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16. Abstract

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SUMMARY

An investigation has been conducted in the Langley high-speed 7- by 10-foot tunnel to assess the static aerodynamic characteristics of a 5-percent-scale twin-jet swept-wing fighter configuration with leading-edge Krueger flaps at Mach numbers of 0.60 and 0.90 with particular regard to improved maneuvering. The longitudinal aerodynamic characteristics were determined for various deflections of leading-edge Krueger flaps and several combinations of Krueger flaps, outboard slats, and inboard plain flaps.

The results of the investigation indicated that the addition of Krueger flaps caused significant improvements in maximum lift coefficient and in drag coefficient at high lift coefficients. Generally, the Krueger flap configurations reduced the static longitudinal stability. Several combinations of leading-edge slats with Krueger flaps brought about similar improvements in maximum lift coefficient and in the drag coefficient at high lift but with a lesser reduction in longitudinal stability.

INTRODUCTION

Recent aerodynamic research has been conducted on a twin-jet swept-wing fighter configuration to investigate wing leading-edge devices for improving transonic maneuverability. Previous McDonnell Douglas and NASA investigations have shown that the installation of wing leading-edge slats significantly improves the transonic trimmed lift and drag characteristics of the airplane. The slats also improve the wind-tunnel-determined transonic buffet characteristics as discussed in reference 1. These improvements were substantiated in a flight-test investigation discussed in references 2 and 3.

Based on low-speed experience, Krueger flaps are generally more adaptable to thin wings than are leading-edge slats. Accordingly, an investigation was made in the Langley high-speed 7- by 10-foot tunnel to investigate the effectiveness of the Krueger flap as a

maneuvering device. The aerodynamic characteristics of several Krueger flap and flap-slat configurations were determined. Tests were made through a range of angle of attack from -2° to 24° and through a range of angle of sideslip from 4° to -15° at angles of attack of approximately 0°, 4°, 12°, and 18°. The various configurations were tested at Mach numbers of 0.60 and 0.90.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

All the data contained herein are referred to the stability-axis system, with the exception of the $C_{n_{\beta,dyn}}$ derivatives and the axial-force coefficient C_A which are referred to the body-axis system. Reference dimensions used in the reduction of these data are indicated in this section. The moment reference point was at 33-percent wing mean aerodynamic chord. (See fig. 1.)

Measurements and calculations were made in the U.S. Customary Units. They are presented herein in the International System of Units (SI) with the equivalent values given parenthetically in the U.S. Customary Units.

b	wing reference span, 58.522 centimeters (23.04 inches)
c	local chord of airfoil section
$\bar{c}$	mean aerodynamic chord of wing, 24.445 centimeters (9.624 inches)
c.g.	assumed center of gravity
C_A	axial-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Axial force}}{qS}$
C_D	drag coefficient, $\frac{\text{Drag}}{qS}$
C_L	lift coefficient, $\frac{\text{Lift}}{qS}$
C_{L_α}	lift-curve slope per degree, $\frac{\partial C_L}{\partial \alpha}$
C_l	rolling-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Rolling moment}}{qSb}$
C_{l_β}	rolling moment due to sideslip per degree, $\frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \beta}$
C_m	pitching-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Pitching moment}}{qS\bar{c}}$

$C_{m_{C_L}}$ static margin, $\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial C_L}$

C_n yawing-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Yawing moment}}{qSb}$

C_{n_β} yawing moment due to sideslip per degree, $\frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \beta}$

$C_{n_{\beta,dyn}}$ dynamic directional-stability parameter per degree, $\left(\frac{\partial C_n}{\partial \beta} - \frac{I_Z}{I_X}\frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \beta}\tan \alpha\right)\cos \alpha$

C_Y side-force coefficient, $\frac{\text{Side force}}{qS}$

F.S. fuselage station, centimeters (inches)

i_t horizontal-tail incidence, degrees (positive with leading edge up)

I_X rolling moment of inertia, 34 984.8 kg-m^2 (25 800 slug-ft^2)

I_Z yawing moment of inertia, 204 213.6 kg-m^2 (150 600 slug-ft^2)

L/D lift-to-drag ratio

$(L/D)_{MAX}$ maximum lift-to-drag ratio

L.E. leading edge

M Mach number

q dynamic pressure, newtons/meter^2 (pounds/foot^2)

R Reynolds number

S wing reference area including body intercept, 1231.0 centimeters^2 (190.8 inches^2)

W.S. wing station, centimeters (inches)

α wing angle of attack, degrees

β angle of sideslip, degrees

δ flap or slat deflection

Model designations:

Basic	basic model
F_{K_2}	inboard leading-edge Krueger flap
F_{K_3}	midboard leading-edge Krueger flap
F_{K_4}	outboard leading-edge Krueger flap
F_N	inboard leading-edge plain flap
S_{17}	outboard leading-edge slat

MODEL

Drawings of the complete model and of the various model components are shown in figures 1 and 2, respectively, and photographs of the model are presented in figure 3. The model which was studied represented a twin-jet swept-wing fighter airplane having a discontinuous wing leading edge. It employed an all-movable horizontal tail (stabilator) which incorporated 23.25° negative dihedral. Most of the tests were made with a stabilator incidence angle of 0°; however, a limited study was made with a negative deflection of 8° to indicate longitudinal trim effects. The wing had 0° dihedral inboard of the discontinuity and 12° dihedral outboard of the discontinuity.

All of the leading-edge devices were attached by means of fixed brackets. The Krueger flaps varied in deflection from 20° to 70°. The fixed inboard leading-edge flaps were formed so that there was no gap between the flap and the fuselage. For the outboard leading-edge slats there was a converging gap between the slat and wing. (See fig. 2(c).)

