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#### SUMMARY

An investigation has been made to determine the low-speed largescale characteristics of an aspect ratio 3 triangular-wing airplane model. The complete model consisted of the wing in combination with a fuselage of fineness ratio 12.5; a thin, triangular vertical tail with a constant-chord rudder; and a thin, unswept, all-movable tail (aspect ratio of approximately 4). The wing had an NACA 0005 (modified) section and was equipped with partial-span, slotted, trailing-edge flaps of constant chord. Tests of the model at zero sideslip were made with the horizontal tail at each of three vertical positions (0, 0.21, and 0.41 wing semispan above the extended wing-chord plane) at one fixed longitudinal distance behind the wing. The characteristics of the model in sideslip were investigated with the tail in the extended wingchord plane. In addition, a limited investigation was made on the use of flaps or the horizontal tail as a lateral-control device. The average Reynolds number, based on the wing mean aerodynamic chord, was 12.8 million and the Mach number was 0.13.

#### INTRODUCTION

Wind-tunnel tests at subsonic and supersonic speeds have been made for small-scale, aspect ratio 3 triangular wings. In order to extend the scope of data on the aspect ratio 3 triangular-wing plan form to that of large scale, an investigation has been conducted in the Ames 40- by 80-foot wind tunnel.

For purposes of paralleling previous investigations of airplane configurations with aspect ratios 2 and 4 triangular wings in the 40- by 80-foot wind tunnel (refs. 1, 2, and 3), an aspect ratio 3 triangular wing with an NACA 0005 (modified) section equipped with trailing-edge partial-span slotted flaps of constant chord was tested in combination with a fuselage, vertical tail, and horizontal tail. This combination was identical to that used in the previous investigations. In addition to symmetrical control deflections, the flaps and horizontal tail were deflected asymmetrically and a limited investigation of their use as lateral-control devices was made.

The results are presented herein without analysis in order to expedite publication.

#### NOTATION

Figure 1 shows the sign convention used for presentation of the data. All control-surface deflections are measured in a plane perpendicular to the hinge or pivot line of the control surface.

b wing span, ft

b<sub>f</sub> wing-flap span (movable), ft

b<sub>+</sub> horizontal-tail span, ft

c wing chord, measured parallel to wing center line, ft

c mean aerodynamic chord of wing, measured parallel to wing

center line, 
$$\frac{\int_{0}^{b/2} c^{2} dy}{\int_{0}^{b/2} c dy}$$
, ft

 $C_{\rm D}$  drag coefficient, drag/qS

C1 rolling-moment coefficient, rolling moment/qSb

C<sub>T.</sub> lift coefficient, lift/qS

C<sub>m</sub> pitching-moment coefficient, pitching moment/qsc

C<sub>n</sub> yawing-moment coefficient, yawing moment/qSb

Cy side-force coefficient, side force/qS

D total drag, 1b

it	horizontal-tail incidence relative to the wing-chord plane, deg
lt	distance from moment center to pivot line of the horizontal tail, ft
L	total lift, lb
L/D	lift-drag ratio
р	rate of rolling, radians/sec
pb/2	/ wing-tip helix angle, radians
q	free-stream dynamic pressure, lb/sq ft
S	wing area, sq ft
Sf	trailing-edge-flap area (total movable), sq ft
St	horizontal-tail area, sq ft
V	free-stream velocity, ft/sec
х	longitudinal coordinate parallel to model center line, ft
у	lateral coordinate perpendicular to plane of symmetry, ft
Z	vertical coordinate perpendicular to wing-chord plane, ft
α	angle of attack of the wing-chord plane with reference to free stream, deg
αδ	rate of change of wing-section angle of attack with control- surface angle for constant section lift
β	angle of sideslip of the model plane of symmetry with reference to free stream, deg
δ <sub>f</sub>	average flap deflection with reference to the wing-chord plane, deg
δι	<pre>difference in deflection between a pair of control surfaces used as lateral controls, positive when left-hand control has more positive deflection, deg (Sub-subscripts denote the control used: f, flaps; t, hori- zontal tail.)</pre>

