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Introduction

Commercial air freightoperations have grown in importance in recent years, due mainly to cost reductions caused by increasing aircraft and freight-terminal efficiencies. The bulk of this traffic is carried in the underfloor holds of wide-body passenger aircraft, but there is a significant sector of the market served by 'dedicated' freighters such as the 747F and DC8-63F. These aircraft are often equipped with standard containers and pallets which are loaded at factories or freight depots. The largest and most efficient container is the 8 ft x 8 ft x 20 ft size

NASA felt the need to study the air-freight market and commissioned the extensive C.L.A.S.S. study (Ref.1). This report suggested that significant operating cost savings would be required, together with improved ground interfaces, to make more inroads into the surface transport market.

It studied the economics of aircraft derived from current types, together with new designs. The former was more immediately attractive, but a market existed for new aircraft from the mid 1990's.

The most attractive new type would be a long range aircraft with payload in the 75 to 165 ton range. The lower size aircraft was slightly more economic, but would pose grave airport frequency saturation problems and therefore a larger aircraft was preferable. Aircraft much above the 165 ton class however, would lead to development costs higher than the market could stand.

An aircraft of about 165 tons payload seemed to be a good solution which could be made more attractive if it were designed to satisfy both civil and military requirements, thus spreading development costs. This philosophy was aimed at during the design of the Lockheed C-141 but too much emphasis was placed on military properties and no civil versions were sold. This should be avoided on a new design which should be capable of augmenting and partially replacing current fleets of 747F, DC10 CF and Lockheed C-5A aircraft.

It was decided to study such an aircraft with the main emphasis being on civil operations with modifications such as a kneeling undercarriage as military options. A specification was derived from refs. 1 and 2 together with information about current freighter aircraft which is shown in section 2 below:-

2. Specification

- a) The Range with maximum payload should be 4,000 n. miles with reserves.
- b) The Payload should be in the range 330-390,000 lb (150-175,000 kgs) Civil operators would use 8 x 8 x 20 ft containers with provision for a height extension to 10 ft.

Military payloads would include most of the major equipment. Typical extremes in size and weight are:-

1) Weight. Chieftain Main battle tank (52.3 tonnes)
2) Length 175 mm self propelled gun (11.3)m

3) Height Puma helicopter rotor to retracted undercarriage (13.2 ft {4 metres})

c) Field Performance in the civil version should be similar to that of the 747F:-

Take off to 35 ft = 11,000 ft (3350 m)Landing = 7,000 ft (2130 m)

The runway load classification number should be 87 on a 20 in pavement. To meet commercial engine-out climb gradient.

d) Speed

Cruise Mach numbers in the 0.75-0.8 range

e) Technology

Technology that is likely to be available by the mid 1990's is to be used which should include:-

- i) Advanced wing sections
- ii) "Active" controls.
- iii) Some composite materials
- iv) More fuel efficient engines
- v) Lighter weight systems.

f) Noise

To achieve current noise requirements.

g) Costs

The aircraft first costs should be $$132 \times 10^6$ (US)in 1994 with direct operating costs 30% below those of 747 Fs.

3. Configuration and Design Requirements

A general arrangement drawing is shown in Fig.F81-1 and some points are discussed below:-

3.1 Wing

A moderate sweepback combined with a relatively thick supercritical wing section enable cruise Mach numbers in the region of 0.75 to be achieved. The aspect ratio is 11 and there is sufficient fuel tankage in the wing for a range of 4000 n. miles with reserves. The very high aspect ratio improves fuel burn and airfield performance. The large bending moments produced by such a wing are alleviated by "active" ailerons which modify the airload distribution. Single-slotted Fowler flaps, moderate wing loading, spoilers and the high aspect ratio give adequate field performance which may be augmented by leading-edge slats for military operations.

3.2 Fuselage

The aircraft uses an extremely large fuselage. The main freight hold has a parallel section wide enough to accommodate three 8' x 8' x 20' containers side by side together with two walk ways. The elliptical section gives a maximum height of 10 ft at the corners of the compartment but 13.5 ft at the centre for bulky loads. The upper deck includes the flight deck, rest station, wing centre section and two compartments which can be used for LD-7 "igloo" containers or passengers. The normal freight loading is by

means of the large nose 'visor' door. In military versions this may be augmented by nose ramps which when combined with a kneeling undercarriage, give an 110 drive on ramp. Provision is also made for a rear ramp door for the air-dropping of military supplies.

If the aircraft were used in an all passenger role, high density capacity 1000 passengers on three floors.

3.3 Engines

The aircraft uses four wing-pod mounted RB211 - 524D engines which have good fuel consumption, performance and noise characteristics. It is envisaged that by the mid 1990's these engines or their derivatives should have their fuel consumption improved by 13%.

3.4 Design requirements

The aircraft is to be designed to meet BCAR requirements at the normal take off mass of 435840kg. The design value of cruise speed V_C is 173 m/s EAS or M = 0.75, whichever is the lesser. The corresponding values of the design diving speed V_D = 187 m/s EAS and M = 0.81 and these values are shown in fig. 6 Av.P. 970 requirements are to be used where appropriate.

The airframe life is to be 60,000 hours with average flight duration of 5.75 hours . The cabin differential pressure of 0.58 bar ensures that the cabin altitude need never exceed 2.1 km. The range performance depends on the flight pattern used and is summarised in fig. 7.

The undercarriage design vertical velocity of descent is 3.05 m/s. The aircraft mass associated with particular flight patterns for fatigue loading purposes must be calculated as appropriate. A typical distribution of flight profiles is given in table 3.

Where appropriate the design of components should allow for the reliability requirements shown in table 4.

4. Geometry

4.1 Wing (See Fig. 3)

Gross area	688.9 m
Span	87.2 m
Aspect ratio	11.04
Root chord (centreline)	11.3 m
Tip chord (nominal)	4.5 m
Leading edge sweepback	27 °
Sweep of 0.25c line	25 ⁰
Standard mean chord c	7.90 m

Aerofoil section:root 15% thickness supercritical tip 12.2% thickness supercritical (See Figure 4) 20 Wing body setting angle, rel. to chord line 50 Anhedral on 0.25c line Location of 0.25 c aft of nose 34.29 m Location of 0.25 c line, at centreline 2.55 m above datum 4.2 Ailerons (See Fig. 3) Type:- Round nose Aileron chord/wing chord 0.25 ±20° Movement Inboard end from aircraft centreline 33.48 m Outboard end from aircraft centreline 42.28 m 4.3 Trailing edge flaps (See Fig. 4 Type:- Single slotted Fowler 0.30 Flap chord/wing chord 25⁰ Take off flap angle 40⁰ Landing flap angle 6.52 m Inboard end of flap from C Outboard end of flap from G 33.48 m

4.4 Wing spoilers (See Fig. 3)

Wing chord flap extended/wing chord

Chord 10% of local chord

Movement max. relative to local top surface 60°

Inboard end relative to aircraft £ 6.52 m

Outboard end relative to aircraft £ 33.48 m

Distance of spoiler leading edge from wing 35% of chord trailing edge

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4.5	Tailplane (See Fig. 3)	
	Gross area	73.8 m ²
	Span	18.0 m
	Aspect ratio	4.39
	Root chord (centreline)	5.8 m
	Tip chord (nominal)	2.4 m
	Sweepback of leading edge, approx.	31 ⁰
	Sweep of 0.25 c line	25 ⁰
	Aerofoil section:-	
	10% thickness symmetrical	
	(See Fig. 4)	
	Dihedral	Zero
	Movement	+8°0 -13°
		-13
	Location of apex line aft of fuselage nose.	73.27 m
	Vertical location above fuselage datum	12.0
4.6	Elevator (See Fig. 3)	
	Type:- Round nose	2.22
	Elevator chord/tailplane chord	0.30
	Movement	+20° -25°
4.7	Fin (See Fig. 3)	
	Nominal area above fuselage datum (ignoring	3 114.66 m ²
	tip fairing)	
	Net area, above fuselage	80.44 m ²
	Height above datum	12.6 m
	Nominal height above fuselage	9.4 m
	Aspect ratio, based on nominal area	1.385
	Aspect ratio, based on net area	1.098
	Root chord, on fuselage datum	11.0 m
	Tip chord (nominal)	7.2 m
	Sweepback of leading edge, approx.	33 ⁰
	Aerofoil section:- 12% thickness symmetric	cal
	(See Fig. 4)	
	Distance of intersection of leading edge w fuselage datum, aft of fuselage nose.	ith 66.73 m
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4.8	Rudder (See Fig. 3)	
	Type: Round nose	
	Rudder chord/fin chord	0.25
	Height of rudder root at trailing edge, above datum	3.2 m
	Height of rudder tip at trailing edge above datum	10.7 m
	Movement	720°
4.9	<u>Fuselage</u> (See Fig. 2)	
	Overall length	78.6 m
	Maximum width overall	10.4 m
	Internal width on main hold floor	8.6 m
	Internal width on upper deck floor	3.6 m
	Maximum height of main hold	3.94 m
	Maximum length of main hold	57.2 m
4.10	<u>Undercarriage</u> (See Fig. 2)	
	Type:- Nosewheel with four main legs.	
	Wheelbase, to centre of main units	26.54 m
	Track, to centre of outboard main bogie	8.1 m
	Main undercarriage units	
	6 wheel bogie	
	Tyres: 1.245 m diameter by 0.432 m wide	
	Tyre pressure	10.34 bar
	Wheel track	1.28 m
	Bogie wheelbase between adjacent axles	1.5 m
	Static tyre closure	0.11 m
	Maximum tyre closure	0.324 m
	Centre of bogie aft of fuselage nose	37.34 m
	Distance to centre of inboard bogie from Q	1.0 m

