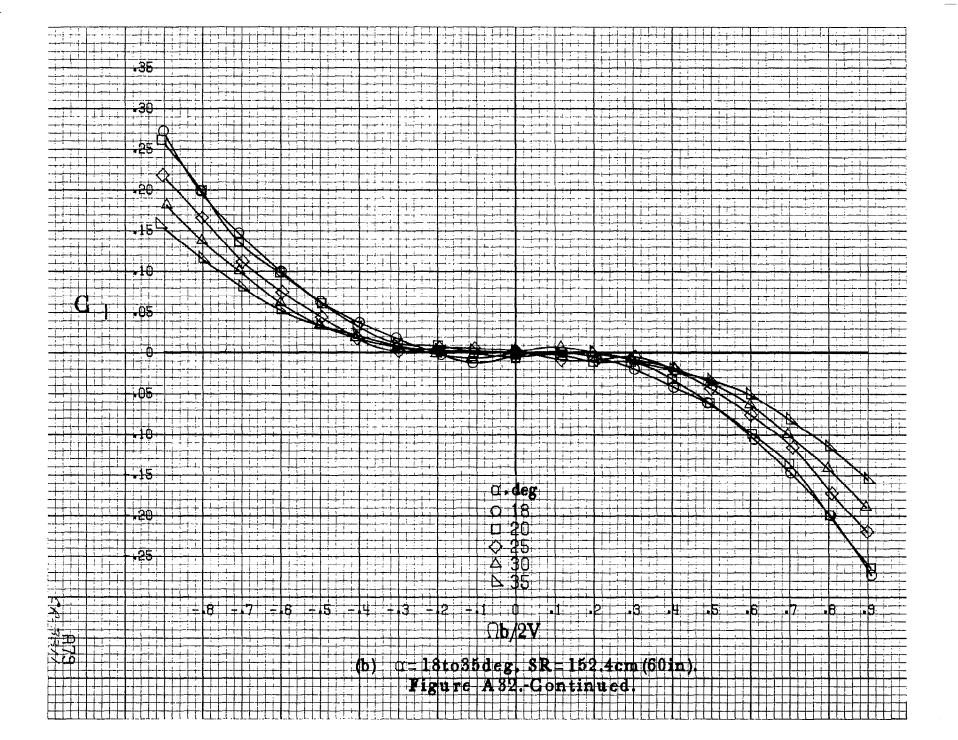


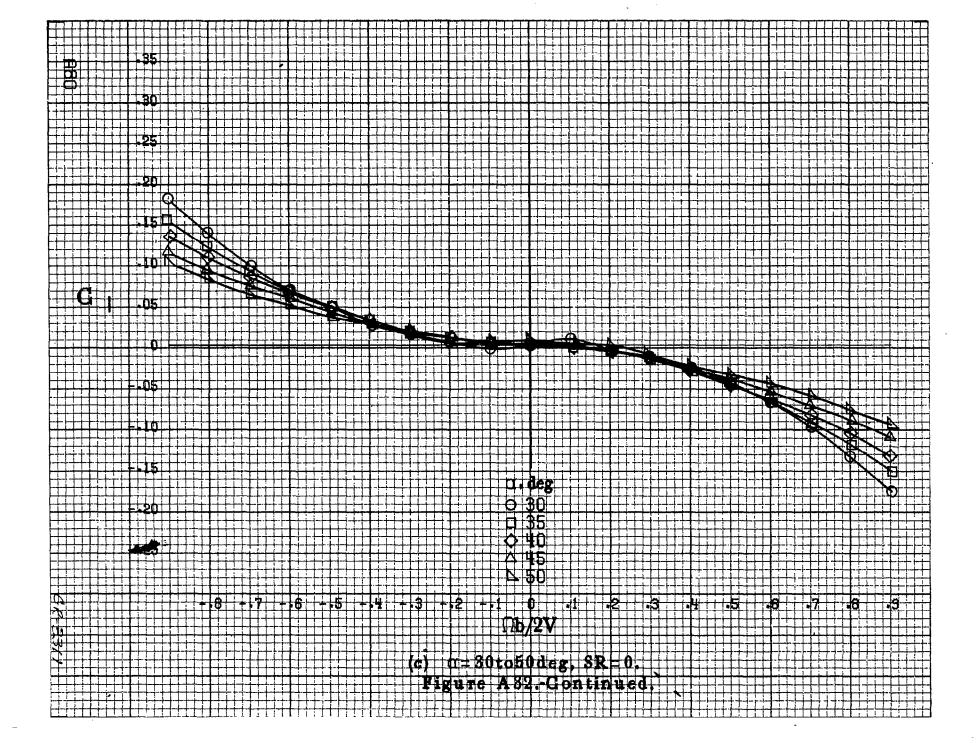


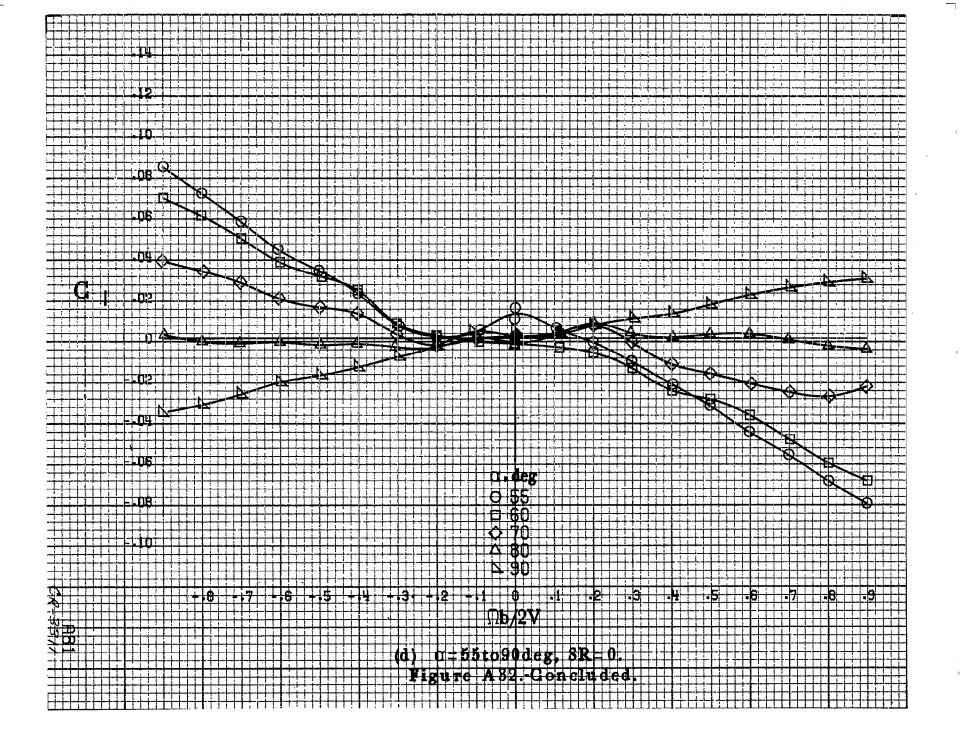


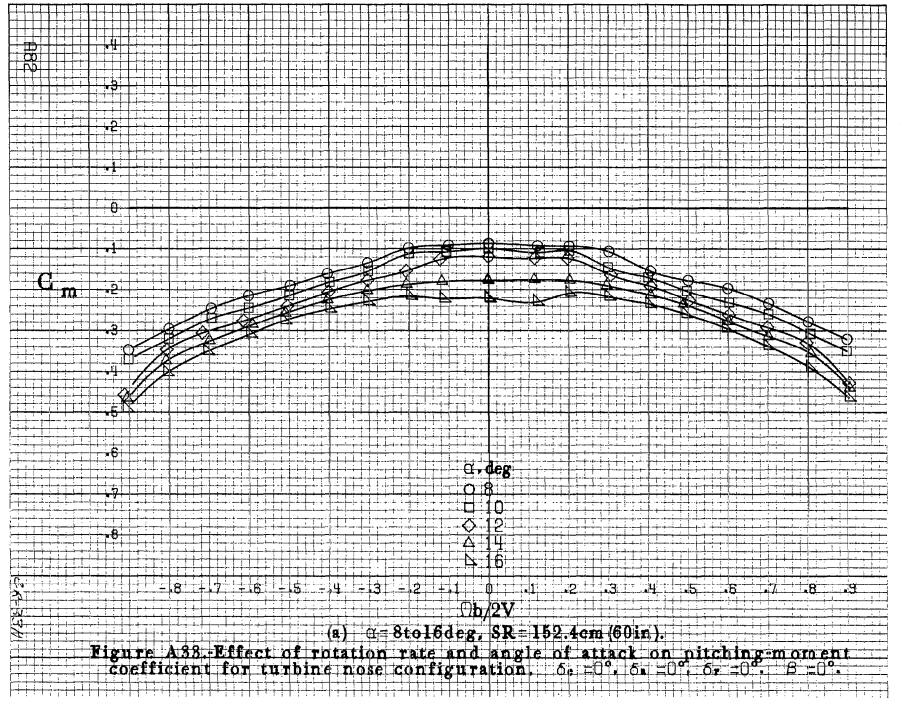


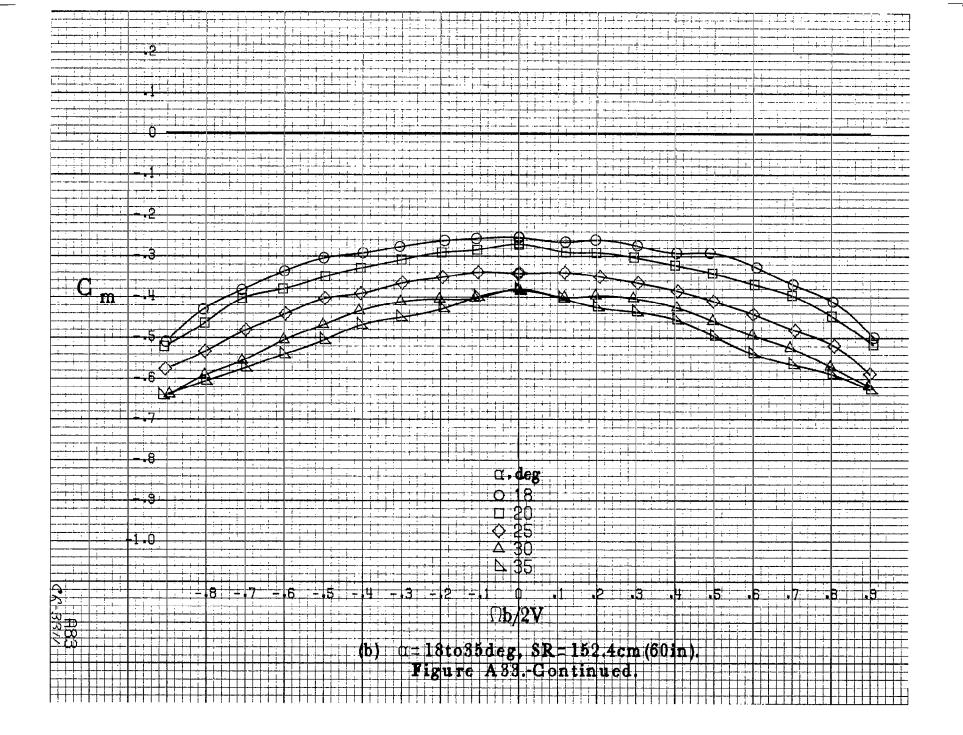