TESTS AND CORRECTIONS

The investigation was conducted in the Langley high-speed 7- by 10-foot tunnel which is a continuous-flow facility. The unit Reynolds number (based on the average temperature) and dynamic pressure at each of the test Mach numbers are shown in the following table:

M	R per meter	R per foot	q, kN/m^2	q, lb/ft^2
0.60	10.92×10^6	3.33×10^6	20	422
.90	12.79	3.90	34	715

Boundary-layer transition was effected by applying strips of No. 100 carborundum grit 1.3 mm (0.05 inch) wide at the following positions:

(1) 19 mm (0.75 inch) behind the fuselage nose
(2) 6.3 mm (0.25 inch) behind the inlet duct lip
(3) 5-percent chord (both surfaces) of horizontal and vertical tails
(4) 40-percent chord (both surfaces) of wing without Krueger flaps or slats

No transition strip was used on the wing when the Krueger flaps or slats were employed since two comparison tests showed the effect of the strips to be negligible.

Aerodynamic forces and moments were measured by means of a sting-supported six-component strain-gage balance housed within the model fuselage. The angles of attack shown herein have been corrected for the combined bending of the sting and balance system due to aerodynamic loading. Balance cavity pressures were monitored throughout the investigation by means of differential pressure gages, and axial-force and drag-coefficient data have been adjusted to correspond to a condition of free-stream static pressure at the base of the model. No corrections were made to the base drag or internal drag through the simulated engine nacelles. Jet-boundary and blockage corrections were applied to the results as prescribed in references 4 and 5.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

The results of the investigation are presented in the following figures:

DISCUSSION

Longitudinal Stability Characteristics

In the present study emphasis was placed on Krueger flaps since they appeared to offer a relatively simple maneuvering device which might be incorporated within the confines of thin wings. The following discussion, therefore, is limited primarily to the characteristics determined with one of the more promising Krueger flap arrangements.

The effects of midboard and outboard Krueger devices on the static longitudinal characteristics of the basic configuration are shown in figure 6. Figure 6(a) shows that, at a Mach number of 0.60 with the Kruegers deflected to 30^o, the maximum lift coefficient was increased from 0.94 to 1.02 and the addition of Krueger flaps reduced the axial-force coefficients C_A significantly at the higher angles of attack. This high-angle-of-attack axial-force reduction probably resulted from the fact that the Krueger flaps added sufficient camber to alleviate leading-edge separation, and, as a result, a portion of the leading-edge thrust was recovered. These large increases in leading-edge thrust are also evident in the drag and lift-to-drag results of figure 6(b). For instance, with the Krueger flaps deflected 30^o, the drag level at a lift coefficient of 0.90 was reduced from 0.259 to 0.185, whereas the lift-to-drag ratio was increased from about 3.6 to 4.8. This type of behavior, as discussed in reference 6, usually suggests that the onset of buffet would be delayed to higher values of C_L.

The results in figure 6(c) show that adding the Krueger flaps increased the nose-down pitching moment near zero lift, and, although adding the Krueger flaps eliminated the "pitchup" that occurred at high lift, it reduced the level of static margin $\left(\partial C_m/\partial C_L\right)$ from 0.04 to 0.02. Adding either an inboard Krueger flap or plain flap (see figs. 8(c) and and 10(c)) in combination with midboard and outboard Krueger flaps increased the Mach 0.60 high-lift stability level, but it caused an undesirable pitchup condition just below the angle of attack for stall. This pitchup was alleviated somewhat by using an outboard slat arrangement in combination with midboard Krueger flaps (fig. 12(c)) and was greatly improved by using a combination of outboard slat, midboard Krueger, and inboard plain flap (fig. 14(c)).

At $M = 0.90$, the results presented in figure 7(a) indicate that, as in the $M = 0.60$ case, adding the midboard and outboard Krueger combination produced a favorable lift increment and large reductions in the axial-force coefficients at the higher angles of attack. The high lift, drag, and lift-to-drag ratios are noticeably improved by the addition of the Kruegers. (See fig. 7(b).) Again, there was a reduction in the longitudinal-stability level at high angles of attack. (See fig. 7(c).) A comparison of the pitching-moment results of figure 13(c) with those of figure 14(c) shows that, as in the $M = 0.60$ case, deflecting the inboard plain flap (droop) in combination with the outboard slat and midboard Krueger arrangement reduced the "noseup" tendency at the higher lifts.

The results obtained at Mach numbers of 0.60 and 0.90 during the brief horizontal-control-effectiveness survey are shown in figures 16 and 17. These results indicate that the horizontal tail remained effective throughout the angle-of-attack range of the study for the basic configuration with outboard and midboard Krueger flaps. Detailed control studies were not made for the other leading-edge flap and slat configurations; however, some preliminary results obtained on the model of the present investigation indicated that within the present range of variables the type of leading-edge device would have very little effect on the horizontal-control effectiveness.

A summarized comparison of several longitudinal parameters which indicate the effects of a typical Krueger flap addition is presented in figure 18. The comparisons were made at higher angles of attack to indicate the flap effect in a maneuver situation. These summary results again show the beneficial effects on the drag and lift characteristics at the higher angles of attack. These improvements would enhance the maximum instantaneous and sustained load-factor capabilities of the aircraft. It is recognized that these results do not represent "trimmed" characteristics; however, a review of the $C_{m_{C_L}}$ plot in figure 18 and of the pitch characteristics included in figures 6(c) and 7(c) indicates that, due to the reduction in stability level produced by the flap addition, there would be no adverse flap trim increments at these higher lift coefficients.

Lateral-Directional Characteristics

The variations of static lateral-directional force and moment coefficients with angle of sideslip are shown for the basic configuration and for a representative Krueger configuration in figures 19 and 20, respectively. The variations were generally linear over the low-to-moderate sideslip range. However, the results in figure 19(b) show a marked nonlinearity in the rolling-moment variation at an angle of attack of 12°. This behavior is not fully understood, but previous wind-tunnel studies on this configuration have indicated similar trends and it is believed that this effect could be associated with flow breakdown at the Reynolds number of the present study about the sharp, discontinuous leading edge of the wing. It will be noted from figure 20(b) that adding the outboard and midboard Krueger flaps reduced the nonlinearity at $\alpha = 12^{\circ}$.

