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#### NOMENCLATURE

The axes systems and sign conventions are presented in figure 1. Lift and drag are presented about the wind axes; side force, pitching moments, rolling moments and yawing moments are presented about the body axes.

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b	wing span
C <sub>D</sub>	drag coefficient, $\frac{drag}{qS}$
C <sub>l</sub>	rolling-moment coefficient about the body axes, $\frac{\text{rolling moment}}{aSb}$
C <sub>L</sub>	lift coefficient, $\frac{\text{lift}}{qS}$
C <sub>m</sub>	pitching-moment coefficient (see fig. 2(a) for moment-center location), $\frac{\text{pitching moment}}{qSc}$
C <sub>n</sub>	yawing-moment coefficient about the body axes, $\frac{yawing moment}{qSb}$
CY	side-force coefficient about the body axes, $\frac{\text{side force}}{qS}$
С	wing chord
c <sub>aft</sub>	portion of wing chord aft of the 0.25c line
c <sub>fwd</sub>	portion of wing chord forward of the 0.25c line
c <sub>root</sub>	wing root chord
Ē.	wing mean aerodynamic chord
Η	vertical distance from wing reference plane to base line (see fig. (2b))
М	Mach number
9	free-stream dynamic pressure
RN/L	unit Reynolds number per meter times $10^{-6}$
r	body radius
S	wing area
(t/c) <sub>max</sub>	maximum thickness-to-chord ratio
V V	free-stream velocity
x	chordwise distance along airfoil

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 $x_1$ axial distance along body from the 57.45 cm longitudinal stationYdistance along wing span (see fig. 2(b))zvertical distance above the wing-chord plane $\alpha$ angle of attack, deg $\delta_n$ nose flap deflection (positive with nose down), deg $\Lambda$ sweep angle measured between a perpendicular to the body axis and the 0.25c line of the wing in a horizontal plane (the right wing tip is forward for positive  $\Lambda$ 's), deg

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# AND MOMENT CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OBLIQUE WING

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#### SUMMARY

Six-component experimental force and moment data are presented for a low aspect-ratio, oblique wing equipped with drooped-nose flaps and mounted on top of a body of revolution. These flaps were investigated on the downstream wing panel with the nose drooped  $5^{\circ}$ ,  $10^{\circ}$ ,  $20^{\circ}$ , and  $30^{\circ}$ , and on both wing panels with the nose drooped  $30^{\circ}$ . The purpose of the study was to determine if such flaps would make the moment curves more linear by controlling the flow separation on the downstream wing panel at high lift coefficients. The wing was elliptical in planform and had an aspect ratio of 6.0 (based on the unswept wing span). The wing was tested at sweep angles of  $45^{\circ}$  and  $50^{\circ}$  throughout the Mach number range from 0.25 to 0.95. The drooped-nose flaps alone were not effective in making the moment curves more linear; however, a previous study showed that Krüger nose flaps improved the linearity of the moment curves when the Krüger flaps were used on only the downstream wing panel equipped with drooped-nose flaps deflected  $5^{\circ}$ .

#### INTRODUCTION

It was shown experimentally in references 1 and 2 that the low aspect-ratio, oblique wing (suitable for a highly maneuverable vehicle) is more efficient and has considerably higher maximum lift-to-drag ratios at transonic Mach numbers than a conventional swept wing of the same aspect ratio. At high lift coefficients, however, there is flow separation on the downstream wing panel of oblique wings; this separation results in very nonlinear pitching-, rolling-, and yawing-moment curves. In references 1 and 2, an attempt was made to alleviate the asymmetrical spanwise wing stall associated with oblique wings by bending the wing panels upward to produce washout on the downstream wing panel and washin on the upstream wing panel. It was found that although wing bending might produce more linear moment curves, an impractical wing pivot location would be required to eliminate the rolling moments at low lift coefficients. For this reason, two types of nose flaps (Krüger and drooped-nose flaps) were investigated as a possible means of delaying the flow separation (ref. 3), it was found that Krüger nose flaps mounted only on the downstream wing panel with a nose flap deflected  $5^{\circ}$  was the most effective arrangement for delaying the flow separation and making the moment curves more linear.