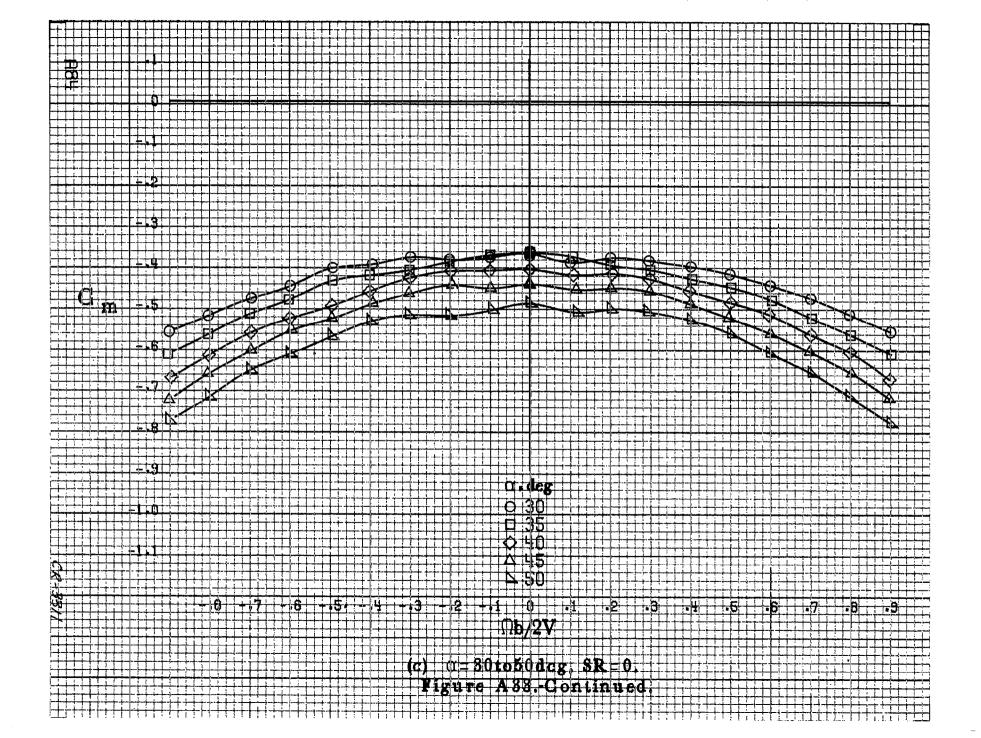


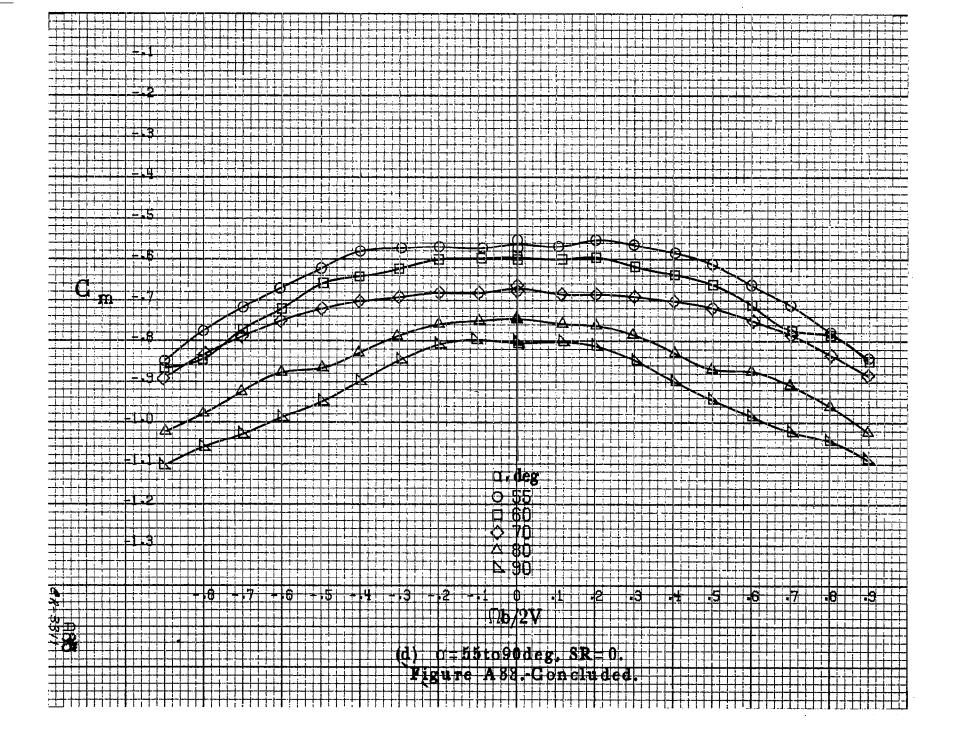


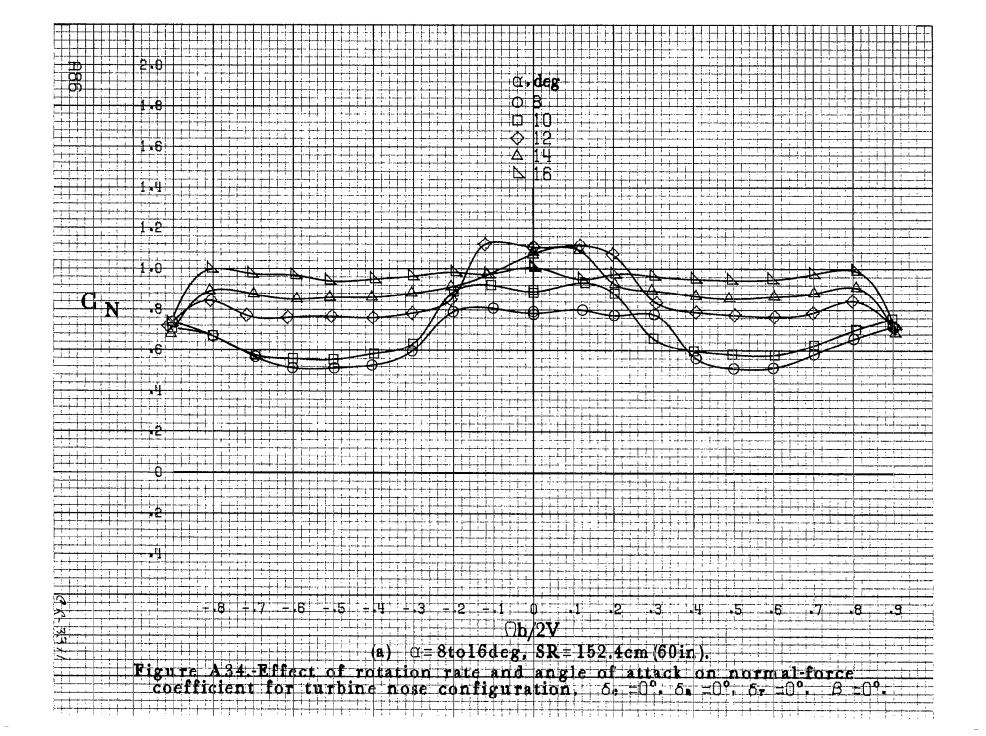


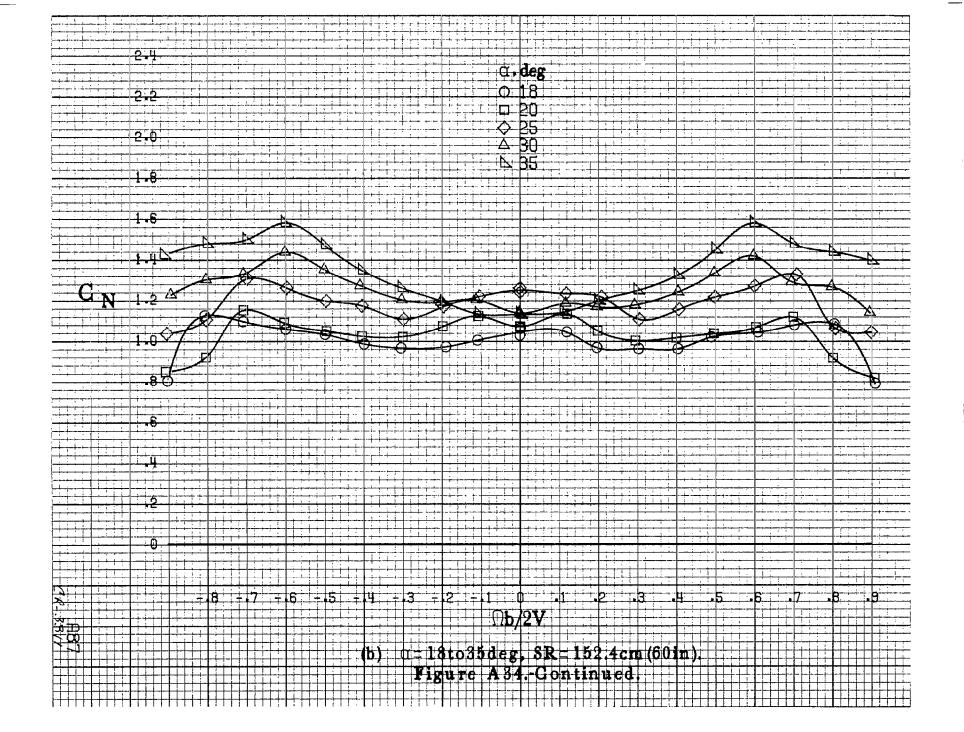


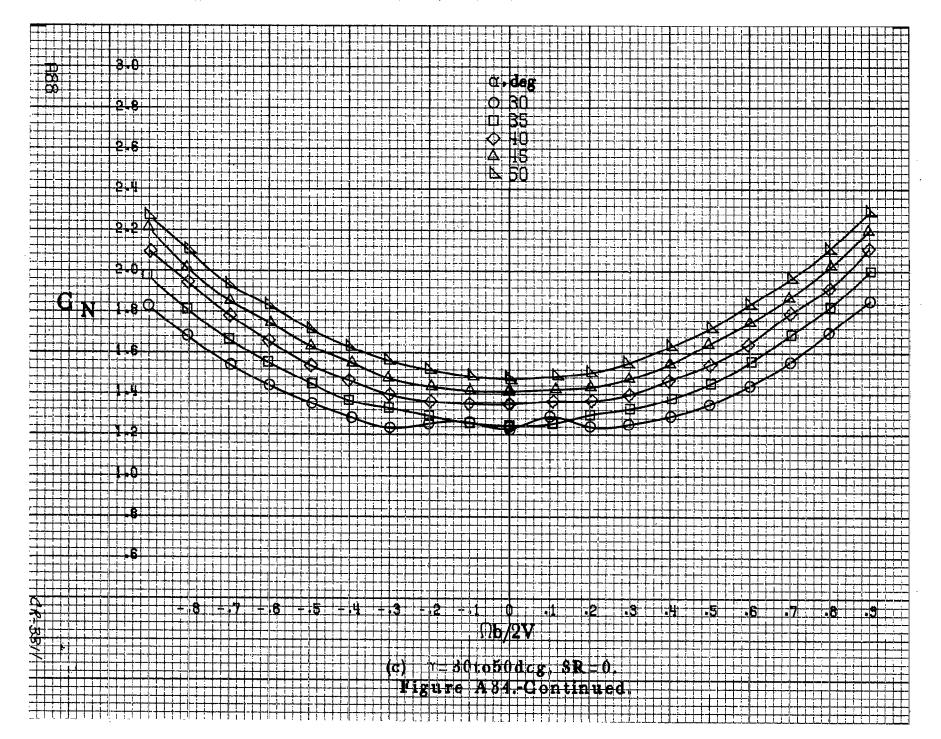