A summary of the lateral-directional stability derivatives of the basic and selected Krueger configurations is presented in figure 21. At a Mach number of 0.60 (fig. 21(a)), the addition of the Krueger flaps increased the positive effective dihedral $-C_{l_\beta}$ and directional-stability parameter C_{n_β} at the high angles of attack at both 0° and 5° sideslip. These combined improvements are reflected in a significant increase in the C_{n_β} dynamic derivative at angles of attack above 14°. At a Mach number of 0.90 the differences in the sideslip characteristics between the basic and Krueger flap configurations were not as pronounced as in the Mach 0.60 case.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An investigation has been conducted in the Langley high-speed 7- by 10-foot tunnel to determine the static aerodynamic characteristics of a 5-percent-scale twin-jet swept-wing fighter configuration with the addition of various combinations of leading-edge Krueger flaps, inboard plain flaps, and outboard slats. The incorporation of Krueger flaps increases the maximum usable lift coefficients and reduces the drag at high lift coefficients. These improvements would enhance the maximum instantaneous and sustained load-factor capabilities of the airplane. The results also indicate that, assuming a constant center-of-gravity location, the addition of Krueger flaps increases the nose-down pitching moment near zero lift and decreases the level of static longitudinal stability. In addition, the results suggest that the high-angle-of-attack lateral-directional handling qualities would be improved with the use of leading-edge Krueger flaps.