 $\delta_r$  rudder deflection, deg

 $\epsilon_{av}$  average effective downwash, deg

$${}^{C}{}_{lp} \qquad \frac{\partial C_{l}}{\partial (pb/2V)}$$

$${}^{C}{}_{l\beta} \qquad \left(\frac{\partial C_{l}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{\beta=0}$$

 $C_{n_{\beta}} \left(\frac{\partial C_{n}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{\beta=0}$ 

$$C_{Y_{\beta}} \left(\frac{\partial C_{Y}}{\partial \beta}\right)_{\beta=0}$$

#### DESCRIPTION OF MODEL

Pertinent geometric data are presented in table I and figure 2, and a photograph of the model is shown in figure 3.

The wing had an actual aspect ratio of 2.99 and NACA 0005 (modified) sections parallel to the model center line. The modification to the NACA 0005 sections consisted of a straight line fairing from the 67-percent-chord station to the trailing edge. The ordinates of the NACA 0005 (modified) section are presented in table II.

Because of the construction techniques used for the model, the ordinates of the actual wing section on a portion of the wing plan form were less than the ordinates of the NACA 0005 (modified) section by an amount not exceeding 0.1 percent of the local wing chord. The area on the wing plan form for which this deviation existed is shown in figure 4.

The wing was equipped with partial-span constant-chord slotted flaps which extended from 14.8 to 76.9 percent of the wing semispan. Dimensional data concerning the flap and slot profile are presented in figure 5.

The fuselage, vertical-tail, and horizontal-tail configuration was identical to that described in reference 1. The fuselage coordinates are listed in table III. A constant-chord rudder was installed on the vertical tail and had a plain radius nose and a small, unsealed gap.

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The horizontal tail was installed at each of three vertical positions (z/(b/2), of 0, 0.21, and 0.41 from the wing-chord plane). Hereafter, these tail positions will be referred to as low, middle, and high positions, respectively.

#### TESTS

Longitudinal characteristics were obtained with the model at zero sideslip. Tests were made with the horizontal tail off and with the tail installed in the low, middle, and high positions for various tail incidences. Tests were also made with the tail in the low position for a flap deflection of  $40^{\circ}$ . For purposes of aiding in the comparison of the longitudinal characteristics of the model with the horizontal tail at each of the tail positions, moment center locations were chosen such that a value of  $(dC_m/dC_L)_{CL=0} = -0.06$  would be obtained with the flaps and the horizontal tail undeflected. These moment centers were located at 43.6, 44.1, and 48.5 percent of the mean aerodynamic chord for the low, middle, and high positions, respectively.

The characteristics of the model in sideslip were investigated by making tests with varying angle of attack at  $6^{\circ}$  and  $12^{\circ}$  sideslip, and with varying angles of sideslip for  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $6^{\circ}$ ,  $12^{\circ}$ ,  $18^{\circ}$ , and  $24^{\circ}$  angle of attack (nominal values). Sideslip data were obtained with the tail off and with the tail installed in the low position for flap deflections of  $0^{\circ}$  and  $40^{\circ}$ . For all sideslip data, a moment center location of 43.6 percent  $\bar{c}$  was used.

Two means of lateral control were given a limited investigation, namely, asymmetrically deflected trailing-edge flaps and horizontal tail. The investigation was primarily concerned with lateral-control effectiveness at high trim lift coefficients. Tests were made with the complete model and with the horizontal tail off in order to determine the effect of the tail on the lateral-control effectiveness of the flaps.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the rudder and to determine the magnitude of the lateral-directional control interference, between the rudder and the horizontal tail, tests were made with the rudder deflected in combination with either a symmetrical or an asymmetrical deflection of the horizontal tail.

The data were corrected for wind-tunnel-wall effects and supportstrut interference.