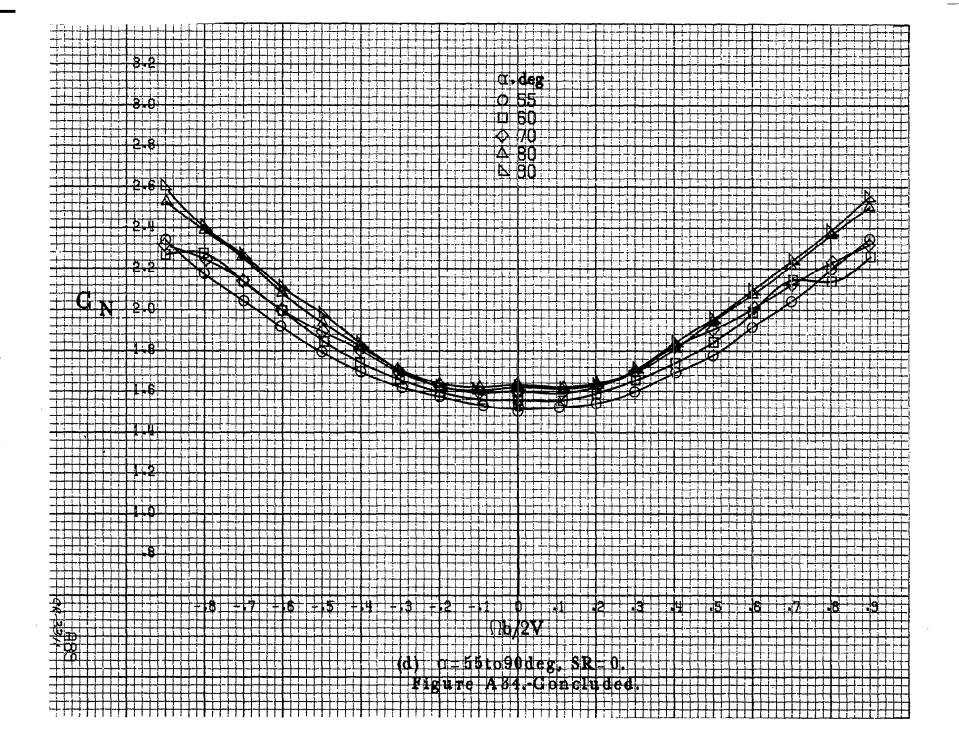


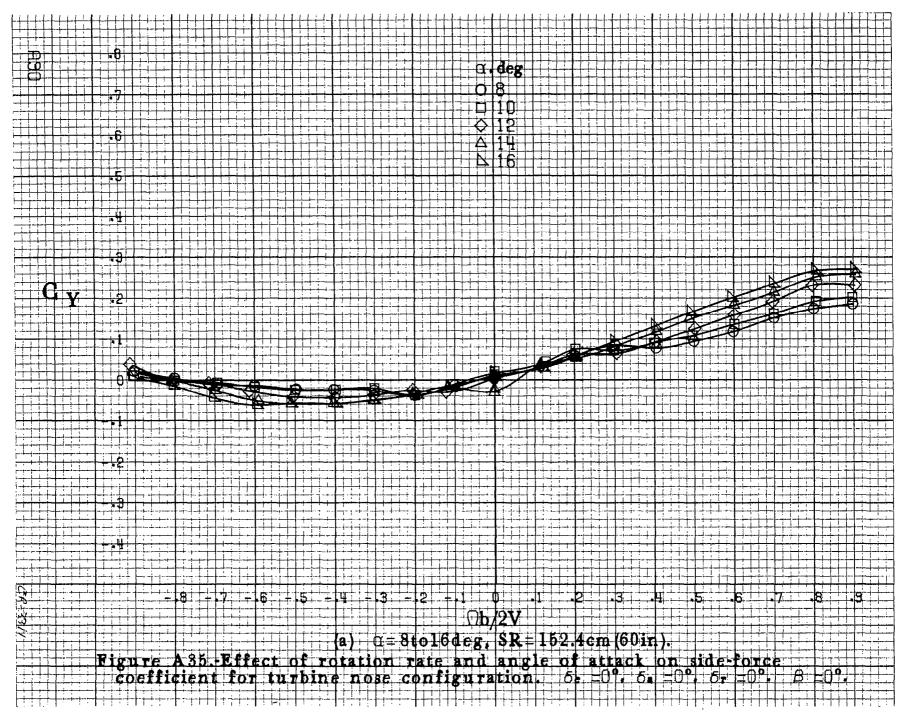


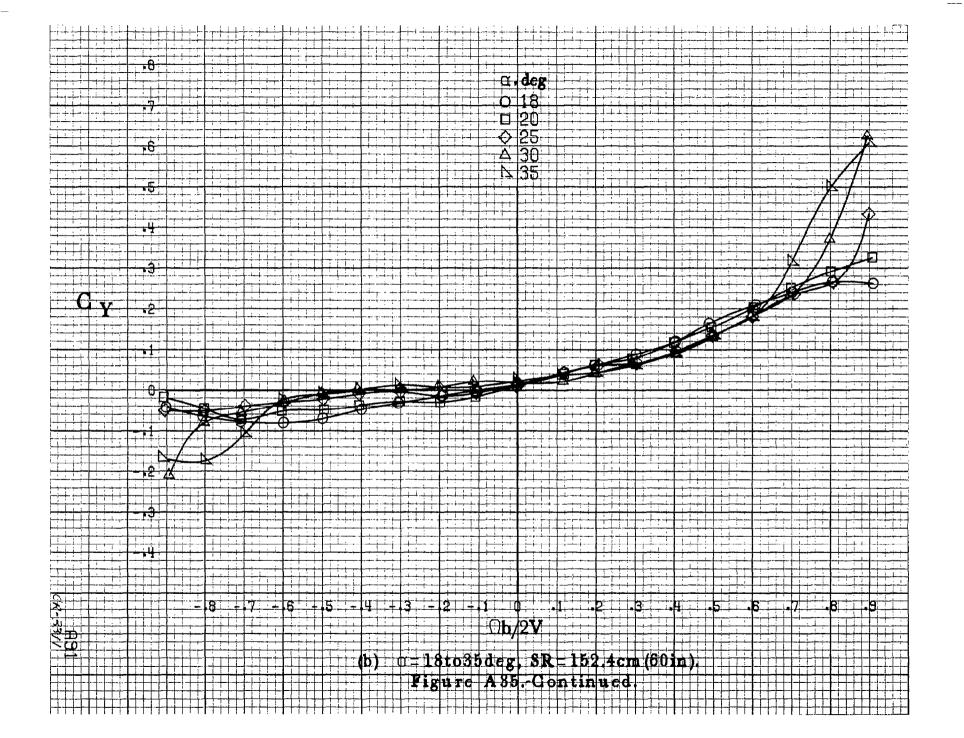


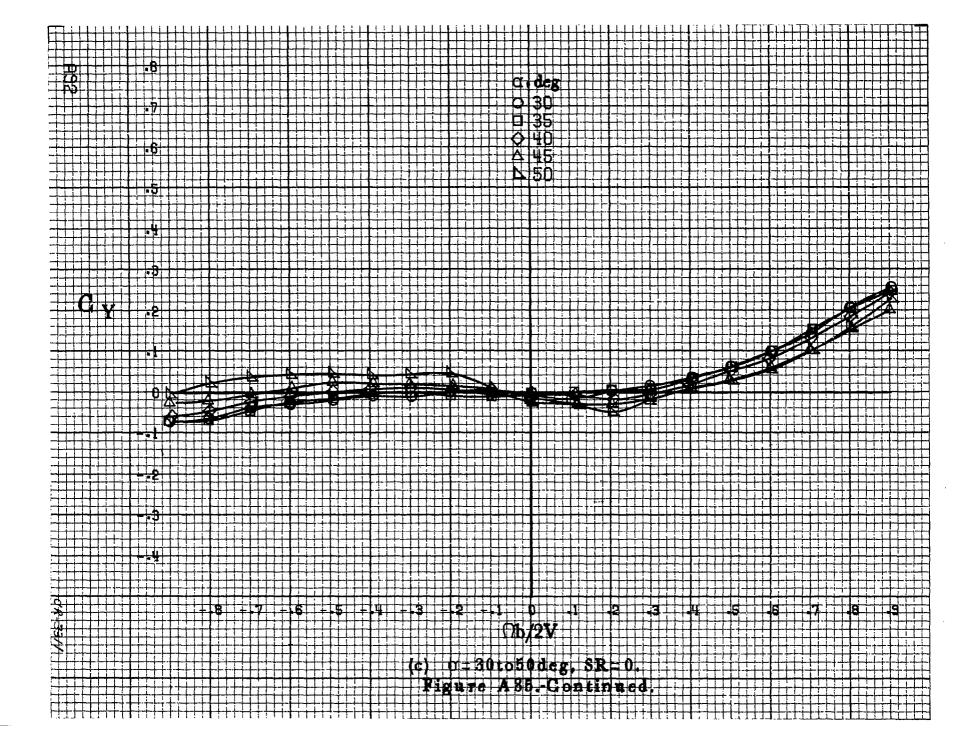


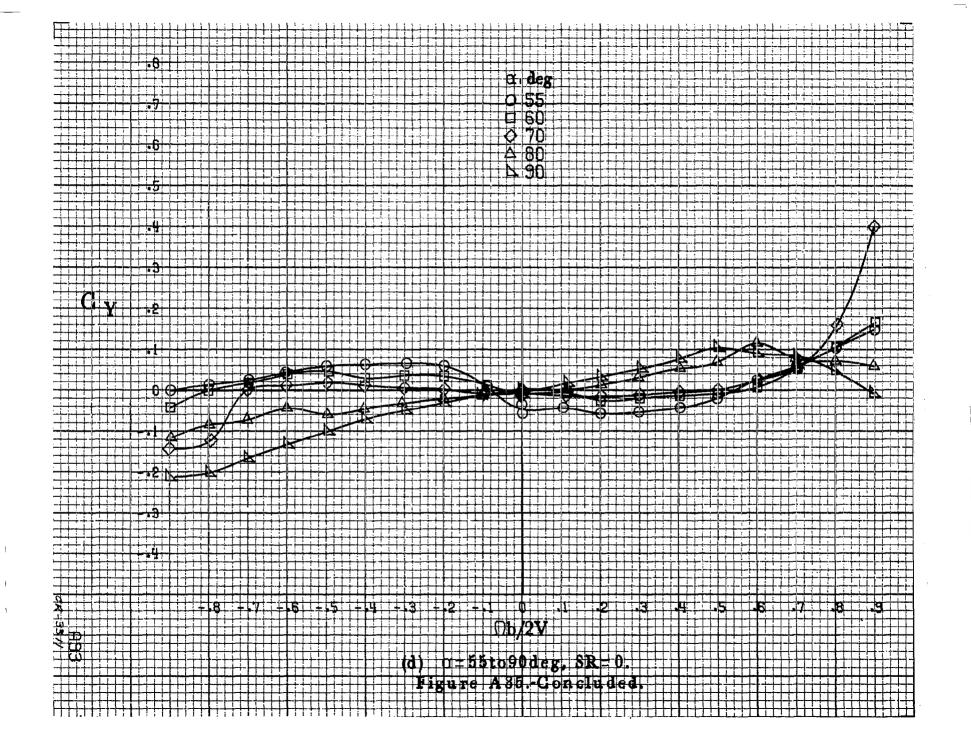