Nose undercarriage

Four wheels in line, rearwards retracting
Tyres 1.245 m diameter x 0.432 m wide

Tyre pressure 10.34 bar
Track of outer wheels 2.9 m
Location of leg aft of fuselage nose 10.8 m

5. Powerplants

Type: Rolls Royce RB211-524D bypass turbojet

Sea level static rating 235.75 kN

Installation: 4 underslung wing pods

Inboard powerplants

Distance of engine centreline below datum at front face	0.15 m
Distance of engine centreline from aircraft centreline at front face	14.85 m
Location of engine front face aft of fuselage nose	27.1 m
Maximum pod diameter	2.45 m
Total length of pod	5.1 m
Angle of pod datum 2.0	nose in
Sweepback of pylon leading edge relative to fuselage datum	17 ⁰
Sweepback of pylon trailing edge relative to fuselage datum	13.5°
Inclination of pylon to vertical	0°
Pylon chord at engine centreline	5.7 m
Pylon chord at wing datum	6.5 m
Pylon aerofoil section Symmetrical 12% thickness at 50%c	

Outboard powerplants

Distance of engine centreline below datum at front face	1.1 m
Distance of engine centreline from aircraft centreline at front face	25.3 m
Location of engine front face aft of fuselage nose	32.17 m

Remainder of powerplant information as for the inboard powerplants

5.1	Auxiliary power unit	
	Type:- Garrett Airesearch	
	APU datum below fuselage datum	3.2 m
	APU position from fuselage nose	30.09 m
6.	Masses, Centres of Gravity and Moments of Inerti	<u>a</u>
	Design normal take off mass	435840 kg
	Design maximum landing mass	414048 kg
	Minimum flying mass	139368 kg
	Operating empty mass	139005 kg
	Maximum payload	155690 kg
	Maximum fuel load	167980 kg
	Mass breakdown - see Table 1.	
	Centres of Gravity at APS mass, relative to 0.25c and datum (Freight role)	√0.31 m fwd
	Undercarriage retracted	10.32 m above
	Undercarriage extended	<pre>{0.07 m fwd {0.024 m above}</pre>
	Centres of gravity range in flight	0.2c to 0.43c
	Moment of Inertia - see Table 2.	
7.	Aerodynamic Information	2 -
7.1	Lift characteristics	
	Maximum lift coefficient:-	
	Basic wing	1.34
	Flaps at take-off setting	2.04
	Flaps at landing setting	2.31
	Slope of wing-body lift curve	
	Basic	4.917/rad
	Flaps deployed	5.045/rad.

7.2 Drag characteristics

Drag polar:-

Cruise condition M = 0.75 and 10,670 m

$$C_D = 0.0194 + 0.034 C_L^2$$

Take off at sea level, undercarriage and flaps extended

$$C_D = 0.0425 + 0.034C_L^2 + 0.053\Delta C_L^2$$

Landing at sea level, undercarriage and flaps extended

$$C_D = 0.0715 + 0.034 C_L^2 + 0.053 \Delta C_L^2$$

Where ΔC_L is increment in C_L due to flap deflection.

7.3 Pitching Moment Characteristics (low speed)

Pitching moment coefficient at zero lift

Wing alone, C_{M_0} -0.06

Increment due to body and nacelles,

 ΔC_{M} -0.011

Pitching moment increment due to flaps:-

Take off setting, ΔC_{M} -0.17

Landing setting, ΔC_{M} -0.233

Location of overall wing-body aero centre from fuselage nose, clean

(Forward shift due to basic fuselage $0.123 \ \bar{c}$ (Forward shift due to engine nacelles $0.02 \ \bar{c}$

Spanwise variation of basic wing aero centre Fig.

7.4 Control and Stabiliser Characteristics

Location of mean tailplane aero centre 76.67 m aft of fuselage nose

Spanwise variation of tailplane aero centre - see Fig. 11

Location of mean fin aero centre aft 71.17 m of fuselage nose

Rolling moment coefficient due to aileron, $\ell_{\rm F}$ - see Fig. 13

Yawing moment coefficient due to aileron, $n_{\rm F}$ -0.011

Aileron hinge moment coefficient due to wing incidence, b_1 -0.3706 Aileron hinge moment coefficient due to aileron angle, b₂ Slope of tailplane lift curve variation with M, a_{1T} - see Fig. 9 Ratio of elevator lift curve slope, a_{2T}/a_{1T} 0.652 Elevator hinge moment coefficient due to tailplane angle, b_{1T} -0.178 Elevator hinge moment coefficient due to elevator angle, b_{2T} -0.634 Slope of fin lift curve variation with M, a_{1F} - see Fig.9 Ratio of rudder lift curve slope, a_{2F}/a_{1F} 0.429 -0.083 Rudder hinge moment coefficient due to fin angle, bir -0.501Rudder hinge moment coefficient due to rudder angle, box -0.1133Rolling moment coefficient due to rudder ℓ_r -0.0166

7.5 Stability Characteristics

Downwash at tailplane - see Fig. 14 Rolling moment coefficient due to:-

Rolling moment, $\ell_{\rm p}$ - see Fig.13 Sideslip, $\ell_{\rm v}$ 0.0252 - 0.0054 ${\rm a_{1F}}$ - 0.078C $_{\rm L}$ - 0.0147C $_{\rm LF}$ Yawing, $\ell_{\rm r}$. 0.0023 ${\rm a_{1BT}}$ + 0.1605C $_{\rm L}$ - 0.0119

Yawing moment coefficient due to:-

Rolling, n_p -0.054 Sideslip, n_v , tail off -0.108 n_v overall 0.067 a_{1BT} - 0.108 Yawing, n_r -0.0288 a_{1BT} - 0.0031 - 0.0044 C_L^2 Tailplane rolling moment coefficient due to sideslip, K_g 0.16

(NOTE all derivatives are based on the reference areas and dimensions quoted in paragraph 4. Hinge moment coefficients are based on control surface chord and area aft of the hinge line. All angular measurements are in radians unless otherwise stated).

8. Load Distribution

8.1 Aerodynamic loads

The wing spanwise load distribution due to incidence, flap, spoiler andtailplane load distribution due to both incidence and elevator deflection is given in Figl5-17. Whilst the corresponding information for the fin and rudder is to be found in Fig. 18. Fig.19 shows a typical lift distribution along the fuselage. The shape of the distribution is dependent upon incidence and the diagram given is a means for initial loading calculations.

Chordwise load distributions vary substantially with Mach number and lift coefficient. The curves given should only be used for local design of the various components and not for overall balance calculations. Typical wing chordwise loading due to incidence is shown in Fig.20whilst distributions due to flaps, control surface, are given in DES 8041. The chordwise loading on the tailplane and rudder may also be derived from DES 8041.