The present investigation was undertaken to study the effectiveness of drooped-nose flaps alone, mounted on the same low aspect-ratio oblique wing of reference 3, for controlling the flow

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separation on the downstream wing panel and making the moment curves more linear at high lift coefficients. The effects of the drooped-nose flaps were studied with the flaps (1) mounted on the downstream panel only (nose drooped successively from 5° to 30°) and (2) with the flaps mounted on both panels (nose drooped 30° only). The wing was investigated at sweep angles of 45° and 50°. The use of nose flaps on both wing panels might eliminate the rolling and yawing moments at low lift without loss in effectiveness of the nose flaps at high lift. A limited comparison between the effectiveness of the Krüger flaps (investigated in ref. 3) and the drooped-nose flaps of the present investigation in making the moment curves more linear is also presented.



<sup>a</sup>WHEN SYMBOL IS DELETED, DROOPED-NOSE FLAP IS UNDEFLECTED

<sup>b</sup>WHEN SYMBOL IS DELETED, KRUGER NOSE FLAP IS REMOVED

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**TEST FACILITY** 

The Ames 6- by 6-Foot Wind Tunnel is a variable pressure, continuous flow, closed return-type facility. The nozzle ahead of the test section consists of an asymmetric sliding block which permits a continuous variation of Mach number from 0.25 to 2.3. The test section has a perforated floor and ceiling for boundary-layer removal to permit transonic testing.

#### MODEL DESCRIPTION

The model consisted of an oblique wing mounted on top of a Sears-Haack body of revolution designed to have minimum wave drag for a given length and volume. By installing different fairing blocks under the wing, as shown in figure 2(a), the wing could be swept 45° and 50°. Details of the body and of the fairing blocks are given in table 3 of reference 4. Also, note in figure 2(a) that the wing pivot point and the moment center are located at 0.40  $c_{root}$  ( $\Lambda = 0$ ). The wing planform consisted of two semiellipses having the same major axis but different minor axes in the ratio of 3:1

so that the major axis is the quarter chord line. Effective geometric twist was accomplished by bending the wing panels upward so that the chord lines perpendicular to the quarter chord line remained in horizontal planes. This type of bending results in wing twist when the oblique wing is swept; that is, washout on the downstream panel and washin on the upstream panel. Equations for the bend lines of the wing with the intermediate bend of the present investigation, and the wing planform are shown in figure 2(b). Additional geometric details of the wing and body are presented in table 1.

A subcritical Garabedian profile with a design lift coefficient of 1.3 at M = 0.6,  $(t/c)_{max} = 0.1016$ , was used perpendicular to the quarter chord line. This profile, shown in figure 2(c), varied in maximum thickness from 0.11c at the wing root to 0.06c at the wing tip according to the elliptical equation given in figure 2(b). Coordinates for the Garabedian profile are given in table 2.

The drooped-nose flaps with which the model was equipped had a span that was 67 percent that of the wing and were segmented as shown in figure 2(d). The drooped-nose flaps were tested when mounted on both wing panels and deflected  $30^{\circ}$ , and when mounted on the downstream panel only and deflected  $5^{\circ}$ ,  $10^{\circ}$ ,  $20^{\circ}$ , and  $30^{\circ}$ . The drooped-nose flaps were pivoted about an axis located on the lower surface of the wing at about 15 percent of the wing chord behind the wing leading edge. All gaps between the nose segments were sealed and a radius fairing of wax was used on the upper wing surface between the main wing and the nose flap when the flap was deflected. A sketch of the Krüger nose flaps mounted on the nose flaps with a deflection of  $5^{\circ}$ , as investigated in reference 3, is also shown in figure 2(d).

#### DATA REDUCTION AND TEST PROCEDURE

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The model was sting-supported through the base of the model on a six-component electrical strain-gage balance as shown in figure 3. Measured drag forces were corrected to a condition corresponding to that of having the free-stream static pressure on the base of the fuselage. Moment data are presented about a moment center located on the body axis at  $0.4c_{root}$  of the unswept oblique wing (see fig. 2(a)). Reference lengths and the wing area used in the reduction of the data are given in table 1.