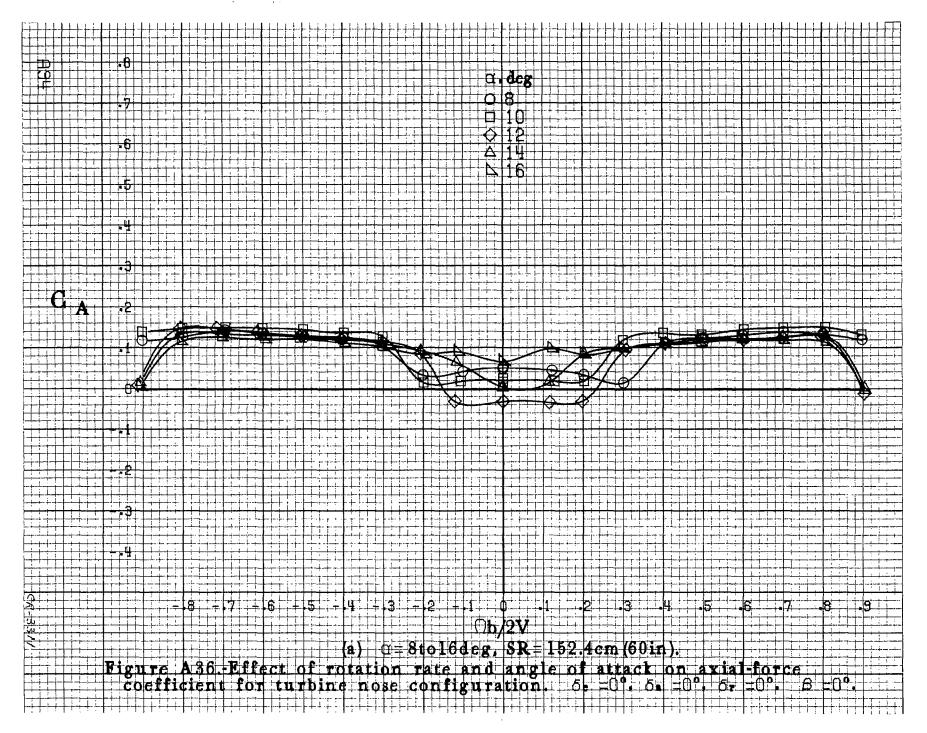


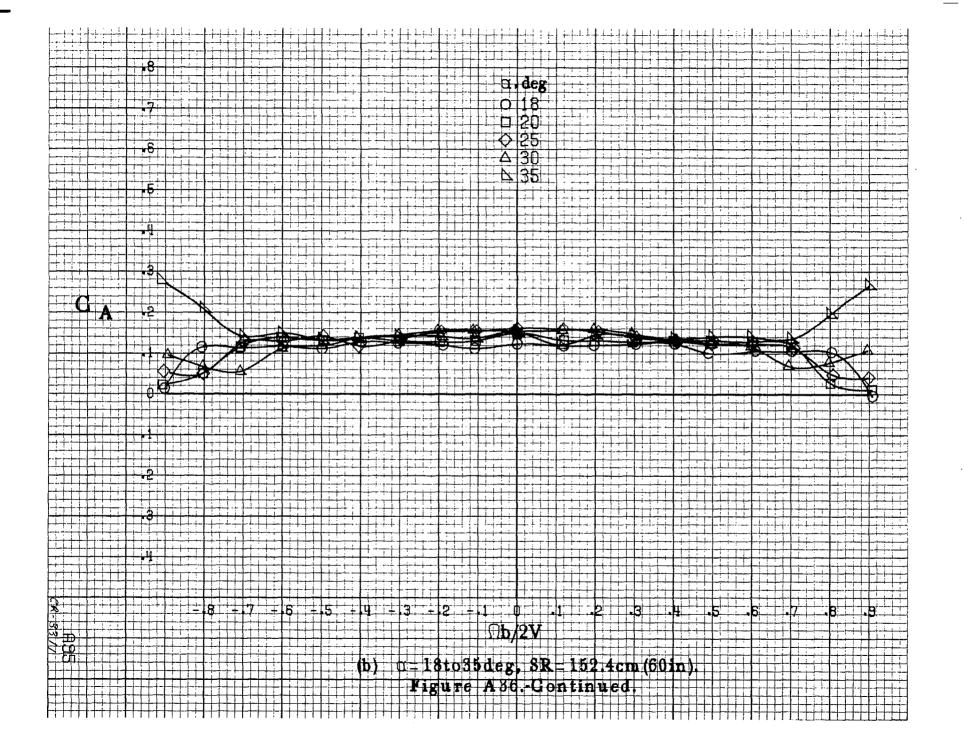


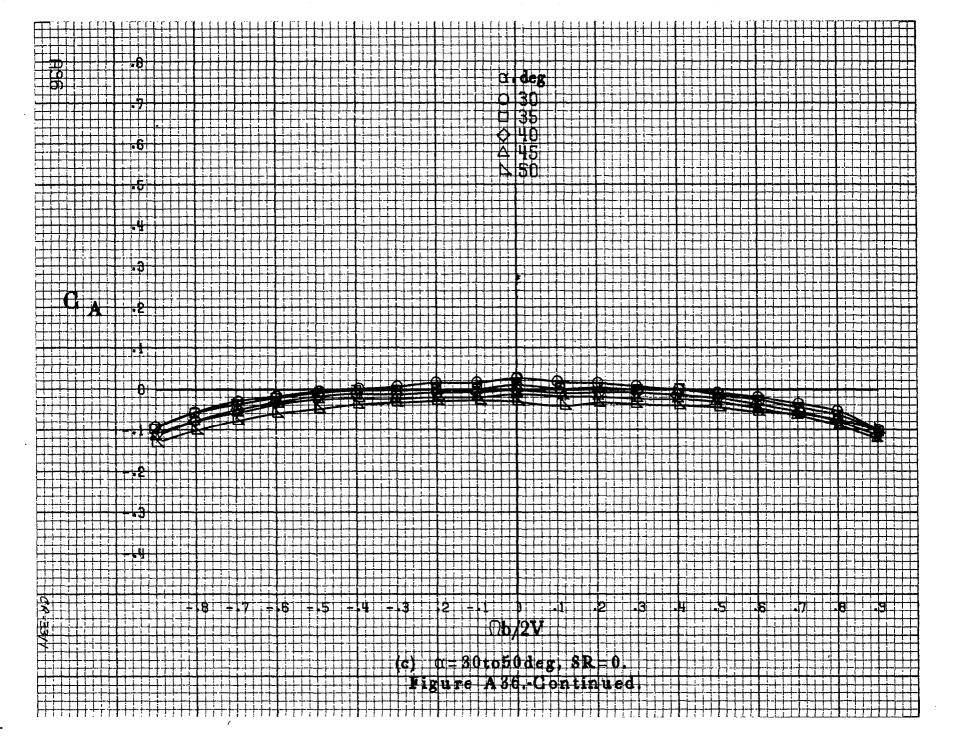


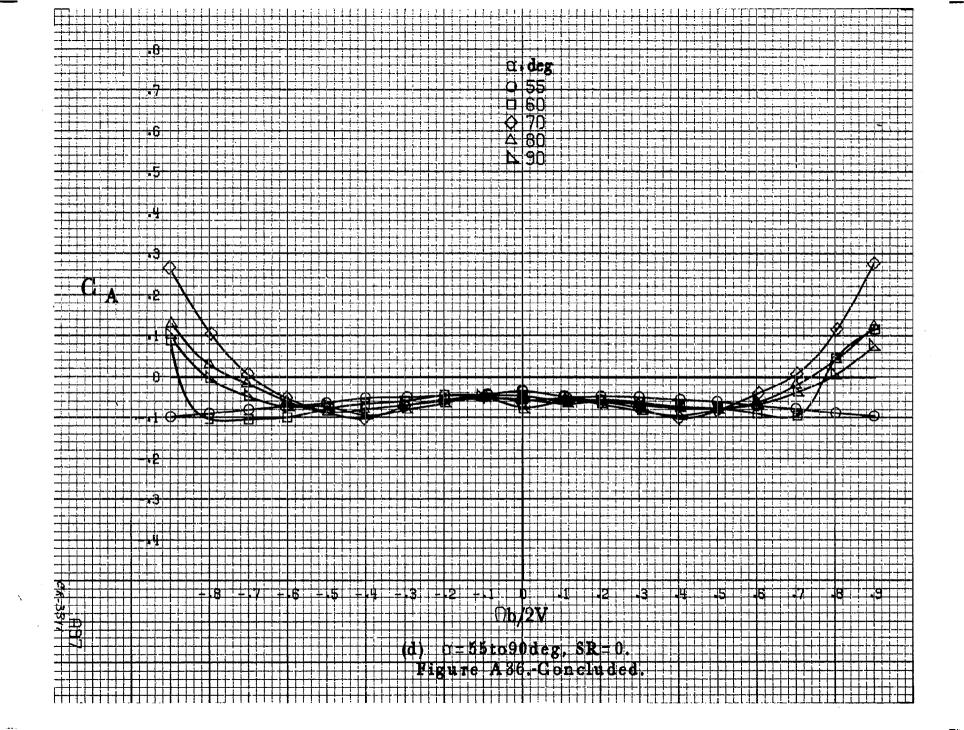


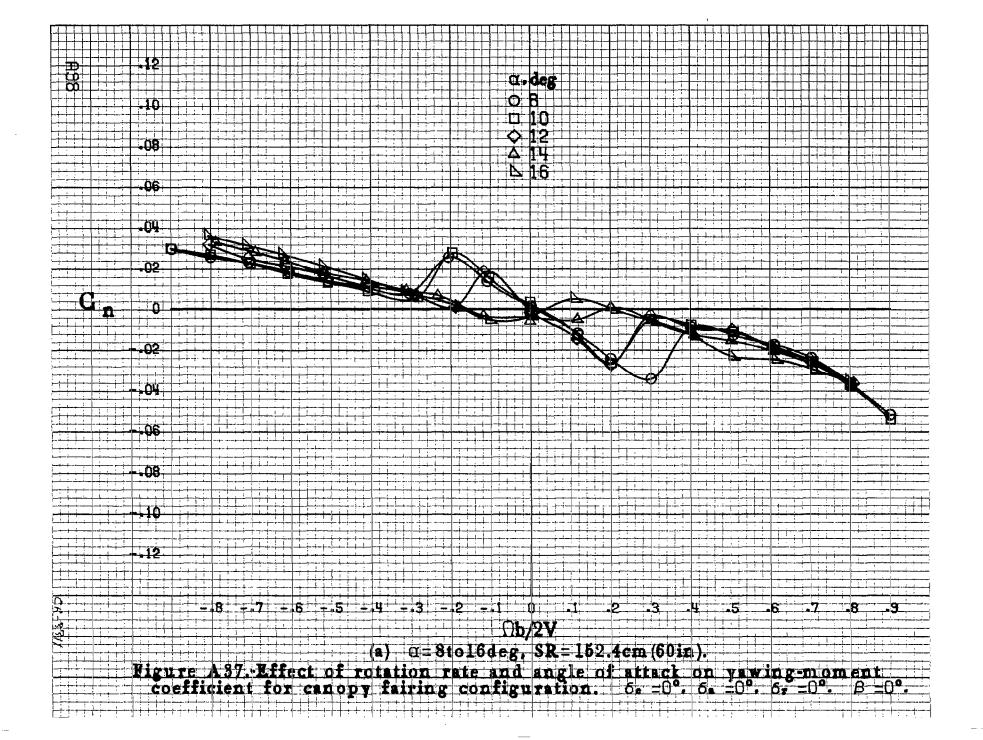