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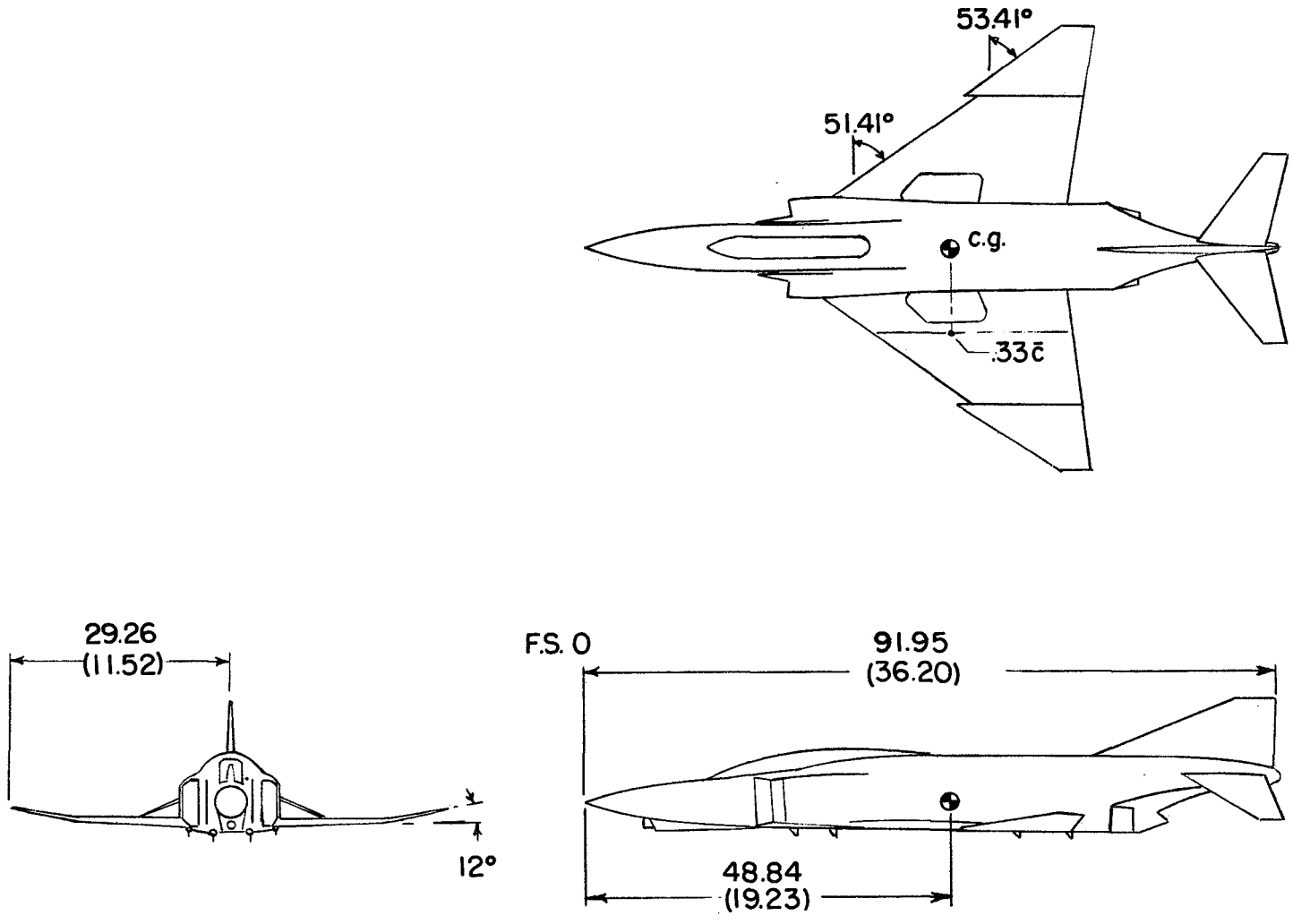
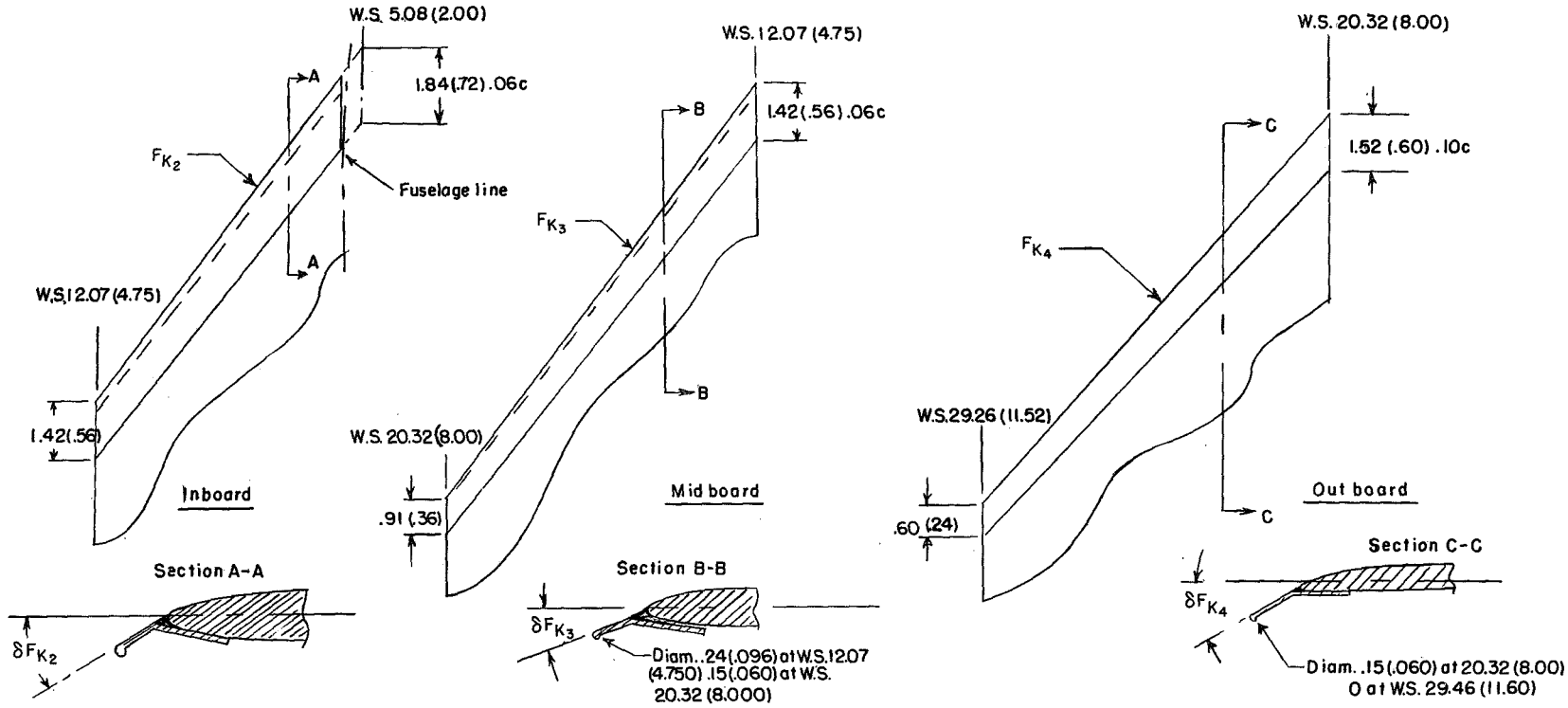
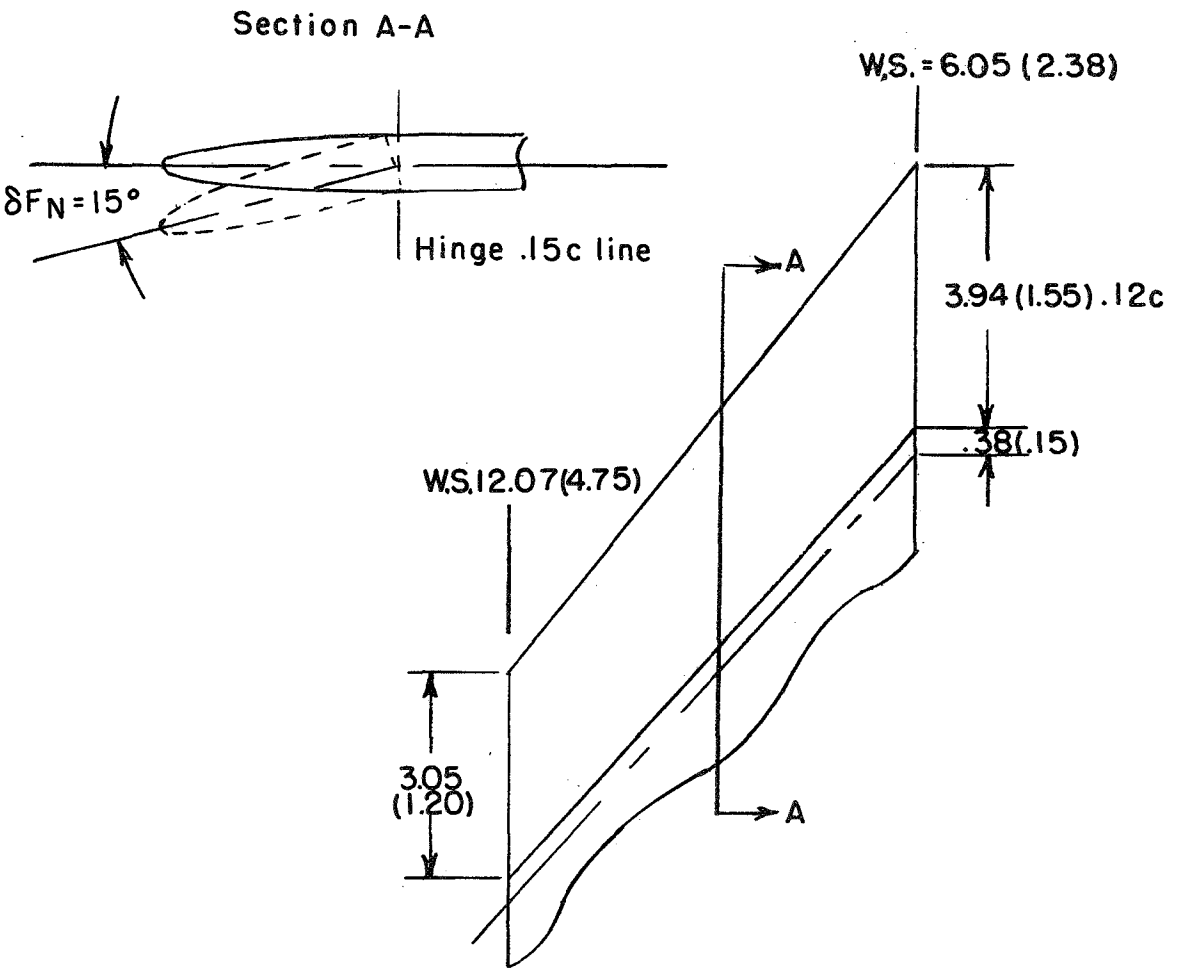