The Reynolds number of the tests was 12.8 million. The dynamic pressure was approximately 25 pounds per square foot and the Mach number was 0.13.

#### RESULTS

A summary of the configurations investigated is presented in table IV which also serves as an index to the basic aerodynamic data presented in figures 6 through 20.

A comparison of lift, drag, and pitching-moment characteristics of the wing-fuselage vertical-tail combination with those predicted by the theory of reference 4 for the wing alone is presented in figure 21.

The variation of  $\Delta C_{\rm L}$  due to  $40^{\circ}$  flap deflection with  $\alpha$  is given in figure 22. In addition, the variation of  $\Delta C_{\rm L}$  as predicted by reference 5 is presented. Values of  $\alpha_{\delta}$  used in the computations were obtained from the curve of figure 3, reference 5, for the case of the gap sealed and a flap deflection range of  $0^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$ . Computations of  $\Delta C_{\rm L}$  were based on the span of the flap actually deflected.

The effect of tail height on the longitudinal-stability characteristics of the model is presented in figure 23. The variation of the average effective downwash with angle of attack is presented in figure 24 to show the source of the effect of tail height on the longitudinal stability of the model. The downwash data were derived by using the pitching-moment curves of figures 6, 7, and 8. The values were determined by the relation,  $\epsilon_{\rm av} = \alpha + i_{\rm t}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the angle of attack at which the tail-on and tail-off pitching-moment curves intersected. In order to obtain points of intersection for tail incidences other than those tested, a linear variation of dC<sub>m</sub>/dit was assumed. This assumption is substantiated by the data of figure 9.

The trim lift and drag characteristics for the model with the horizontal tail at the low position are presented in figure 25. These trim data were derived from the data of figure 9. Curves of constant gliding and sinking speed based on a wing loading of 30 pounds per square foot are superimposed on the drag curves of figure 25.

The derivatives  $C_{l\beta}$ ,  $C_{n\beta}$ , and  $C_{Y\beta}$  are presented in figure 26 for the model with the horizontal tail off and on, for flap deflections of  $0^{\circ}$  and  $40^{\circ}$ . The values were obtained from the data of figures 11, 13, and 15 for the condition of zero sideslip.

The increments of  $C_l$ ,  $C_n$ , and  $C_Y$  per degree of total lateralcontrol deflection of the flaps and of the horizontal tail are presented in figures 27 and 28, respectively. The rolling effectiveness of both lateral-control devices as predicted by the theory of reference 6 is also presented in figures 27 and 28. Values of pb/2V for

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each type of lateral control deflected to  $\delta_l = 10^{\circ}$  are given in figure 29. Values of  $C_{l_{D}}$  were obtained from the experimental data

in reference 7 for an aspect ratio 3 triangular-wing-alone model. Values of pb/2V were obtained by dividing the experimental increments of rolling moment for a total aileron deflection of  $10^{\circ}$  by corresponding values of  $C_{l_{\rm D}}$  as obtained from reference 10.

The increments of  $C_l$ ,  $C_n$ , and  $C_Y$  per degree of rudder deflection for the complete model at zero sideslip are presented in figure 30. The increments shown are for differential deflections of  $0^\circ$  and  $20^\circ$  of the horizontal tail.

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TABLE I .- GEOMETRIC DATA

Wing
Area, sq ft313.76Span, ft30.64Mean aerodynamic chord, ft13.65Aspect ratio2.99Taper ratio0Airfoil section parallel to model center lineNACA 0005 (modified)
Fuselage
Length, ft
Vertical tail
Exposed area, sq ft
Slotted, trailing-edge flaps
Chord (percent wing chord at fuselage center line)
Horizontal tail
Low position
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Middle position St/S	
St/S	
High position	.199 .495 .544 4.0 0.50 0.21
$S_t/S$	•199 •495 •501 4.0 0•50