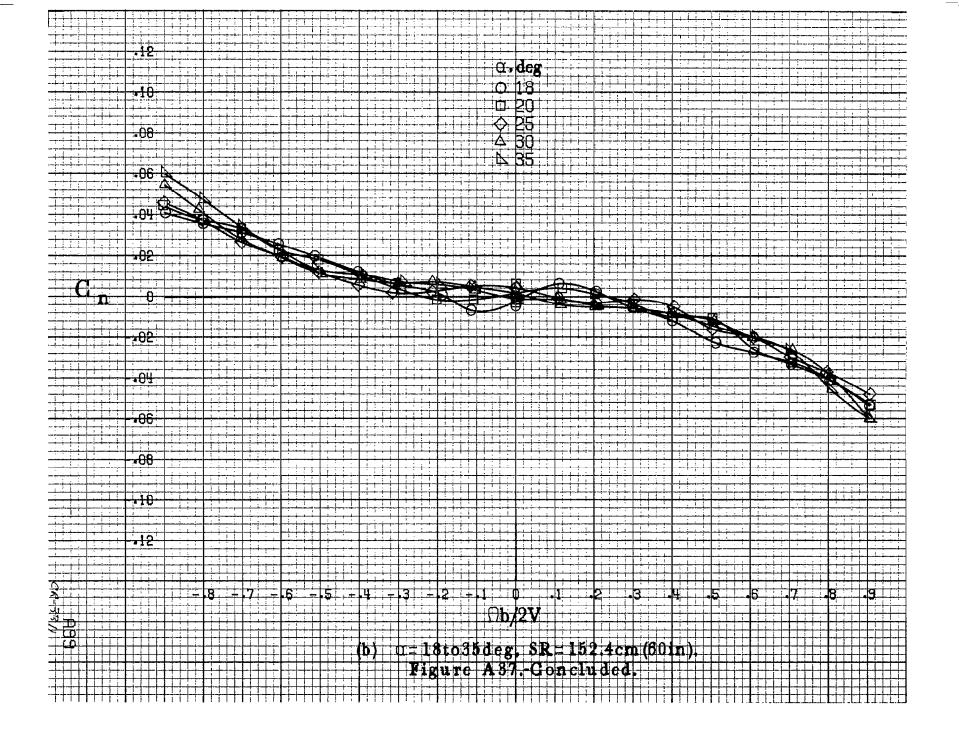


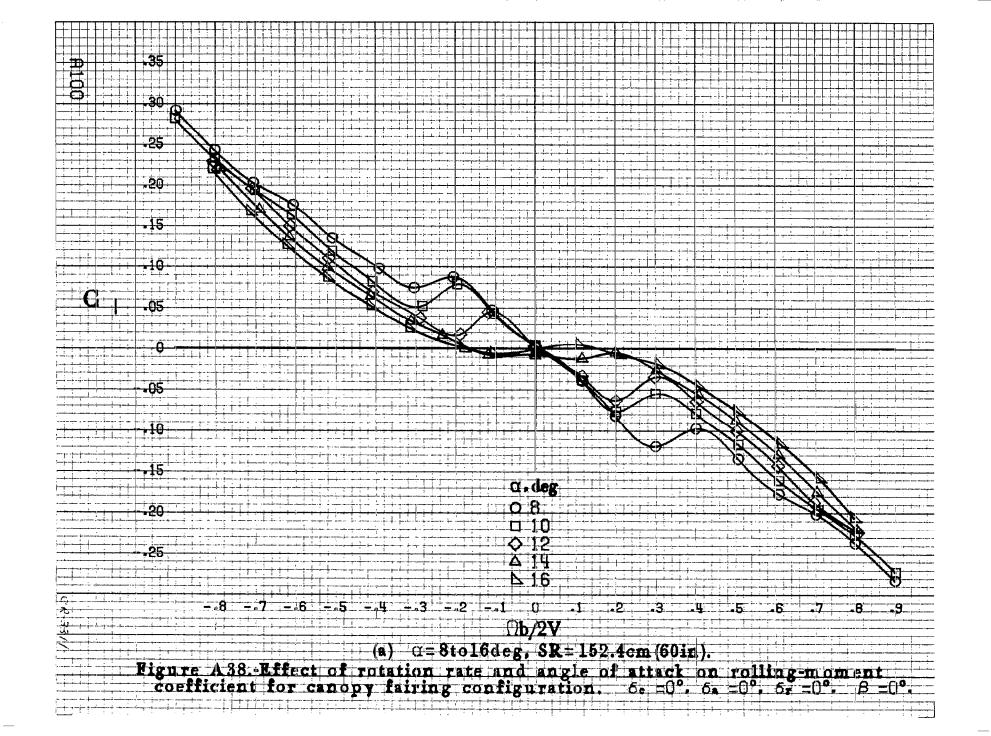


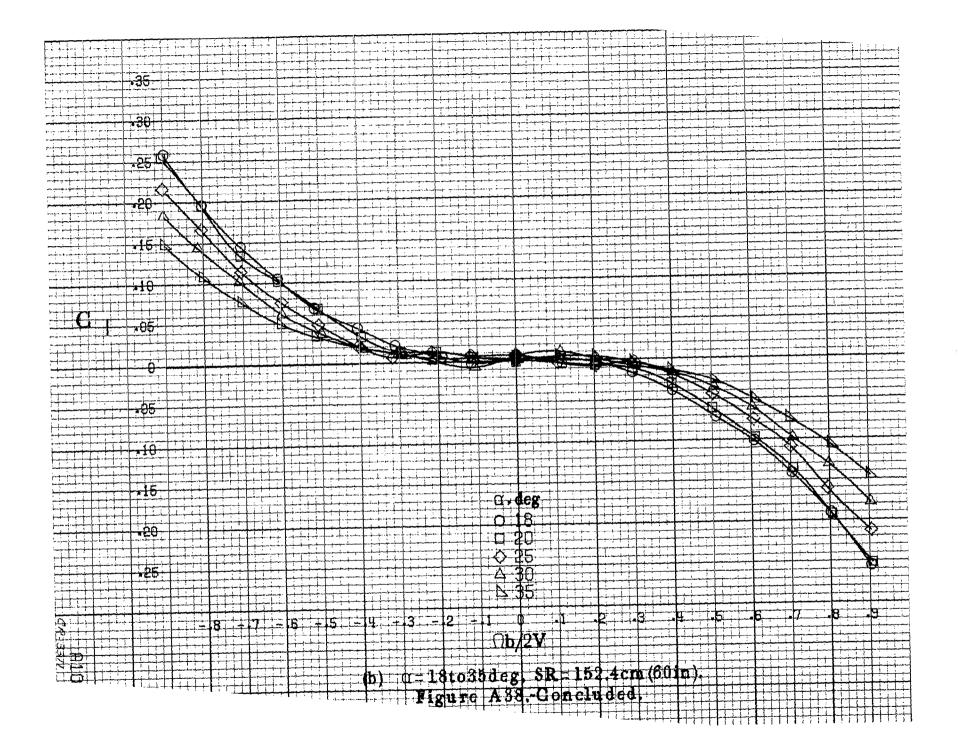


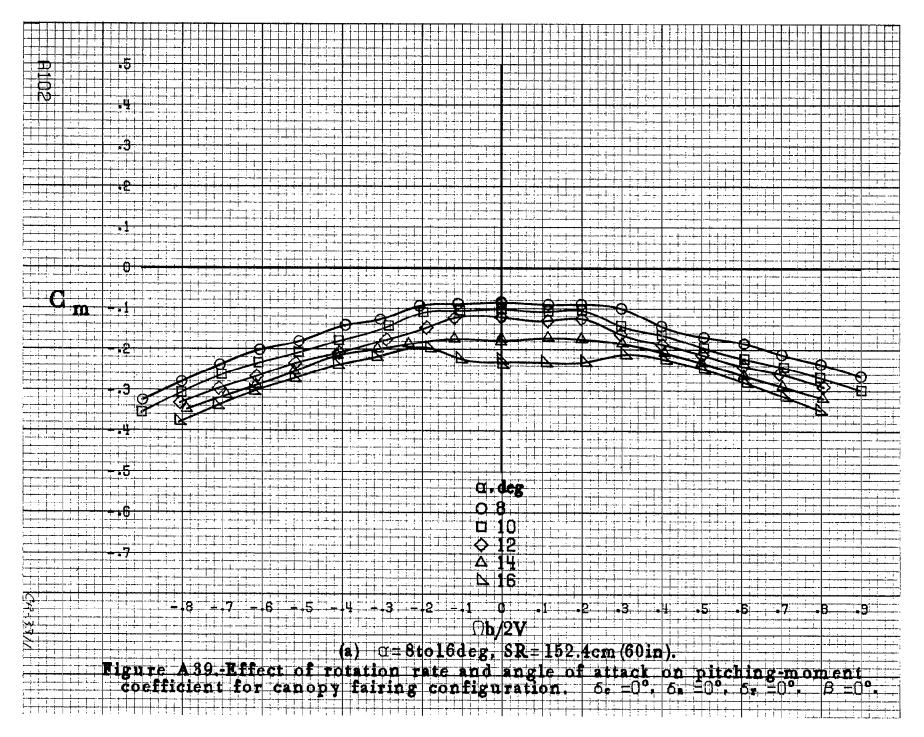


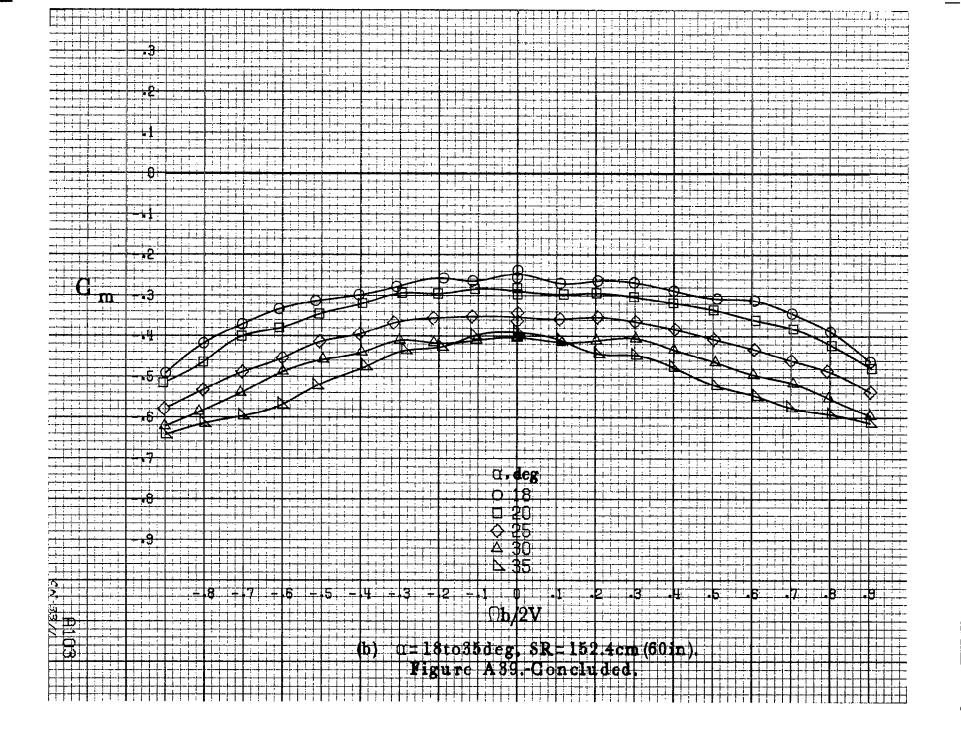