Figure 1.- Three-view sketch of basic model. All linear dimensions are given in centimeters (inches).



(a) Krueger flaps.

Figure 2.- Details of wing leading-edge devices. All linear dimensions are given in centimeters (inches).



(b) Inboard leading-edge flap.

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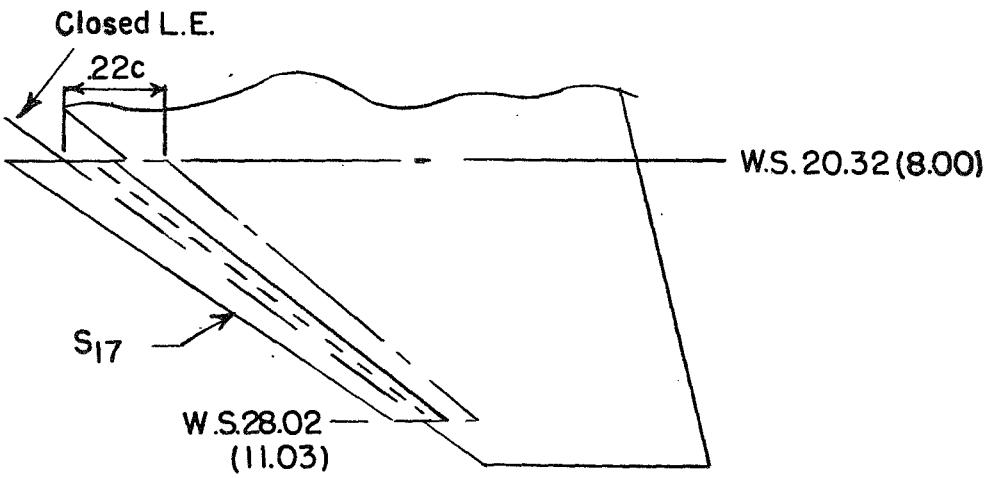
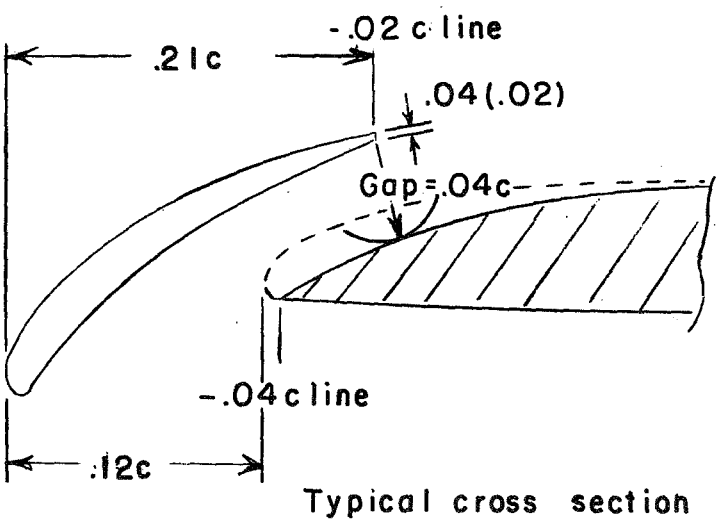


Planform view of outer panel



Typical cross section

(c) Outboard leading-edge slat.

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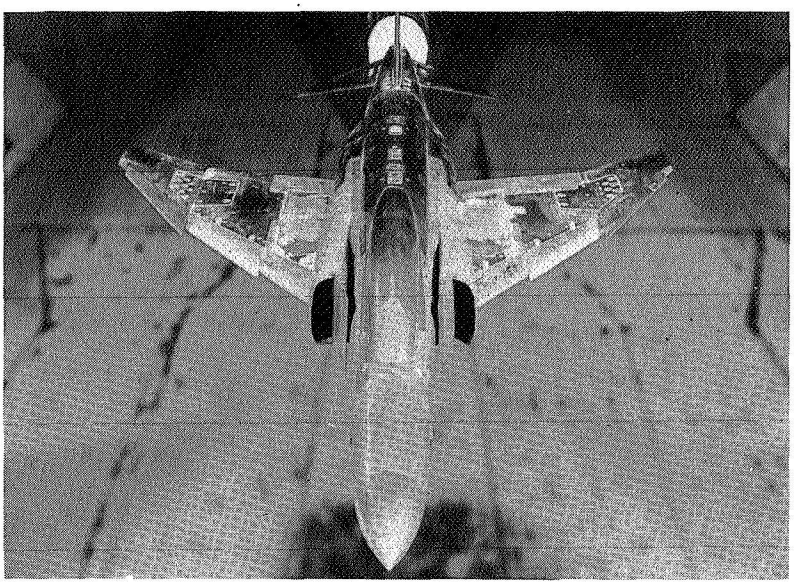