Boundary-layer transition strips (0.1905 cm wide) consisting of a random distribution of glass spheres (0.01905 cm diameter) were placed 0.762 cm downstream of the wing leading edge on both the upper and lower surfaces of the wing, and 2.54 cm downstream of the body tip. Sublimation studies made on the plain wing (with no leading-edge flaps) at wing sweep angles of 0 and 45° indicate that the boundary layer was tripped by the 0.01905 cm diameter spheres near the roughness strips at  $\alpha = 0$  and 10° at Mach numbers of 0.6 and 0.9.

The unit Reynolds number was held constant at  $8.2 \times 10^6$ /m throughout the test except at the Mach number of 0.25; for M = 0.25, the unit Reynolds number was reduced to  $5.7 \times 10^6$ /m, because of the dynamic overload restrictions of the balance. The model was mounted on a sting that was bent 10° to increase the maximum angle of attack; the resulting angle-of-attack range was from  $-1^\circ$  to  $31^\circ$ . Data were obtained at Mach numbers of 0.25, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95. Angle of attack was

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indicated by an electrical dangleometer mounted in the model support located downstream of the sting. Corrections were applied to the indicated angle of attack for balance and sting deflections.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Experimental results for the oblique wing equipped with drooped-nose flaps on only the downstream wing panel are shown in figures 4-9 for a sweep angle of  $45^{\circ}$ , and in figures 10-15 for a sweep angle of  $50^{\circ}$ . Results for the case when the drooped-nose flaps were used on both wing panels are shown in figures 16-21 for a wing sweep angle of  $45^{\circ}$ , and in figures 22-27 for a sweep angle of  $50^{\circ}$ . A limited comparison of the drooped-nose flap results and the Krüger nose flap results of reference 3 is presented in figure 28.

#### Drooped-Nose Flaps on the Downstream Wing Panel

With the oblique wing swept either  $45^{\circ}$  or  $50^{\circ}$ , drooping the nose flap on the downstream wing panel successively from 5° to 30° had little effect on controlling the flow separation on the downstream panel. This result is shown by the highly nonlinear pitching-, rolling-, or yawing-moment curves in figures 9(b), 9(e), 15(b), and 15(e). It can also be observed that deflecting the nose flaps had a progressively detrimental effect on the lift/drag ratio as the deflection angle was increased (see figs. 9(d) and 15(d)).

#### Drooped-Nose Flaps on Both Wing Panels

With the oblique wing swept either  $45^{\circ}$  or  $50^{\circ}$ , deflecting the nose flap  $30^{\circ}$  on both wing panels did not improve the linearity of the moment curves at either high or low lift coefficients (see figs. 21(b), 21(e), 27(b) and 27(e)). Again, the lift/drag ratios for the oblique wing with drooped-nose flaps were generally lower than for the plain wing (see figs. 21(d) and 27(d)).

## A Comparison of the Drooped-Nose Flap Results and Previous Krüger Nose Flap Results

The effects of mounting Krüger nose flaps on the drooped-nose flaps, which were deflected 5° and mounted on the downstream wing panel only, are shown in figures 28(b) and 28(e) for a Mach number of 0.95 and a sweep angle of  $45^{\circ}$ . Results for the Krüger nose flaps at other Mach numbers and sweep angles are presented in reference 3. At low lift coefficients, the Krüger nose flaps produced increments of yawing moment (fig. 28(e)) and lower lift/drag ratios (fig. 28(d)).

As pointed out in reference 3, with no upward bending of the wing panels the rolling moment coefficients of -0.01 to -0.02 could be eliminated at low lift coefficients. Bending the wing panels upward to the so-called intermediate bend did not improve the linearity of the moment curves.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

It was shown that drooped-nose flaps alone on a low-aspect ratio, oblique wing were not effective in making the pitching-, rolling-, and yawing-moment curves more linear at high lift coefficients. As previously reported, however, Krüger flaps were effective in producing more linear moment curves for the oblique wing when they were mounted on to downstream wing panel with the nose flap deflected 5°.