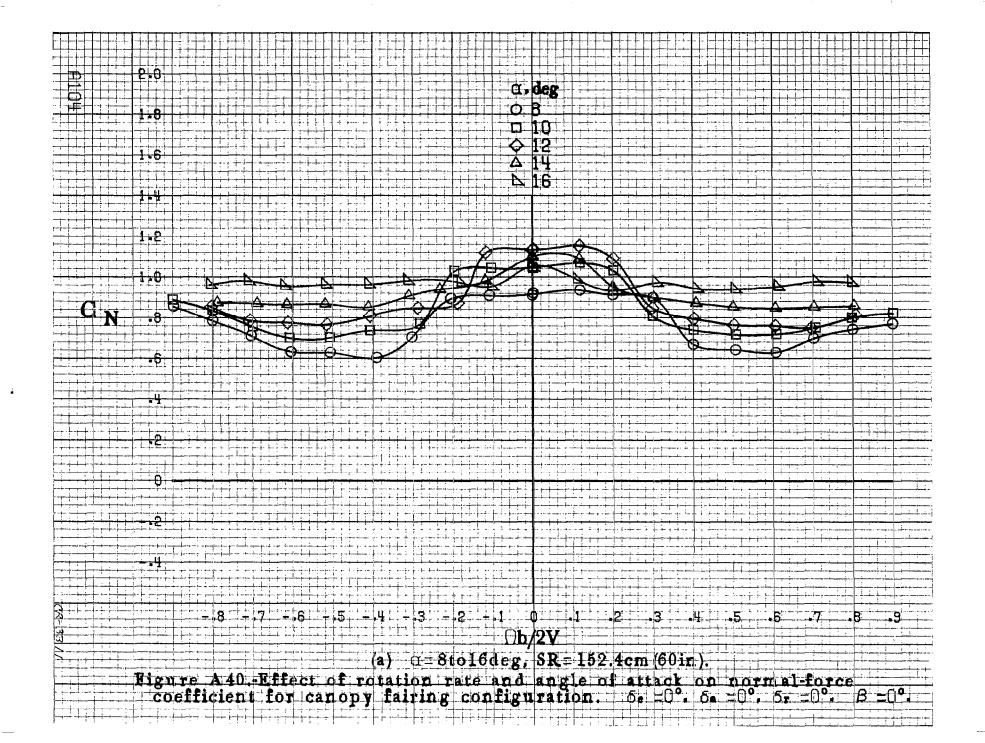


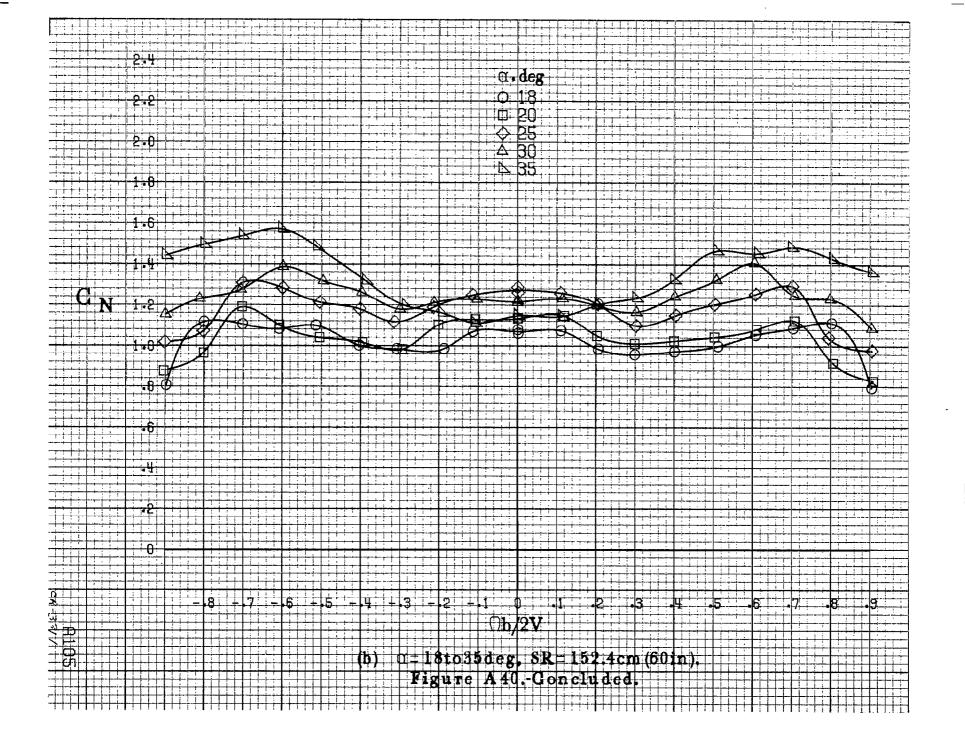


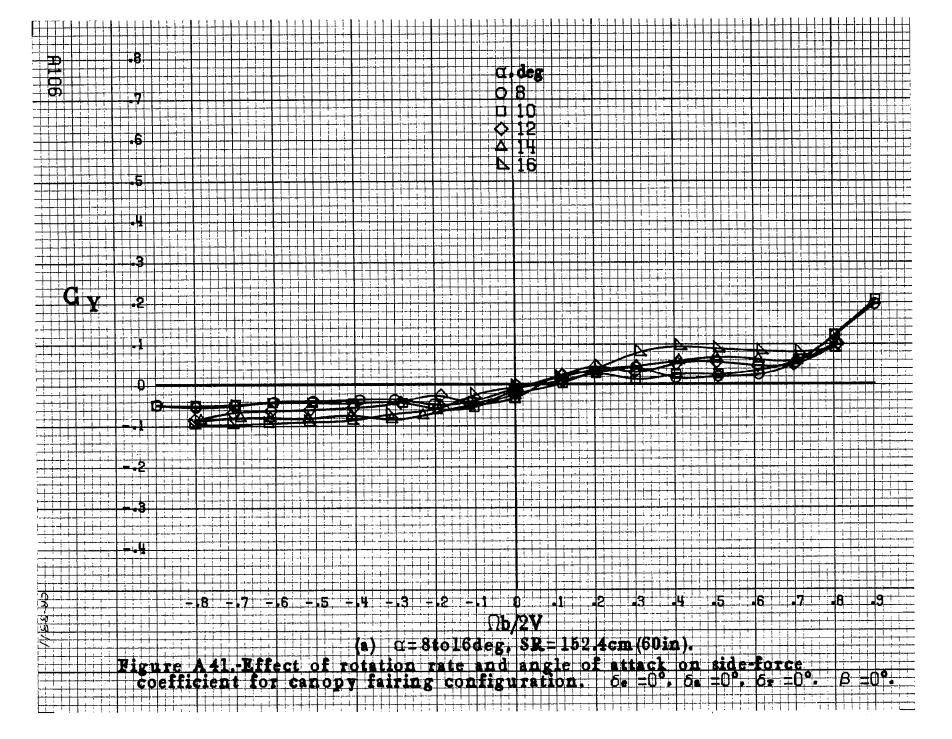


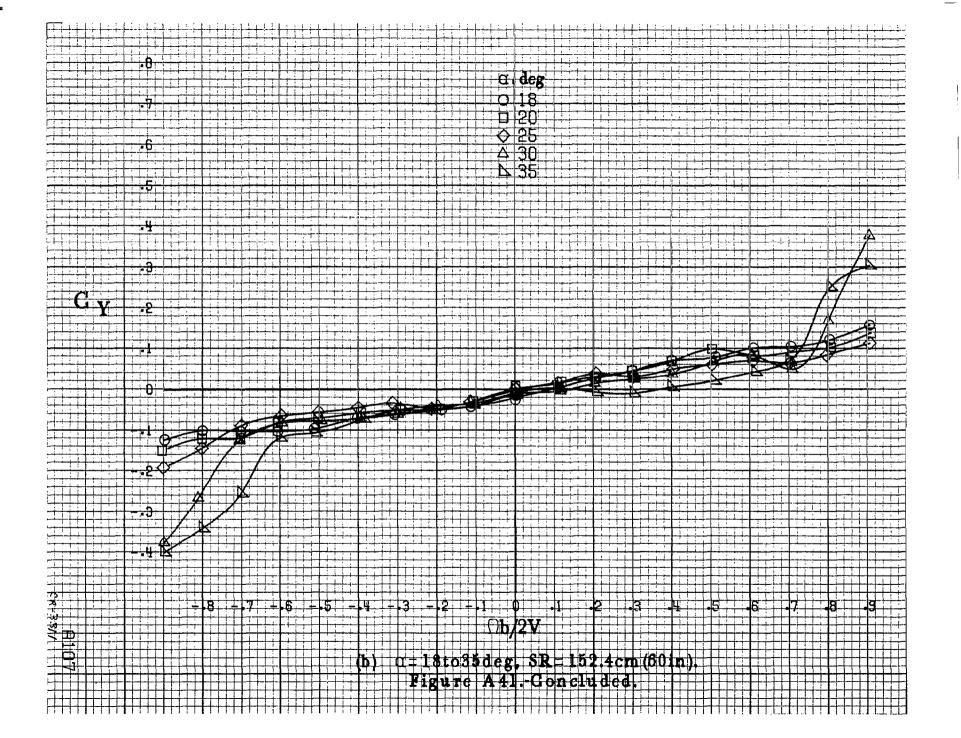


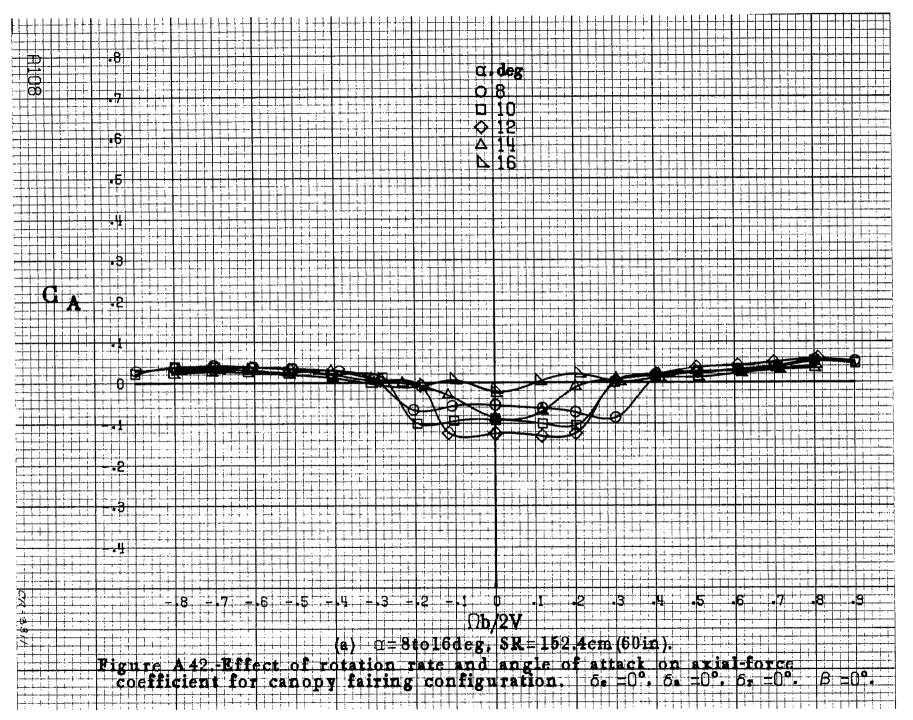