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TABLE 1

MASS BREAKDOWN

COMPONENT	CIVIL MASS	% AUM	MIL.MASS KG	% AUM
Wings	42190	9.68	42190	9.68
Fuselage (including freight handling	40697	9.34	45527	10.45
equipment) Tailplane	1950	0.45	1950	0.45
Fin	1950	0.45	1950	0.45
Main Undercarriage	13152	3.02	16748	3.84
Nose Undercarriage	2320	0.52	2956	0.67
STRUCTURE	102259	23.46	111321	25.54
Engines - Dressed (+Fore Prot.)	20430	4.69	20430	4.69
Powerplant Structure (Pylons, Cowlings)	2683	0.61	2683	0.61
POWERPLANT	23113	5.30	23113	5.30
Fuel System	1044	0.24	1044	0.24
Flying Control System	2506	0.57	2506	0.57
Hydraulics	1911	0.44	1911	0.44
Electrical System	1634	0.37	1634	0.37
Instrument and Avionics	1453	0.33	1453	0.33
De-Ice System	227	0.05	227	0.05
Paint	363	0.08	363	0.08
Furnishings (Crew Compartment only)	1634	0.37	1634	0.37
Air Conditioning System	1998	0.44	1998	0.44
Auxiliary Power Unit	863	0.2	863	0.2
SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT	13633	3.13	13633	3.13
Basic Operating Empty Mass	139005	31.89	148067	33.97
Crew (4)	363	0.08	363	0.08
As prepared for service mass	139368	31.97	148430	34.06
Payload (Both decks)	155696	33.73	146634	33.64
Fuel at Max. Payload	140776	32.3	140776	32.3
ALL UP MASS.	435840	100.0	435840	100.0

MOMENTS OF INERTIA - CIVIL VERSION

(Relative to wing 0.25 mean chord line)

CONFIGURATION	MOMENT OF INERTIA 103 kg - m2			m²
	PITCH	ROLL	YAW	PRODUCT
As prepared for service 139368 kg	30709	29749	40358	1321
Increment due to 140776 kg fuel	3147	61330	64123	-187
Increment due to 155696 kg payload	46865	574	46291	-675

TABLE 3

PROPOSED FLIGHT PATTERN DISTRIBUTION - CIVIL

Stage Length km	Mach No.	Average Altitude km	% of Total Flights
500	0.75	10.06	9.15
1000	0.75	10.06	7.63
1500	0.75	10.06	1.04
2000	0.75	10.06	2.5
2500	0.75	10.06	2.4
3000	0.75	10.06	2.08
3500	0.75	10.06	0.88
4000	0.75	10.06	0.9
4500	0.75	10.06	1.0
5000	0.75	10.67	2.77
5500	0.75	10.67	2.64
6000	0.75	10.67	39.76
6500	0.75	10.67	15.95
7000	0.75	10.67	1.04
7500	0.75	10.67	2.5
8000	0.75	10.67	3.84
8500	0.75	10.67	3.88

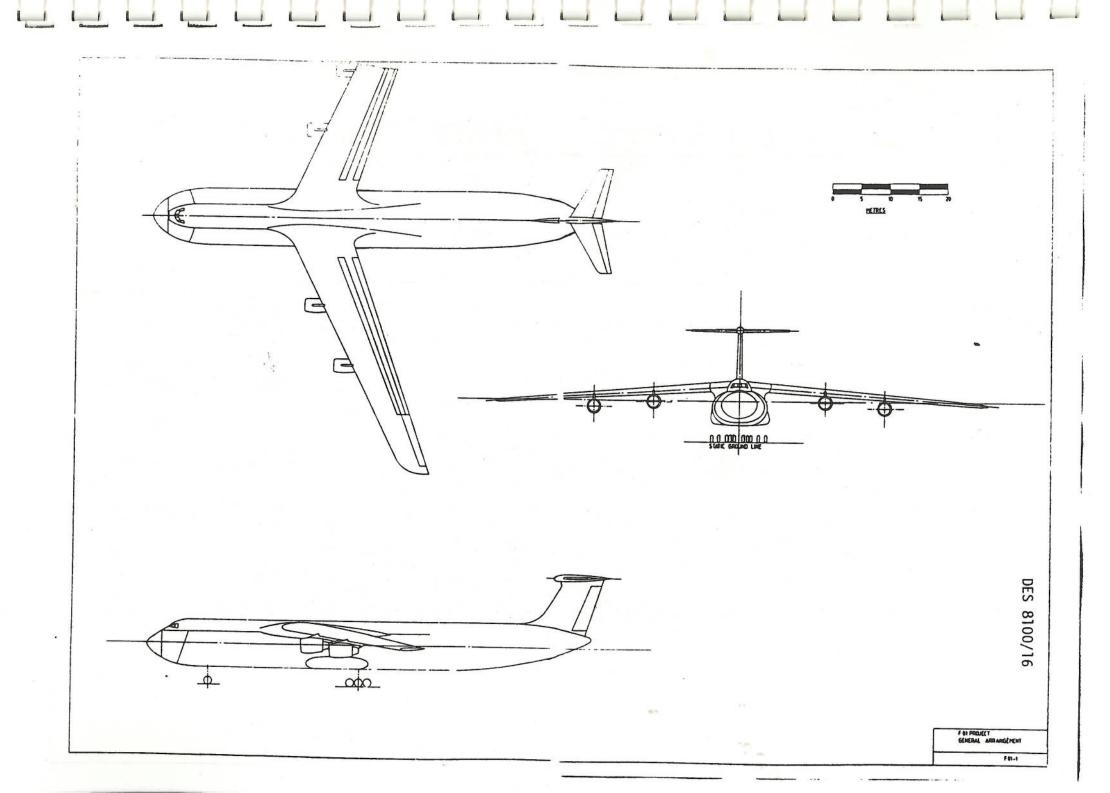
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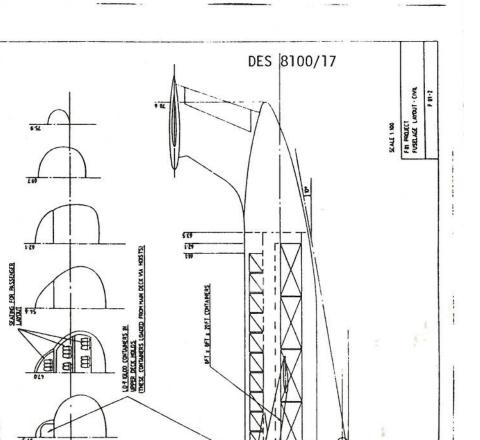
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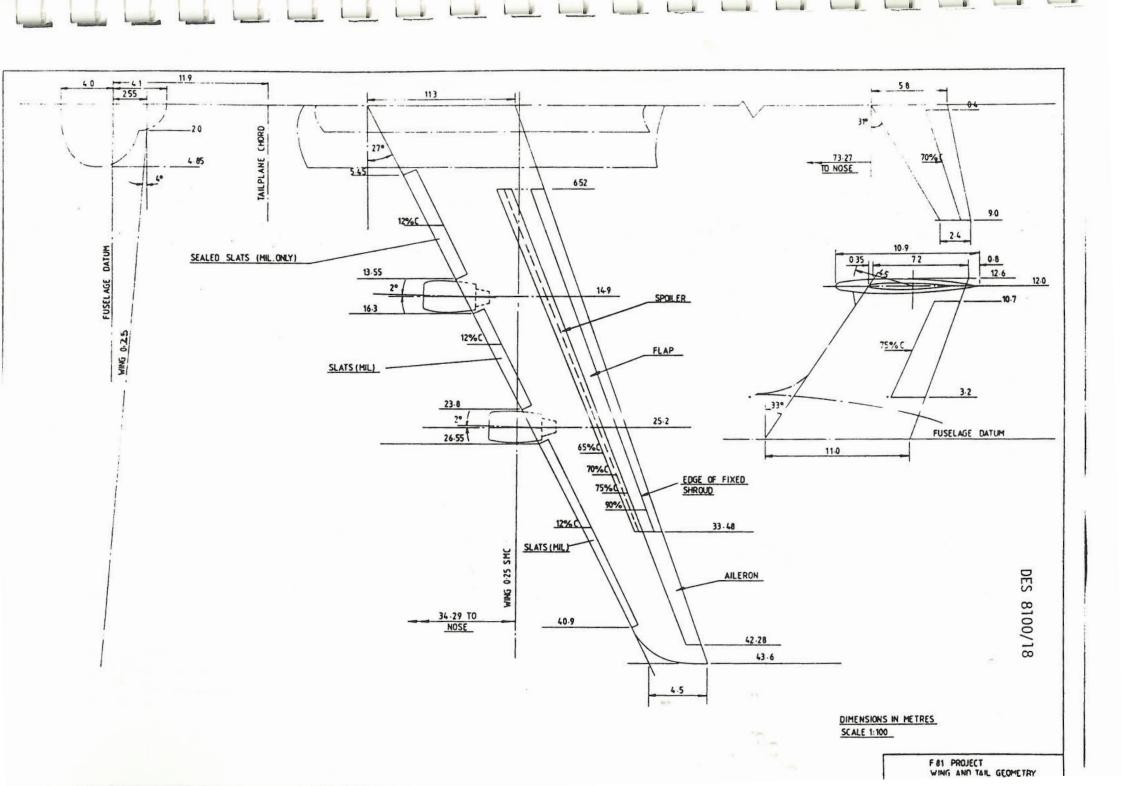
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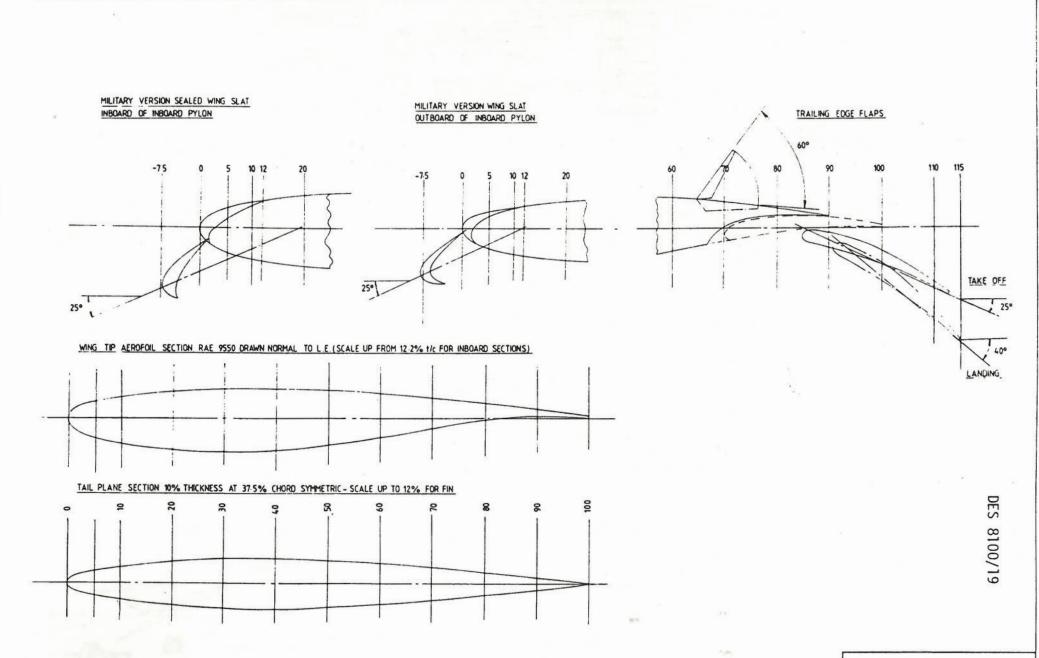
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22	Auto. Flight	0.04
23	Communications	0.099
24	Elec. Power	0.095
25	Furnishings	0.02
26	Fire Protection	0.106
27	Flying Controls	0.157
28	Fuel System	0.125
29	Hyd. Power	0.284
30	Ice Protection	0.046
31	Instruments	0.035
32	Landing Gear	0.803
33	Lights	0.073
34	Navigation	0.2
35	0xygen	0.019
38	Water/Waste	0.01
49	A.P.U.	0.039
52-57	Structures	0.533
71-80	Powerplant Systems	1.375
TOTAL		4.306