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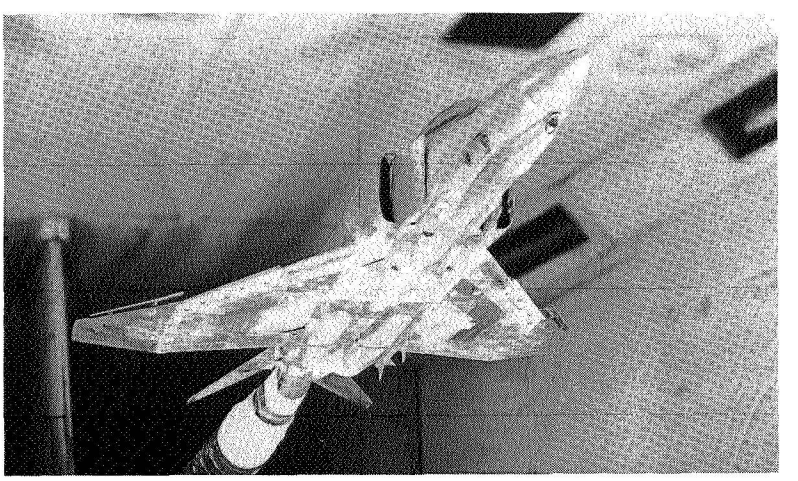
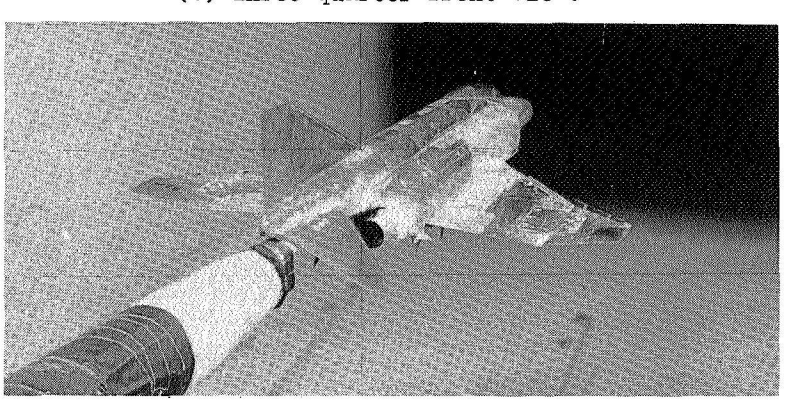


(b) Three-quarter front view.



(c) Three-quarter rear view.