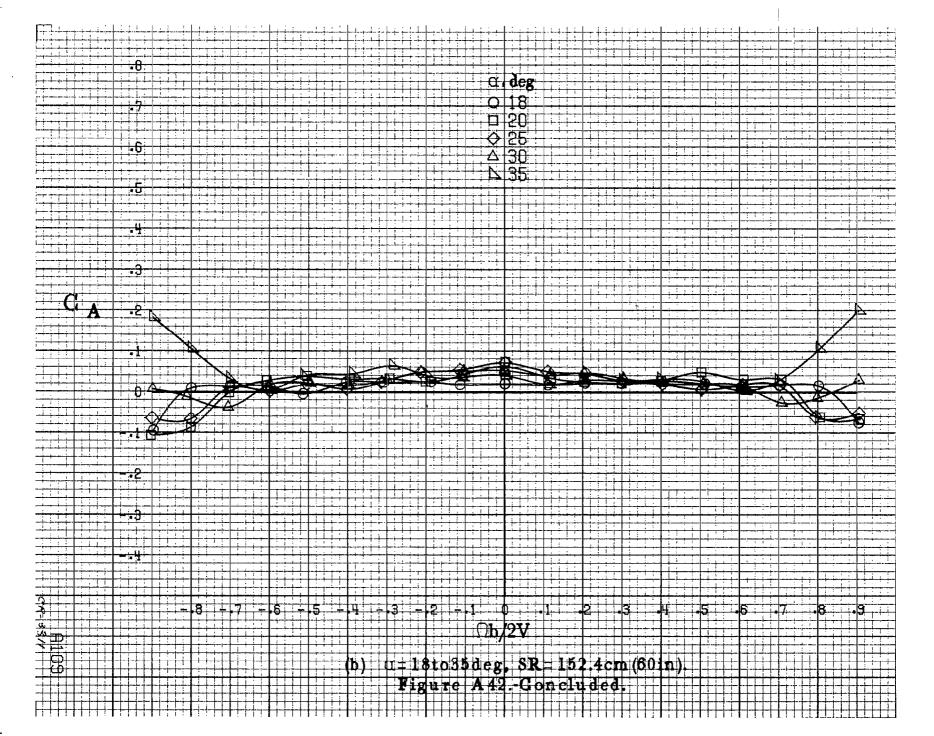


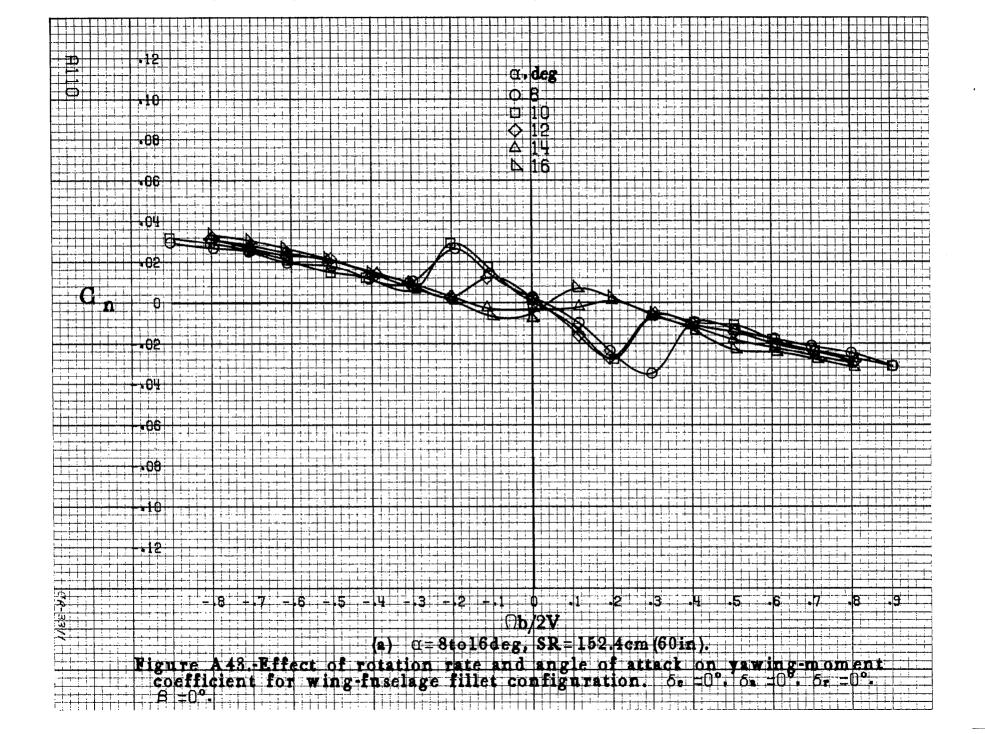


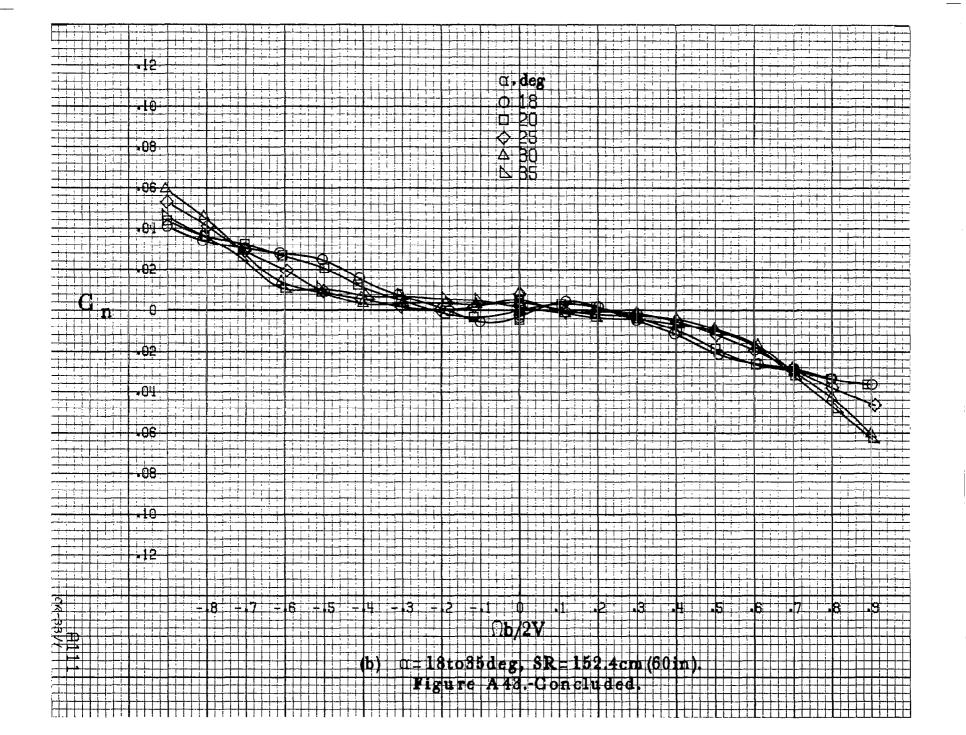


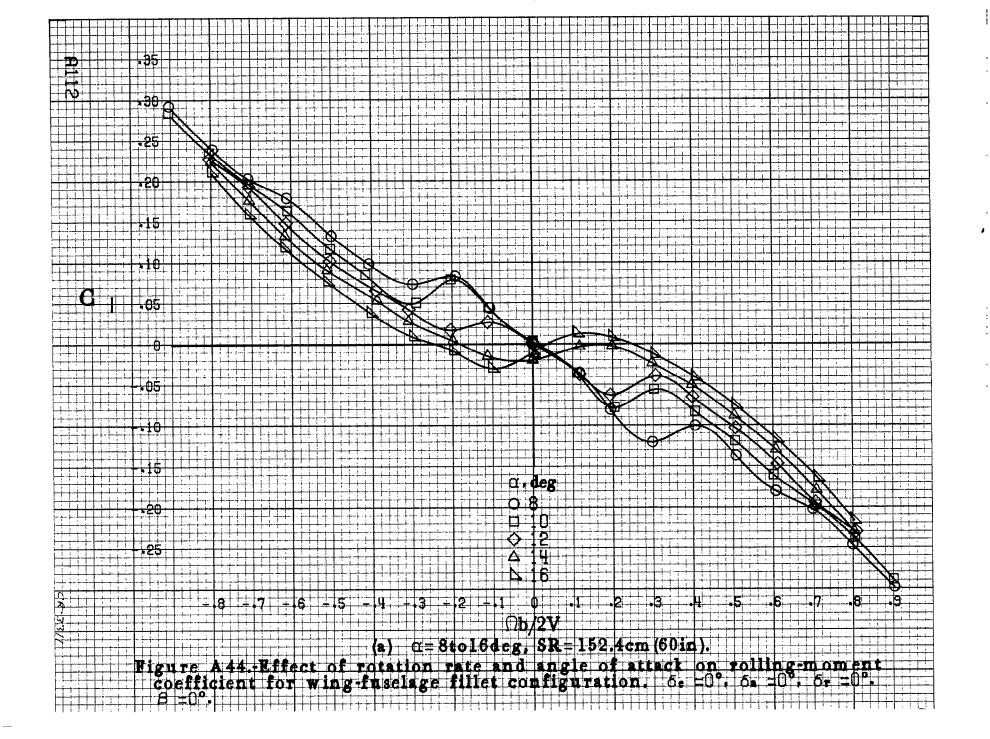


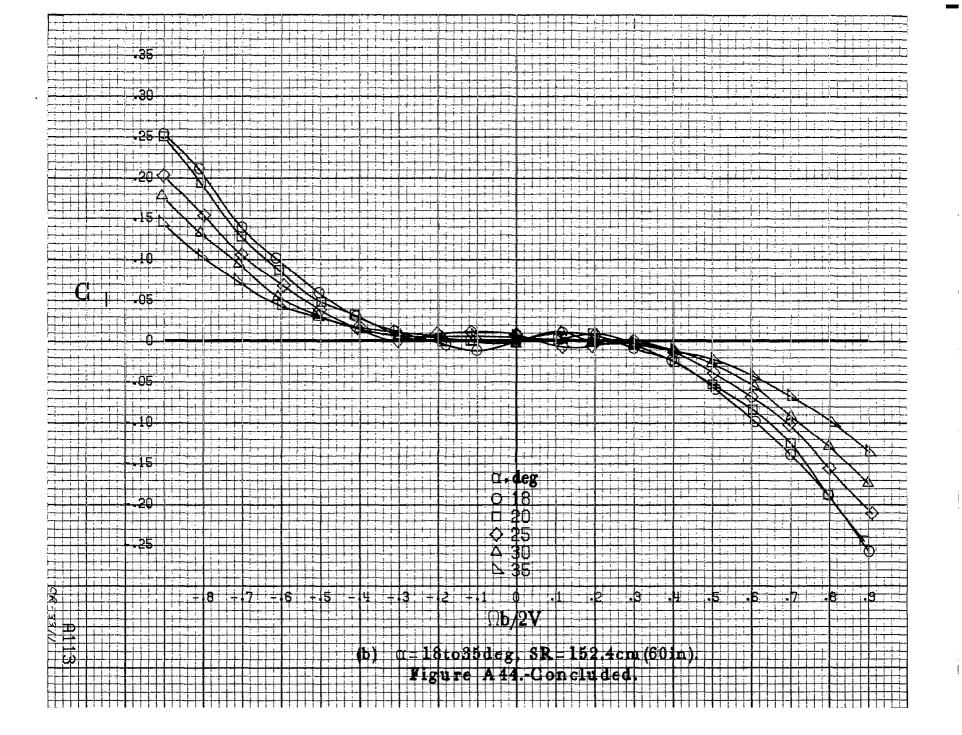