Delay Rate = $\frac{\text{No. of delays}}{100 \text{ departures}}$.



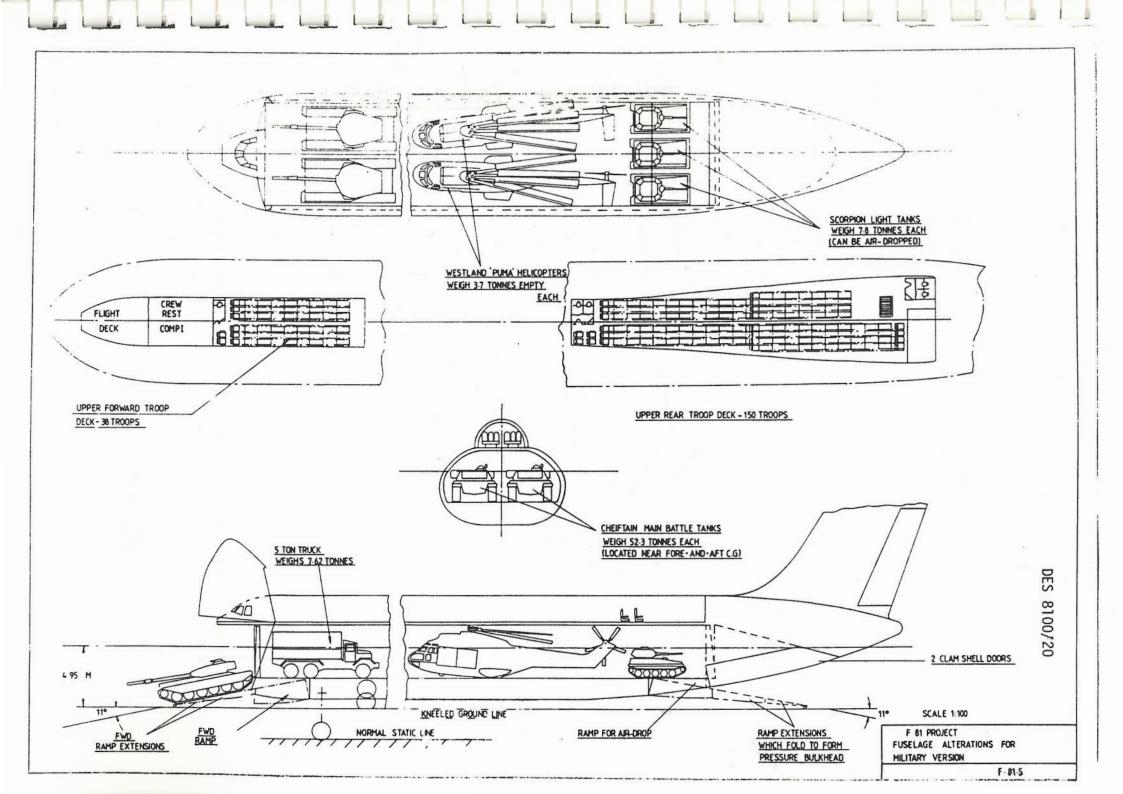


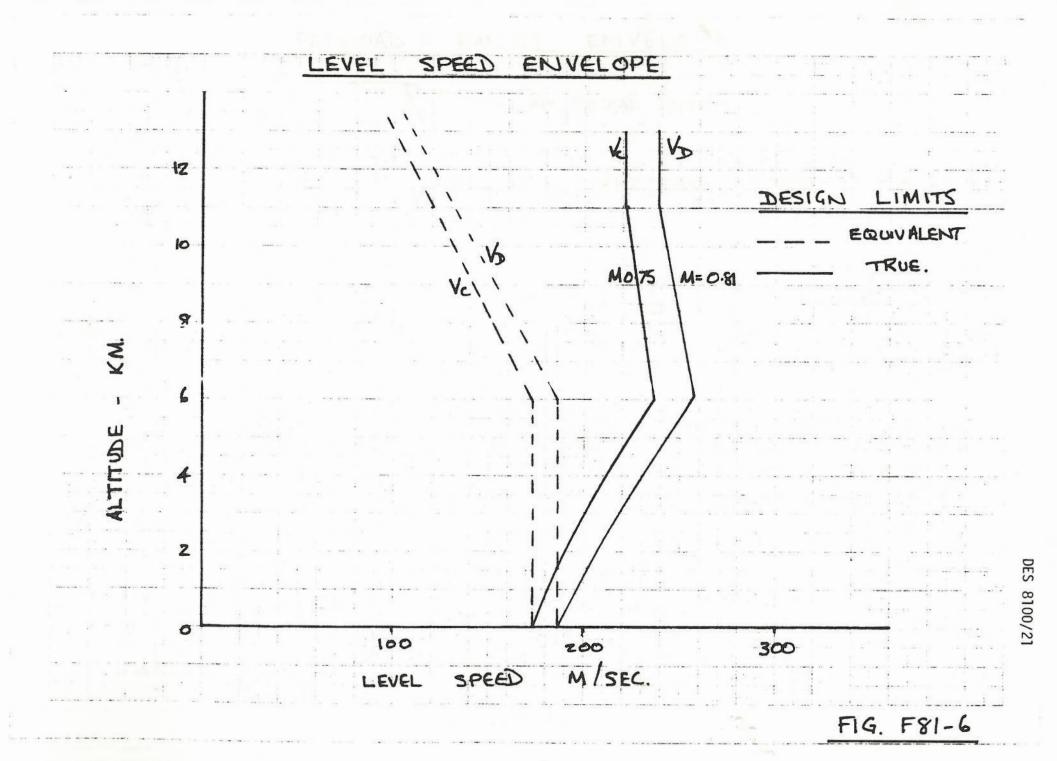


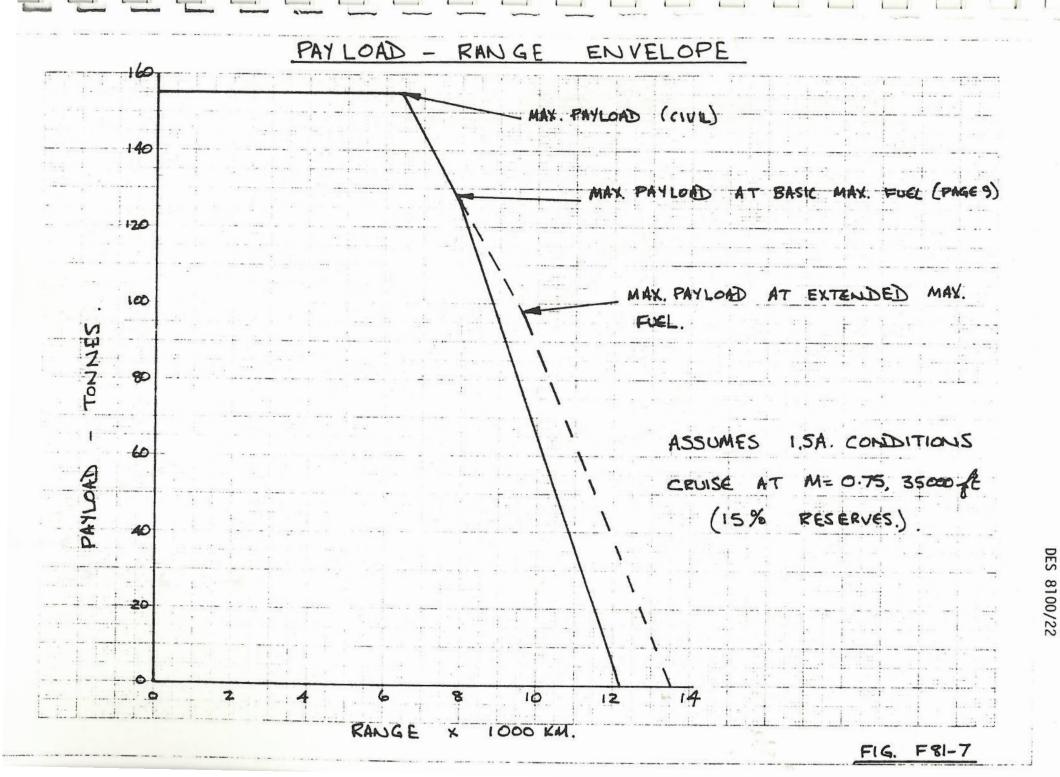