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# TABLE 1.- MODEL GEOMETRY

Body					
Radius	Radius $r = 3$		$3.856[1 - (1 - 2x_1/114.91)^2]^{3/4}$ cm		
Length				· ·	
Closed	•			114.91 cm	
Cutoff				91.44 cm	
Maximum diameter	•		•	<sup>+</sup> 7.71 cm	
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Wing	•	· 5		i i	
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Planform ellipticity about	t 0.25 <i>c</i> line			4.7:1	
Span	· ·	· •		90.51 cm	
Span (reference)	:		£ .	71.12 cm	
Area (reference)	• *			1365.09 cm <sup>2</sup>	
Mean aerodynamic chord	(reference), $\overline{c}$	3	. `	20.88 cm	
Root chord	. ·			19.20 cm	
Aspect ratio ( $\Lambda = 0$ )				6.0	
Aspect ratio ( $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ )		•		3.2	
Incidence relative to body	centerline			0	
Profile perpendicular to 0	.25 c line		Garabedi	an, subcritical	
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TABLE 2.- COORDINATES FOR GARABEDIAN PROFILE  $[(t/c)_{max} = 0.1016, \text{ design lift coefficient} = 1.3 \text{ at } M = 0.6]$ 

	x/c-	. z/c	x/c	z/c
	0	0	0	0
	00045	.00079	.00048	00058
•	00073	.00146	.00104	00120
	00086	.00191	.00165	00176
	00097	.00244	.00257	00249
1	00103	.00290	.00343	00308
	00106	.00345	.00467	00382
	00104	.00403	.00592	00445
	00098	.00463	.00674	00481
	00077	.00572	.00774	00519
	<sup>`</sup> 00052	.00653	.00943	00570
	00021	.00732	.01149	00620
	.00026	.00830	.01539	00694
	.00073	.00909	.02583	00837
	.00163	.01033	.03967	00970
	.00276	.01161	.06022	01116
	00464	.01340	.09339	01288
	.00709	.01538	.13965	01462
	.01197	.01878	19880	01601
	.02179	.02443	.25034	01684
	.03187	.02928	.31761	01738
	.04250	.03373	.38597	01735
	.06373	.04113	.45495	01657
	.09353	.04969	.50010	01568
	.13389	.05882	.54359	01456
	.17545	.06597	.57465	01363
	.22415	.07249	.61351	01232
	.28227	.07822	.65330	- 01090
İ	.34741	.08236	.68122	00988
	.41444	.08434	.71655	00865
	.48168	.08406	.74682	00771
	.55738	.08094	.77611	00702
	.62052	.07591	.82243	<i>–.</i> 00642
	.68276	.06852	.87054	00698
	.72012	.06288	.89717	00810
	.75413	.05684	.91595	00941
	.82318	.04227	.94348	01235
	.85663	.03370	.96854	01674
	.89115	.02388	.98615	02126
	.92448	.01327	.99596	02434
	.95410	.00145	1.00000	02600
	.97175	00538		
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Figure 4.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.25.



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Figure 5.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.4.





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Figure 6. – Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.6.



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Figure 7.- Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.8.



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Figure 11.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 50^{\circ}$ , M = 0.4.

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Figure 14.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 50^{\circ}$ , M = 0.9.





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Figure 17.— Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both where  $V_{12}$  is the oblique wing: flaps on both with M = 0.4.



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Figure 18.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal stability characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both wing panels,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.6.

(a)  $C_L$  vs  $\alpha$ 



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(b)  $C_L$  vs  $C_m$ 

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Figure 19.- Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both



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Figure 19.- Continued.

(c)  $C_L$  vs  $C_D$ 



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(c)  $C_L$  vs  $C_D$ 



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Figure 21.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both wing panels,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.95.



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Figure 22.- Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both wing panels,  $\Lambda = 50^{\circ}$ , M = 0.25.

(a)  $C_L$  vs  $\alpha$ 



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Figure 24.– Effect of drooped-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing: flaps on both wing panels,  $\Lambda = 50^{\circ}$ , M = 0.6.

(a)  $C_L$  vs  $\alpha$ 



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Figure 24.– Continued.

(b)  $C_L$  vs  $C_m$ 





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(c)  $C_L$  vs  $C_D$ 



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(b)  $C_L$  vs  $C_m$ 

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Figure 28.– Effect of Krüger-nose flaps on the static longitudinal characteristics of the oblique wing equipped with drooped-nose flaps: flaps on downstream wing panel only,  $\Lambda = 45^{\circ}$ , M = 0.95.

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