TABLE I.- GEOMETRIC DATA - Concluded

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#### Station Ordinate (Percent chord) (Percent chord) 0 0 1.25 .789 1.089 2.50 1.481 5.00 7.50 1.750 1.951 10.00 2.228 15.00 20.00 2.391 2.476 25.00 2.501 30.00 40.00 2.419 50.00 2.206 60.00 1.902 1.650 67.00 1.500 70.00 80.00 1.000 •500 0 90.00 100.00 L.E. radius: 0.275-percent chord NACA

TABLE	II	COORDINAT	ES	OF	THE	NACA	0005
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#### TABLE III.- BODY COORDINATES

#### [Stations and radii in percent of the total length]

Stat	Radius	
0 .625 1.25 2.50 5.00 7.50 10.00 15.00 20.00 25.00 30.00 35.00 40.00 45.00 50.00	100.00 99.38 98.75 97.50 95.00 92.50 90.00 85.00 80.00 75.00 70.00 65.00 60.00 55.00	0 .42 .70 1.15 1.54 1.86 2.41 2.86 3.22 3.51 3.73 3.88 3.97 4.00
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#### TABLE IV. - SUMMARY OF CONFIGURATIONS INVESTIGATED

Figure	O an fi much i	Control deflection, deg						α	
r rgure	Configuration	δf	82	it	57.	1 Sr	β	deg	Data
			1 I	ļ	ť	1	deg	(nominal)	
6	W+F+V and	0 10		tail	off				
	W+F+V+HL	0,40	0	0, -6	0	0	0	-2 to 25	$L$ $vs \alpha$ , $C$ $D$ , $C$ m
7	W+F+V and	0	0	tail	off				
	W+F+V+HM			0, -6	0	0	0	-2 to 25	C <sub>L</sub> vs a, C <sub>D</sub> , C <sub>m</sub>
- 8	W+F+V and	0	0	tail	. off		0	0 1 07	
	W+F+V+HH			0, -6	0	0 ·	0	-2 to 25	C <sub>L</sub> vs a, C <sub>D</sub> , C <sub>m</sub>
9(a), (b)	W+F+V+HL	0,40	0	2 to -10	0	0	0	-2 to 25	CI. VS a. CD. Cm
		1	1						
10(a), (b)	W+F+V	0,40	0	tail	off	0	0,6,12	-2 to 25	C. C. C.
									$c_l, c_n, c_Y$
11(a),	W+F+V	0 10		+011	- 8-8			0.6.12.18.	$C_{T}$ , $C_{D}$ , $C_{m}$ , $C_{2}$ ,
(b), (c)	N + 1 + V	0,40	0	tair	OII	0	-2 to 12	24	
					1	+			
12(a), (b)	W+F+V+HL	0	0	0	0	0	0 6 12	-2 to 25	C <sub>L</sub> vs α, C <sub>D</sub> , C <sub>m</sub> ,
				Ŭ			0,0,12	-2 00 29	$C_1, C_n, C_Y$
13(a), (b)					1	1		0 6 12 18.	
(c)	W+F+V+HL	0	0	0	0	0	-2 to 12	0,0,12,10,	L, CD, Cm, Cl, Cn,
								24	CY VS B
14(a), (b)	W+F+V+HT.	40	0	-6			0 6 70	0 1 05	C <sub>L</sub> vs a, C <sub>D</sub> , C <sub>m</sub> ,
		40		-0		0	0,0,12	-2 to 25	$C_{1}, C_{n}, C_{Y}$
75(-)						1	1		
17(a),	WTETAAT	10		6				0.6.12.18.	L, CD, Cm, Cl,
(b), (c)		40	0	-0	0	0	-2 to 12	24	Cn, CY VS B
	WIFIV and		00						
16(a), (b)	WIFIV and WIFIVIT	20	20	tail	off	0	0	-2 to 25	CT. VS a, CD, Cm, C7,
	W+L+V+UL	30	20	-6	0				C <sub>n</sub> , C <sub>y</sub>
17(a)	WIEIV and			1					
(h) $(c)$	WIFIN AND	30	20	tail	OTT	0	-2 to 12	0,6,12,18,	$C_{L}, C_{D}, C_{m}, C_{7}, C_{n},$
(0), (0)	M+T+A+UT			-0	0	Ű		24	C <sub>Y</sub> vs β
18(a) (b)	W. E. W. HT	0	0	-6	0				CT VS C. CD. C. C.
10(0), (D)	W+r+V+HL	40	0	-6	20	0	0	-2 to 25	
									on, oy
19(a), (b)	W+F+V+HL	40	0	-6	0	0,10	0	-2 to 25	$C_{T}$ , vs $\alpha_{p}$ , $C_{D}$ , $C_{m}$ , $C_{2}$ ,
				-6	20	0,10		-2 00 2)	$C_n, C_v$
20(a),	WIFIVIHT	10	0	-6	0			0.6.12.18	
(b), (c)	W+F+V+HL	40	0	-6	20	10	-2 to 12	24	CL, CD, Cm, Cl, Cn,
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[W, wing; F, fuselage; V, vertical tail; HL, HM, HH, horizontal tail at low, middle, and high positions, respectively]