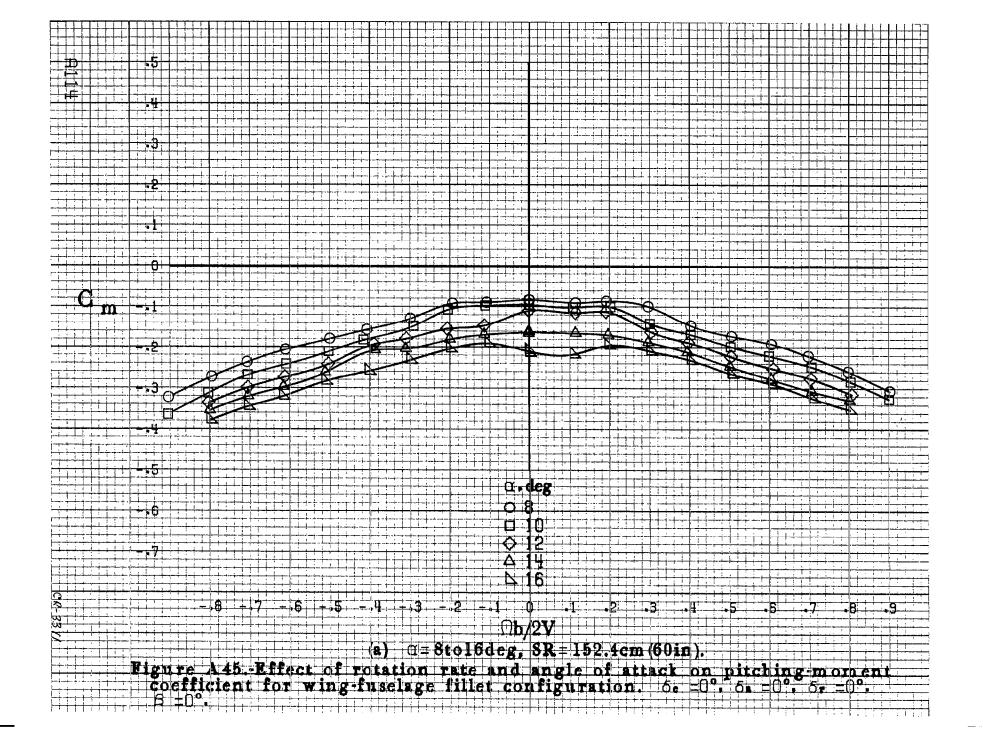


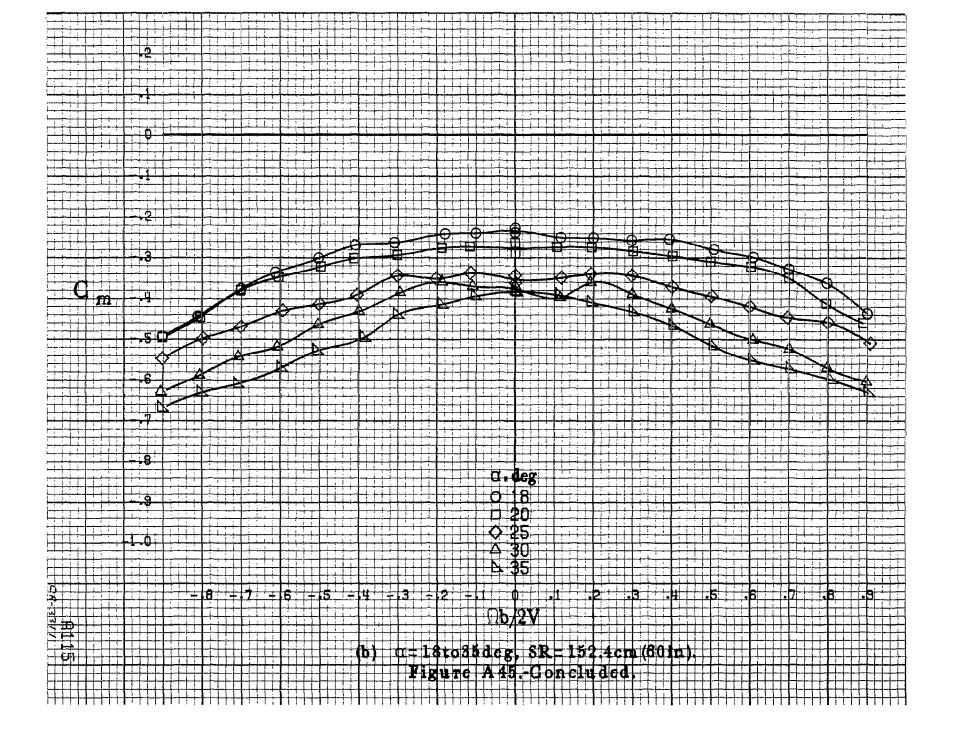


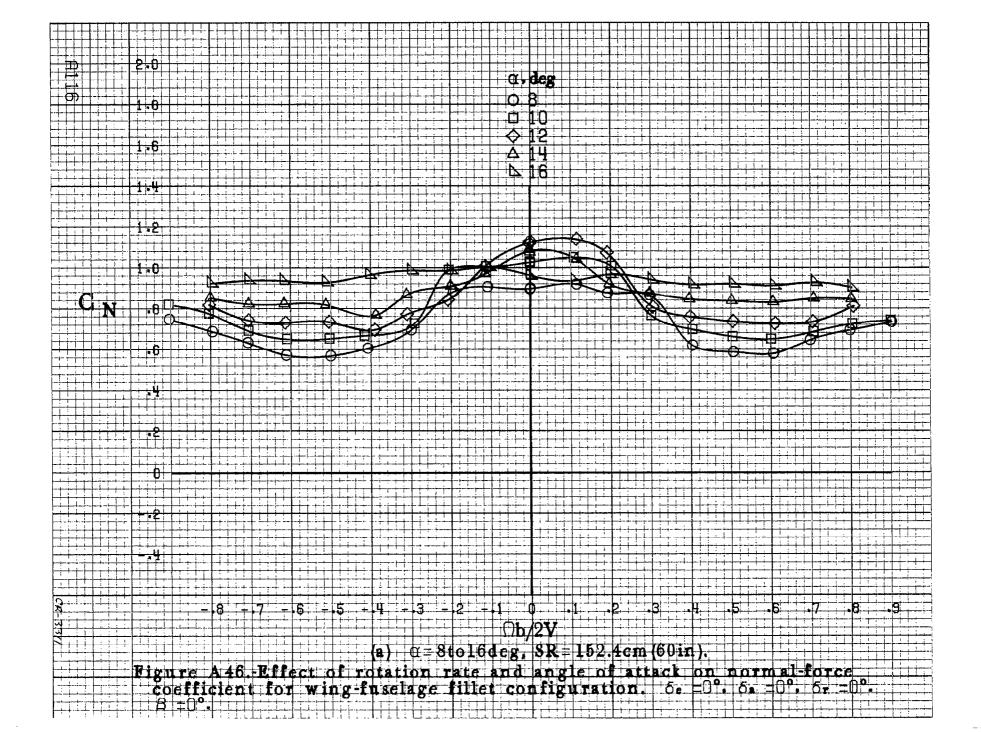


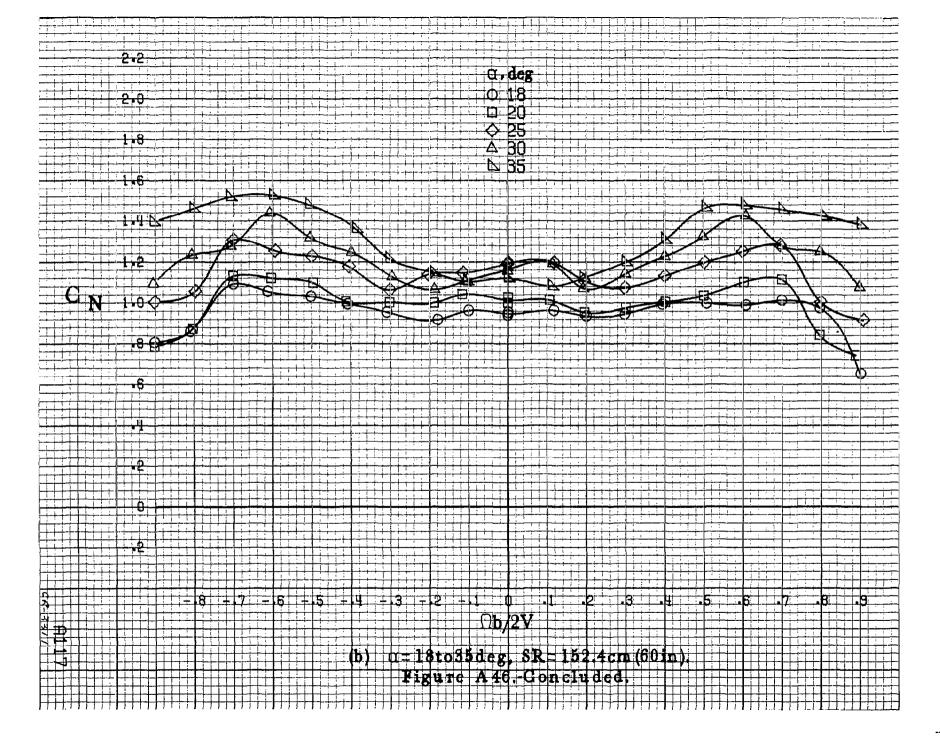












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