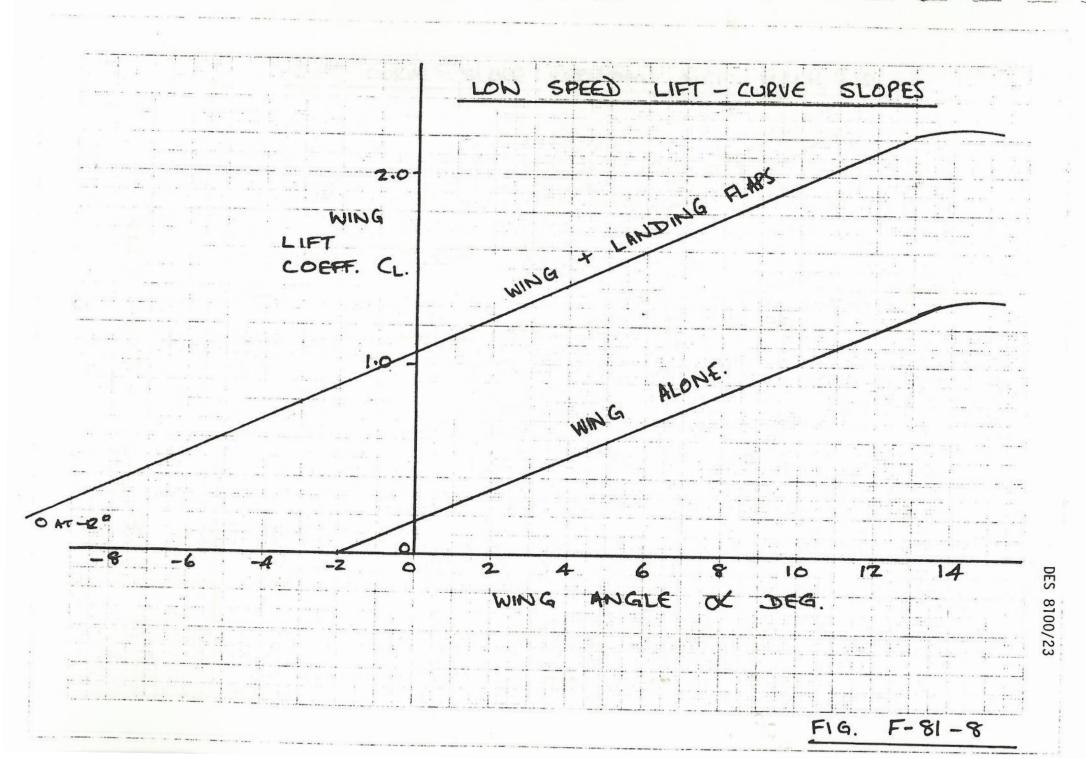
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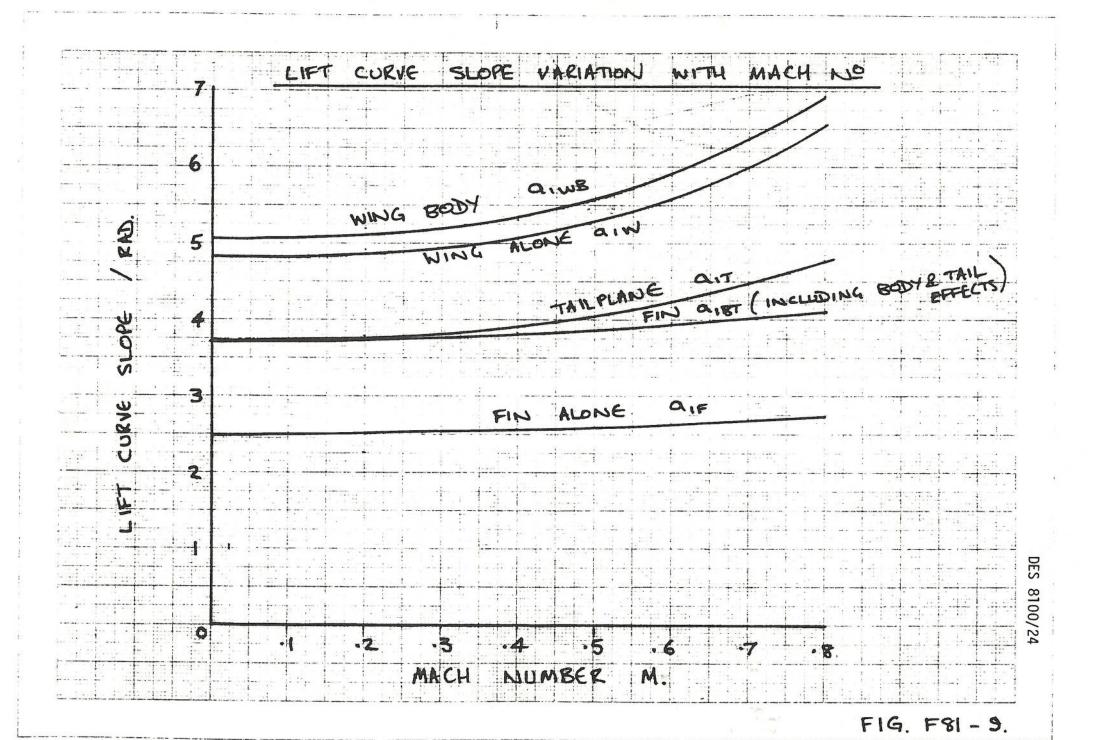
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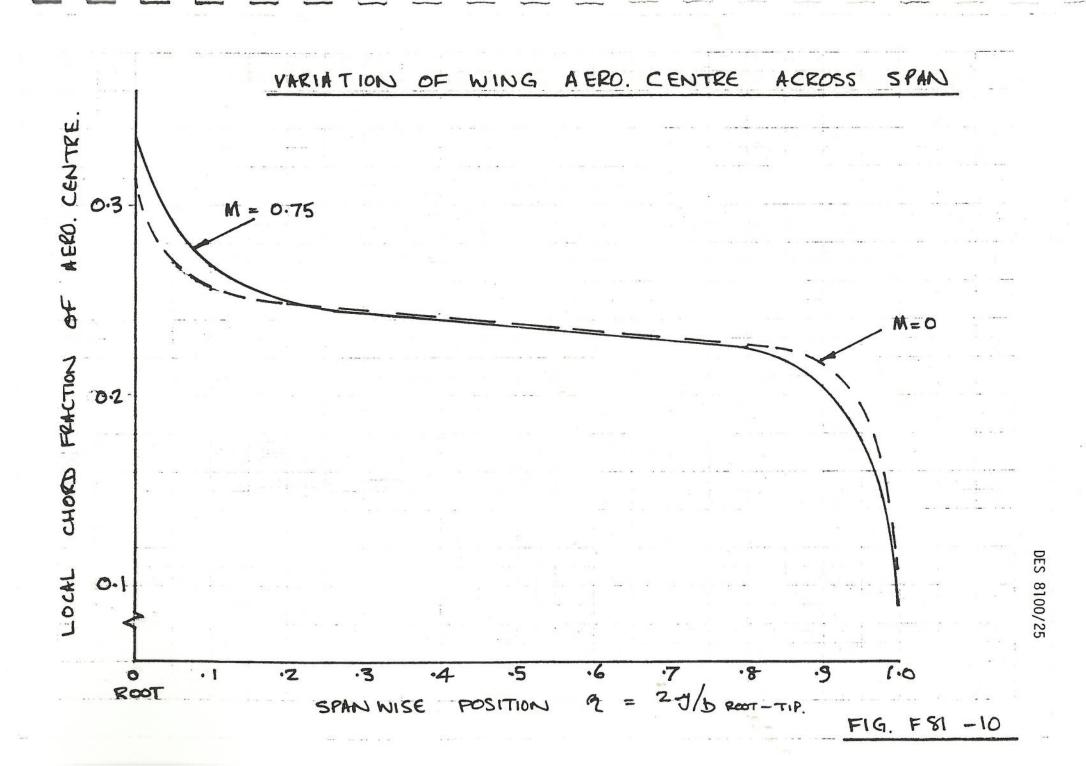