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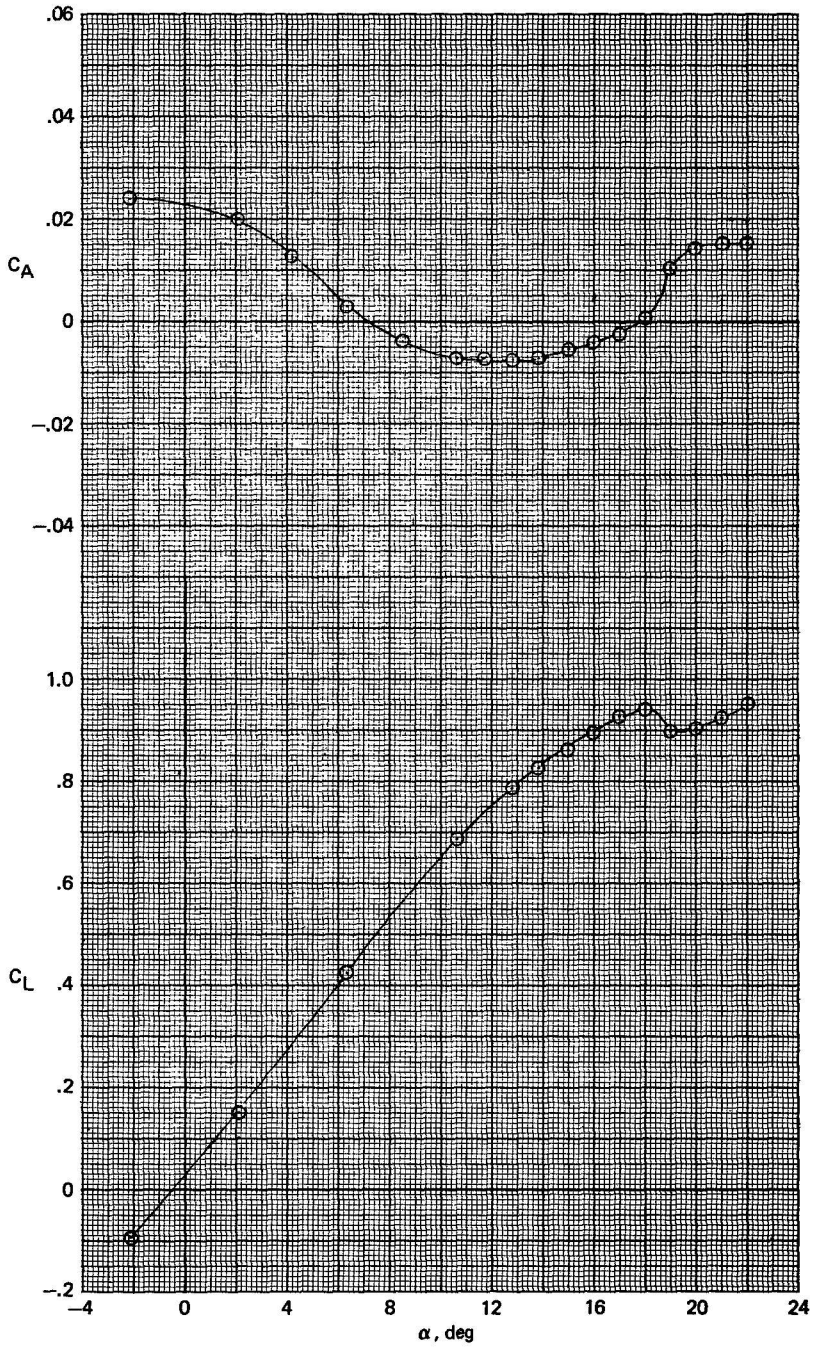
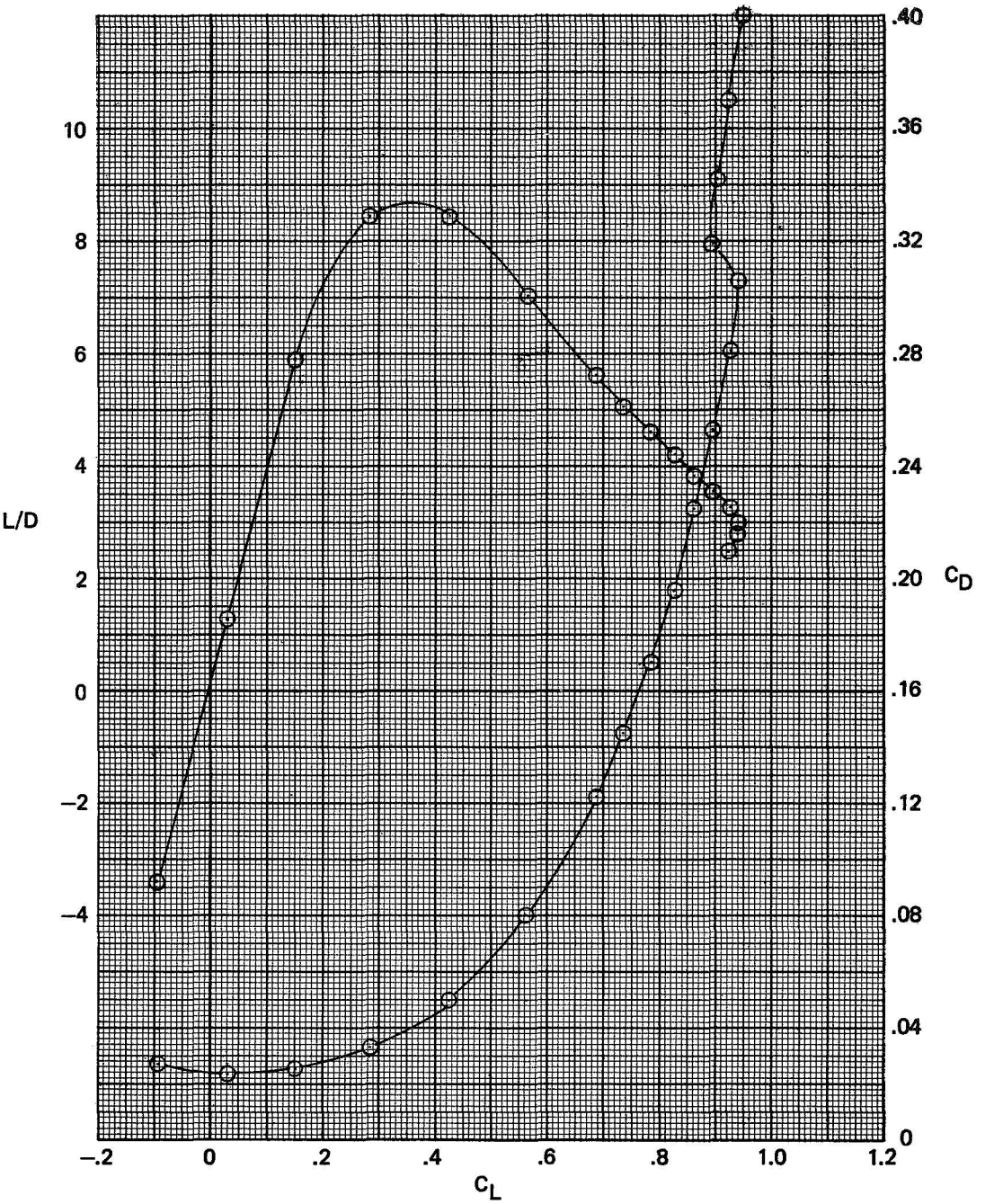
Figure 3.- Photographs of the 5-percent-scale twin-jet swept-wing fighter model installed in the Langley high-speed 7- by 10-foot tunnel.



(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 4.- Longitudinal characteristics of the basic configuration. M = 0.60.



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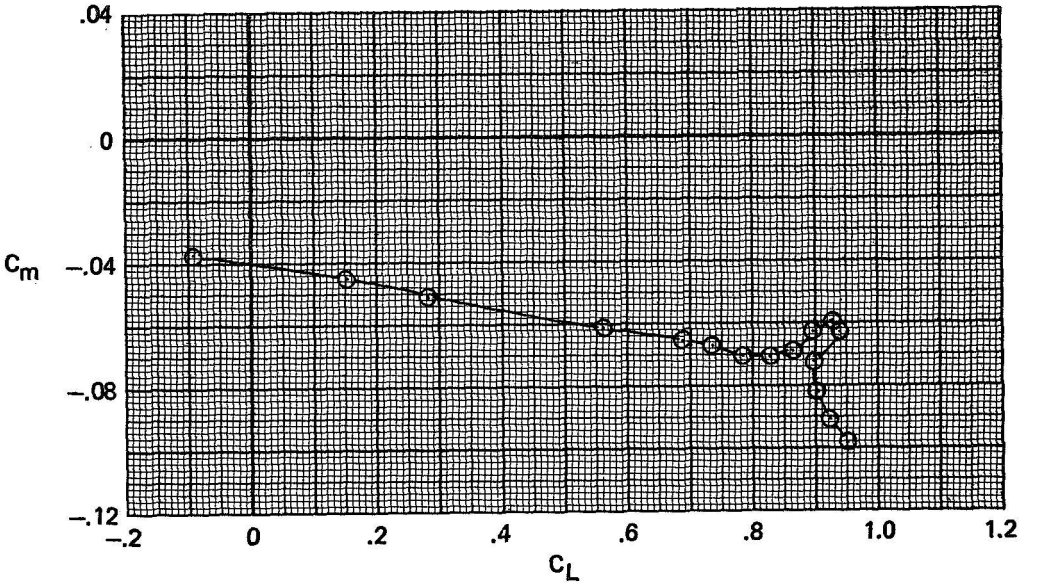