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coefficients, angles, and control - surface deflections are shown as positive.



### Figure 2.- Geometric details of the model.



Figure 3.- The model with trailing-edge flaps deflected mounted in the Ames 40- by 80-foot wind tunnel.

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Figure 4.— The area on each wing panel of the model where the wing section deviates slightly from the NACA 0005 (modified) section.



Section of flap nose shown parallel to model center line

Flap all	coordinate spanwise	es for station	
Station	Upper Surface	Lower Surface	1
0	- 0.872	- 0.872	1
0.113	554	- 1.030	Dimensions shown
.226	408	- 1.086	in inches
.452	181	- 1.119	
.679	012	- 1.131	
1.357	.35/	- 1.119	
2.036	.589	- 1.086	
2.714	.747	- 1.041	
3.393	.860	- 1.006	
4.071	.905	- 0.973	
4.750	.916	- 0.938	
5.654	.905	- 0.905	
11.309	.610	- 0.610	
16.963	.328	- 0.328	
23.560	0	0	
Cent	er of L.E.		
0.17	-0.8		
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Figure 5.— Geometric data of the flap and slot profile used on the trailing\_edge, constant-chord, slotted flaps.



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Figure 7.- Longitudinal characteristics of the model with the horizontal tail in the middle position.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0.21; moment center, 0.441 $\tilde{c}$ ;  $\delta_f$ , 0°.

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Figure 8.- Longitudinal characteristics of the model with the horizontal tail in the high position.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0.41; moment center, 0.485  $\bar{c}$ ;  $\delta_f$ , 0.°

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### (a) $\delta_f$ , 0°

Figure 9.— The effect of the horizontal tail in the low position on the longitudinal characteristics of the model for two flap deflections.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0; moment center, 0.436 $\bar{c}$ .



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### (b) $\mathcal{S}_{\rm f}$ , 40° Figure 9.– Concluded.

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(a) GL vs a, CD, Cm



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(b) CL VS CL, Cn, CY

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(a)  $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  vs  $\beta$ 









(c)  $C_Y$ ,  $C_n$  vs  $\beta$ Figure II.- Concluded.

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(a) CL vs a, CD, Cm

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Figure 12.— Characteristics of the complete model at three angles of sideslip.  $\frac{Z}{b/2}$ , O; moment center O.436 $\bar{c}$ ;  $i_t$ , O°;  $\delta_f$ , O°.

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(b)  $C_L$  vs  $C_l$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $C_Y$ Figure 12.— Concluded.

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(a)  $C_L$  ,  $C_D$  vs  $\beta$ 





(b)  $C_m, C_l$  vs  $\beta$ Figure 13.- Continued.

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(c) C<sub>Y</sub> , C<sub>n</sub> vs B Figure 13.– Concluded.