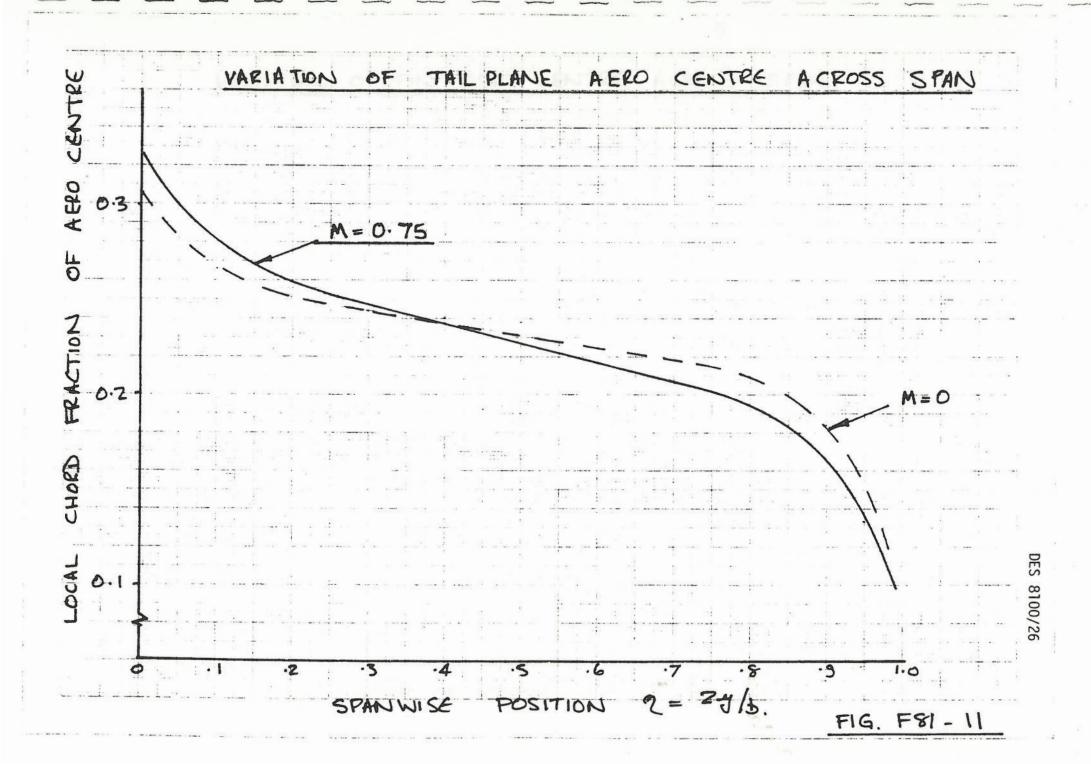


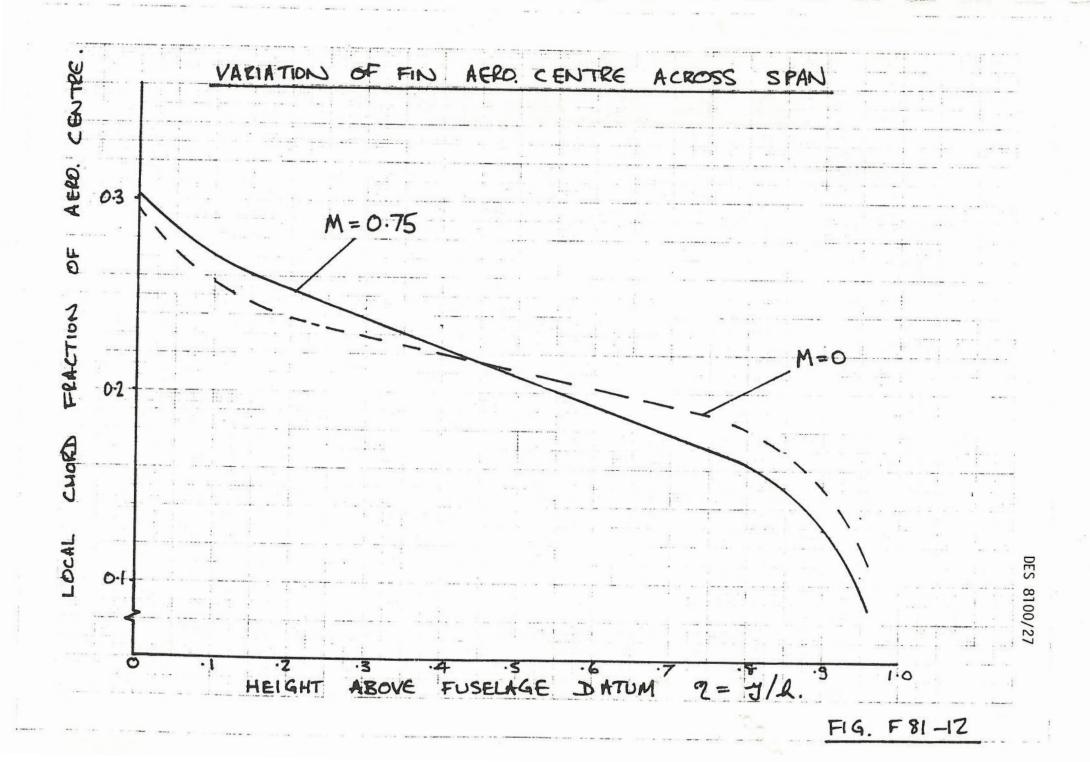


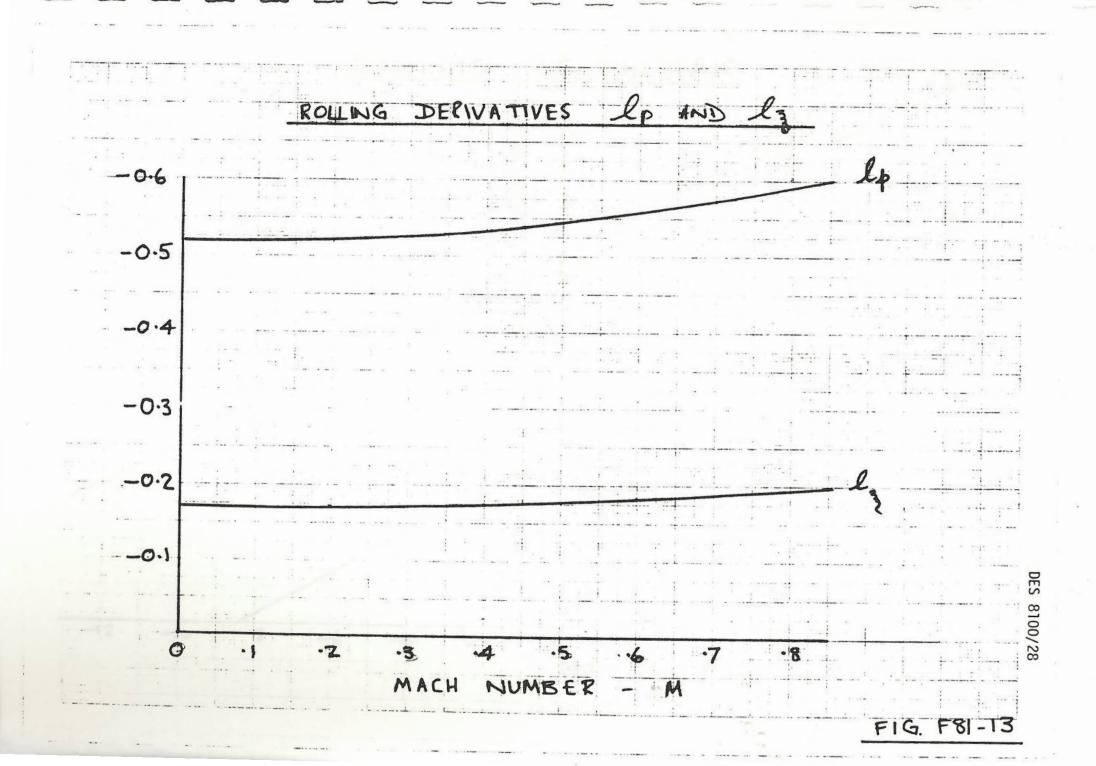


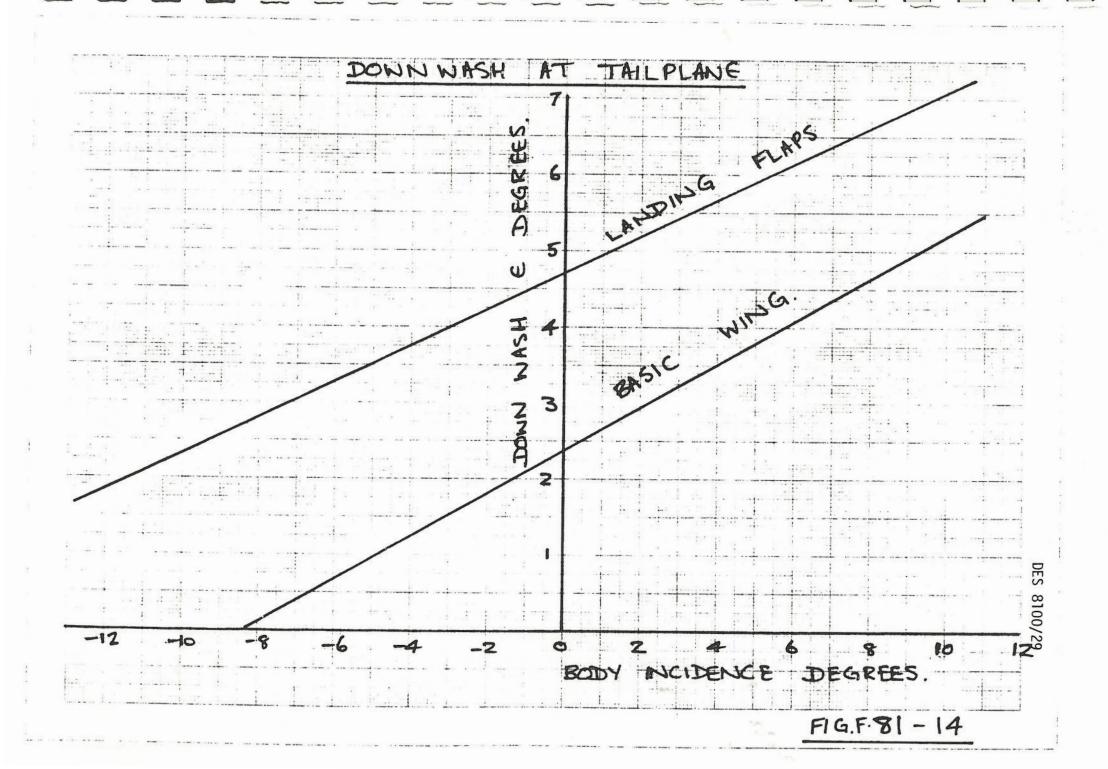


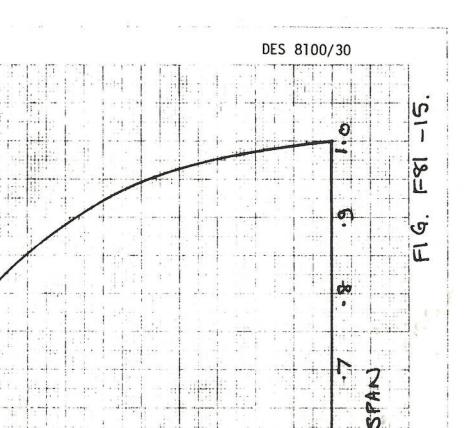


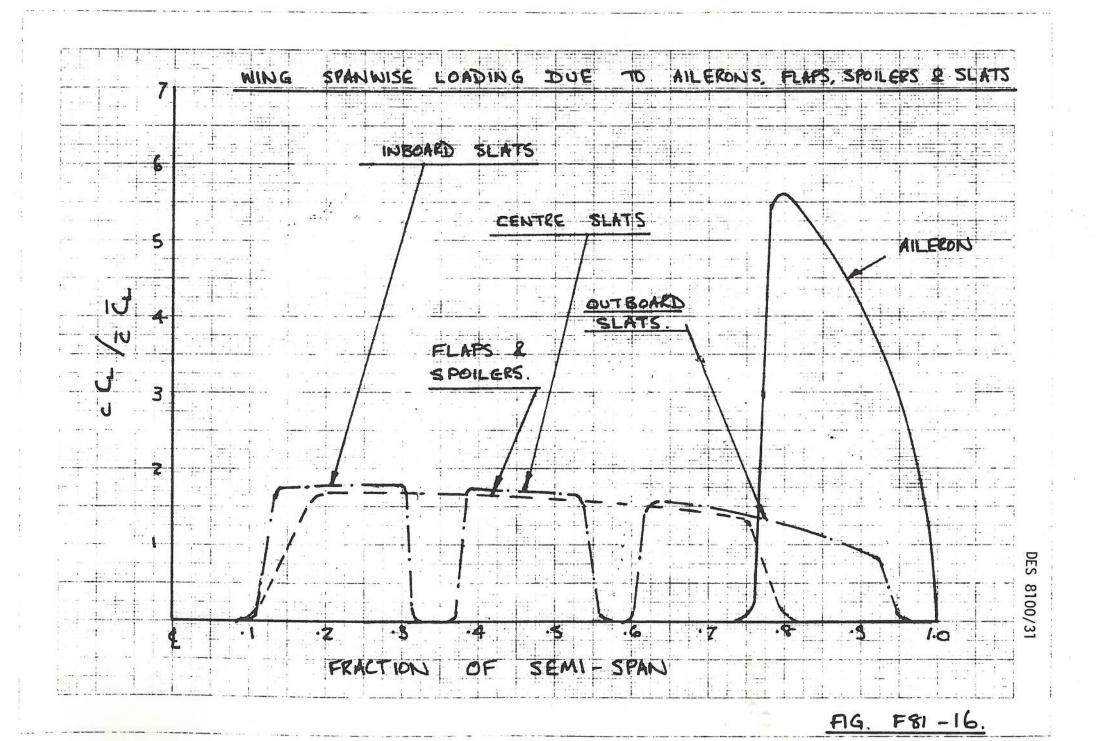


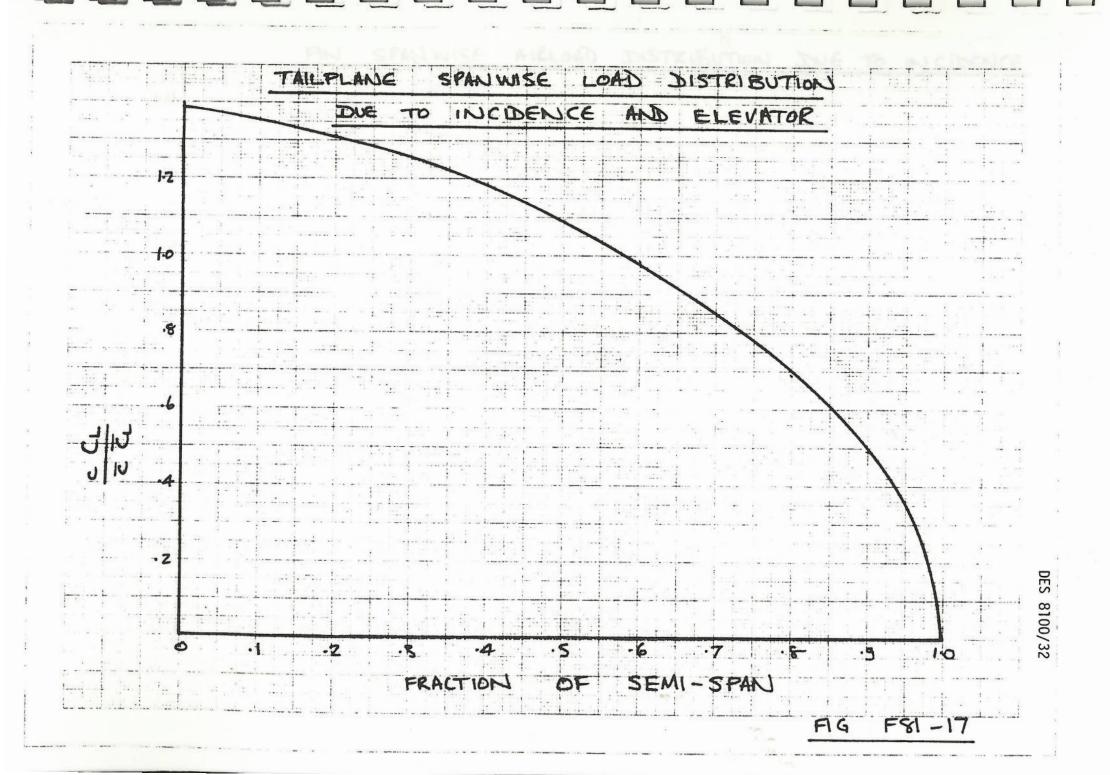


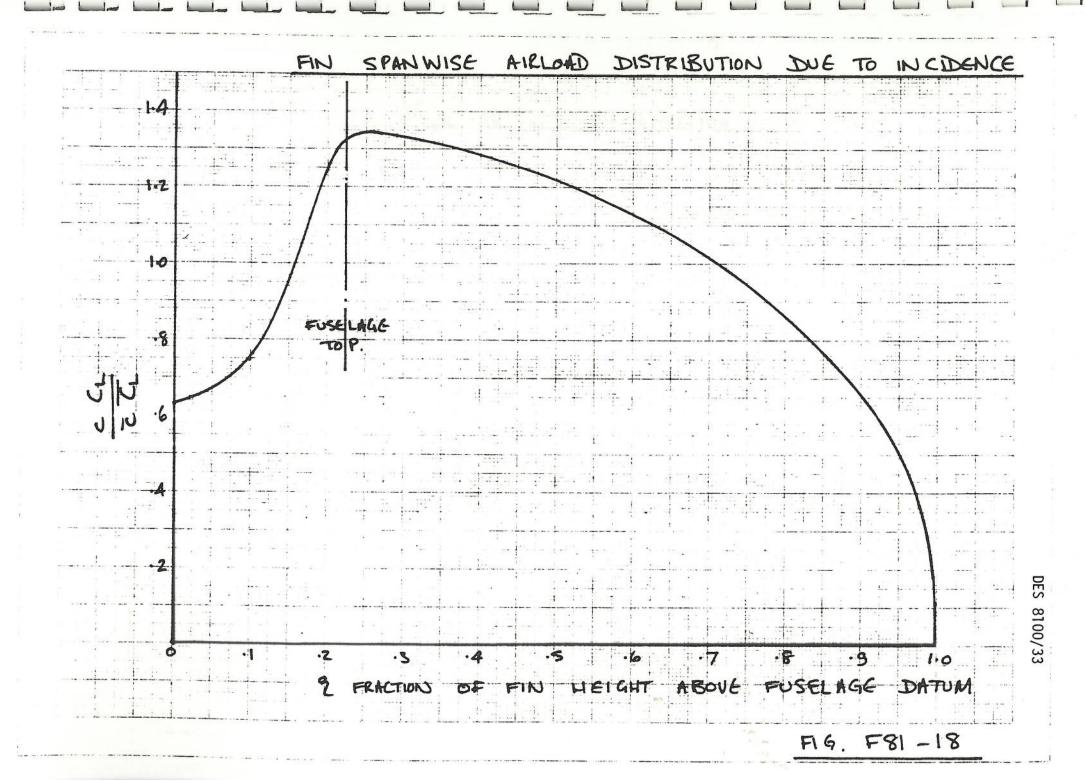