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(a) CL vs a, CD, Cm

Figure 14.- Characteristics of the complete model at three angles of sideslip.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0; moment center, 0.436;  $i_t$ , -6°;  $\delta_f$ , 40°.

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(b) C<sub>L</sub> vs C<sub>l</sub> , C<sub>n</sub> , C<sub>Y</sub>
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(a)  $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  vs  $\beta$ 

Figure 15.— Characteristics of the complete model in sideslip.  $\frac{Z}{b/2}$ , O; moment center 0.436 $\bar{c}$ ;  $i_{i}$ , -6°;  $\delta_{f}$ , 40°.







(c)  $C_Y$ ,  $C_n$  vs  $\beta$ Figure 15.- Concluded.



(a) CL VS a, CD, Cm

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Figure 16.- The effect of the horizontal tail on the characteristics of the model at zero sideslip with flaps used as lateral-control devices.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0; moment center, 0.436 $\bar{c}$ ;  $\delta_{l_f}$ , 20°.

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(b)  $C_L vs C_l$ ,  $C_n$ ,  $C_Y$ 

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(a)  $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  vs  $\beta$ 





(b) Cm, Cl, vs B Figure 17.– Continued.



(c)  $C_Y$ ,  $C_n$  vs  $\beta$ Figure 17.— Concluded.

1.8  $\delta_{f}, deg \ \delta_{l_{f}}, deg$ . 20 0 1.6 0 0 40 40 0 20 Q 1.4 Q 1.2 С coefficient, C RESTRICTED Lift .4 .2 0 П -.2 NACA 8 0 4 12 16 20 .12 .08 .04 0 -.04 -.08 -.12 -.16 -.20 -.24 .16 Angle of attack, a, deg Pitching - moment coefficient, Cm 0 ./ .2 .3 .4 .5 .6 .7 Drag coefficient, CD

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(a) CL vs a, CD, Cm



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(b) CL VS CL, Cn, CY





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(a) CL vs a, CD, Cm

Figure 19.— The effect of rudder deflection on the effectiveness of the horizontal tail used as a lateral - control device.  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0; moment center 0.436 $\bar{c}$ ;  $\delta_f$ , 40°;  $i_f$ , -6°.

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(b)  $C_L$  vs  $C_l$  ,  $C_n$  ,  $C_Y$ 

Figure 19.- Concluded.

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(a)  $C_L$ ,  $C_D$  vs  $\beta$ 

Figure 20.— The effect of the horizontal tail used as a lateral-control device on the characteristics of the model in sideslip with the rudder deflected 10°.  $\frac{Z}{b/2}$ , O; moment center 0.436 $\bar{c}$ ;  $\delta_f$ , 40°;  $i_t$ , -6°.

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Figure 22.— The lift increment of the model,  $\Delta C_L$ , obtained by deflecting the flaps to 40°, without the horizontal tail.

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Figur. ?3.— The effect of tail position on the pitching-moment curves with flaps undeflected and for O<sup>o</sup> tail incidence.

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Figure 25.— The effect of flap deflection on the longitudinal trim characteristics of the model with the horizontal tail in the low position. Gliding and sinking speed curves were computed using a wing loading of 30 pounds per square foot.

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Figure 27.— The increment in rolling moment, yawing moment, and side force per degree of total lateral-control deflection of the flaps.  $\delta_{l_f}$ , 20°;  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0.



Figure 28.— The increment in rolling moment, yawing moment, and side force per degree of total lateral-control deflection of the horizontal tail.  $\delta_{l_t}$ , 20°;  $i_t$ , -6°;  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , 0.

Lift coefficient, CL

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Figure 29.— A comparison of the variation of pb/2Vwith lift coefficient for the model with flaps or horizontal tail used as a lateral-control device.  $\delta_l$ ,  $lO^\circ$ ;  $i_t$ ,  $-6^\circ$ ;  $\delta_f$ ,  $O^\circ$ ;  $\frac{z}{b/2}$ , O.

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