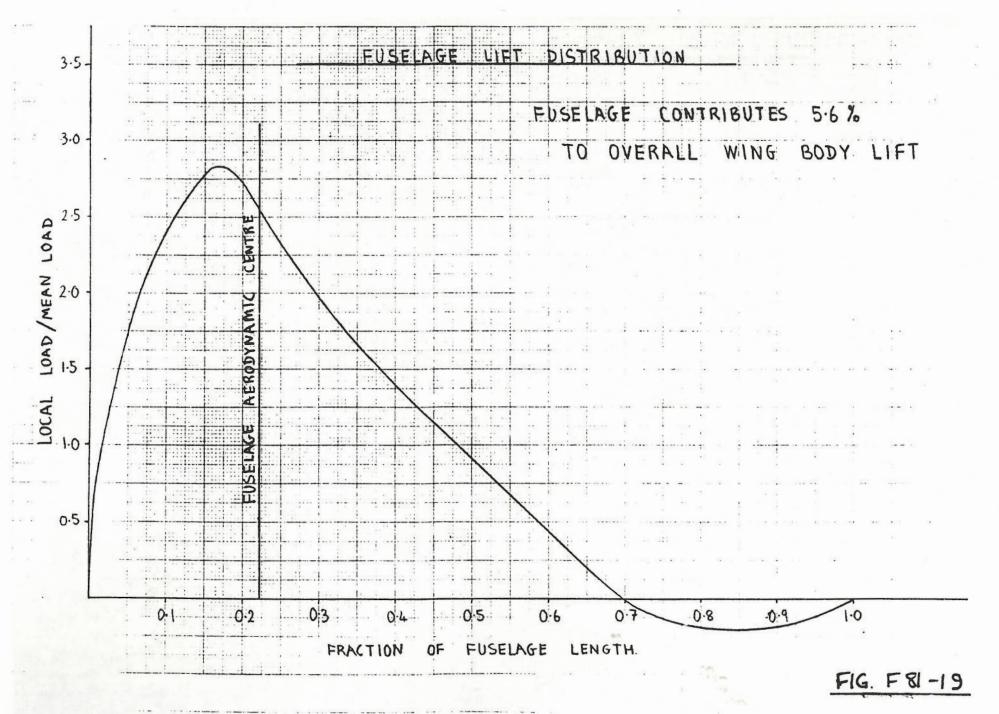


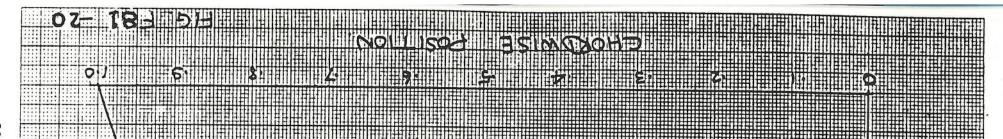












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