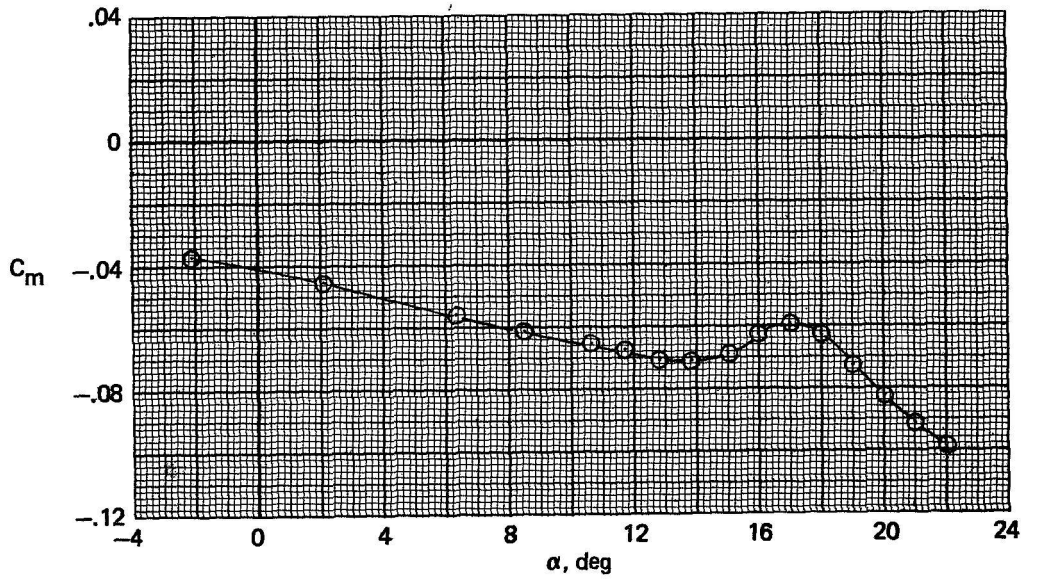

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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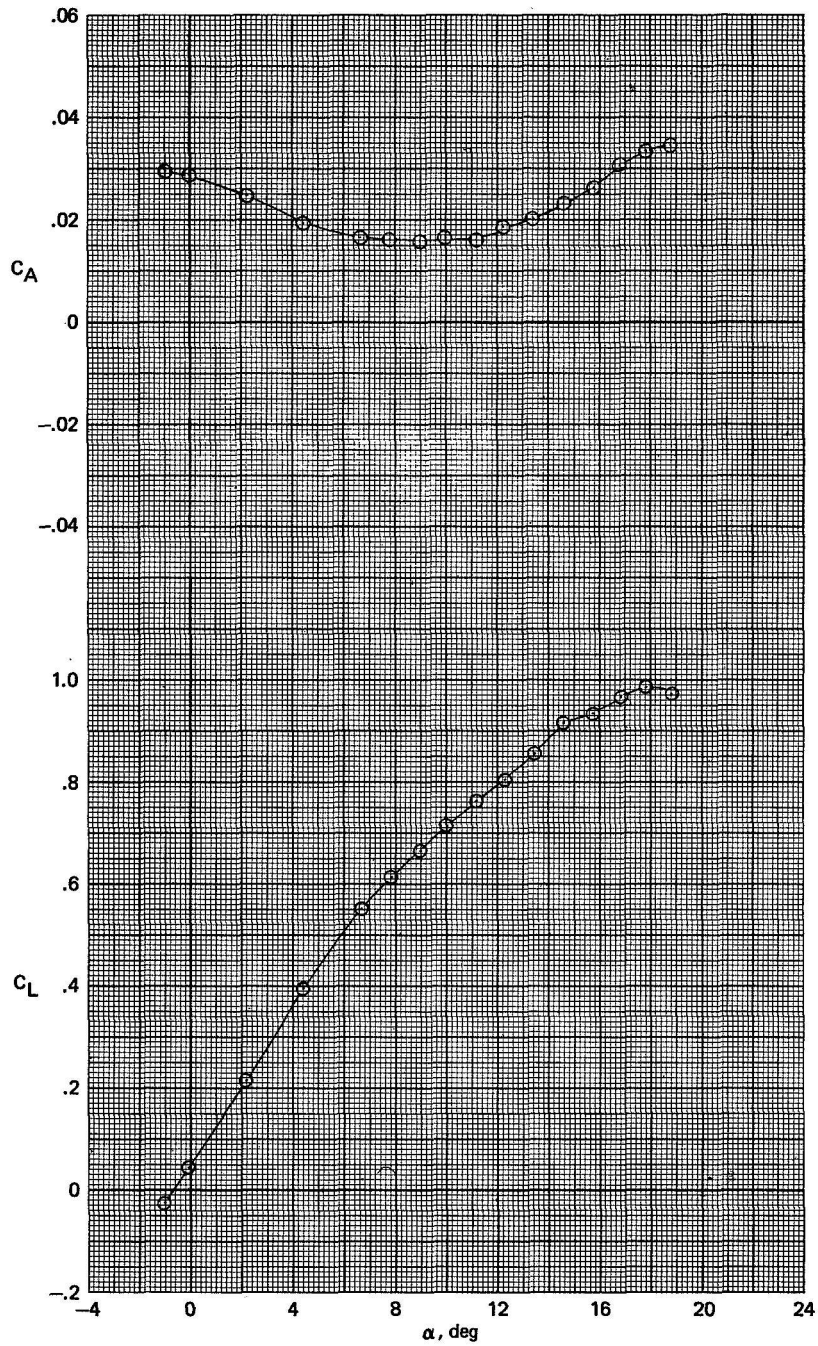

(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

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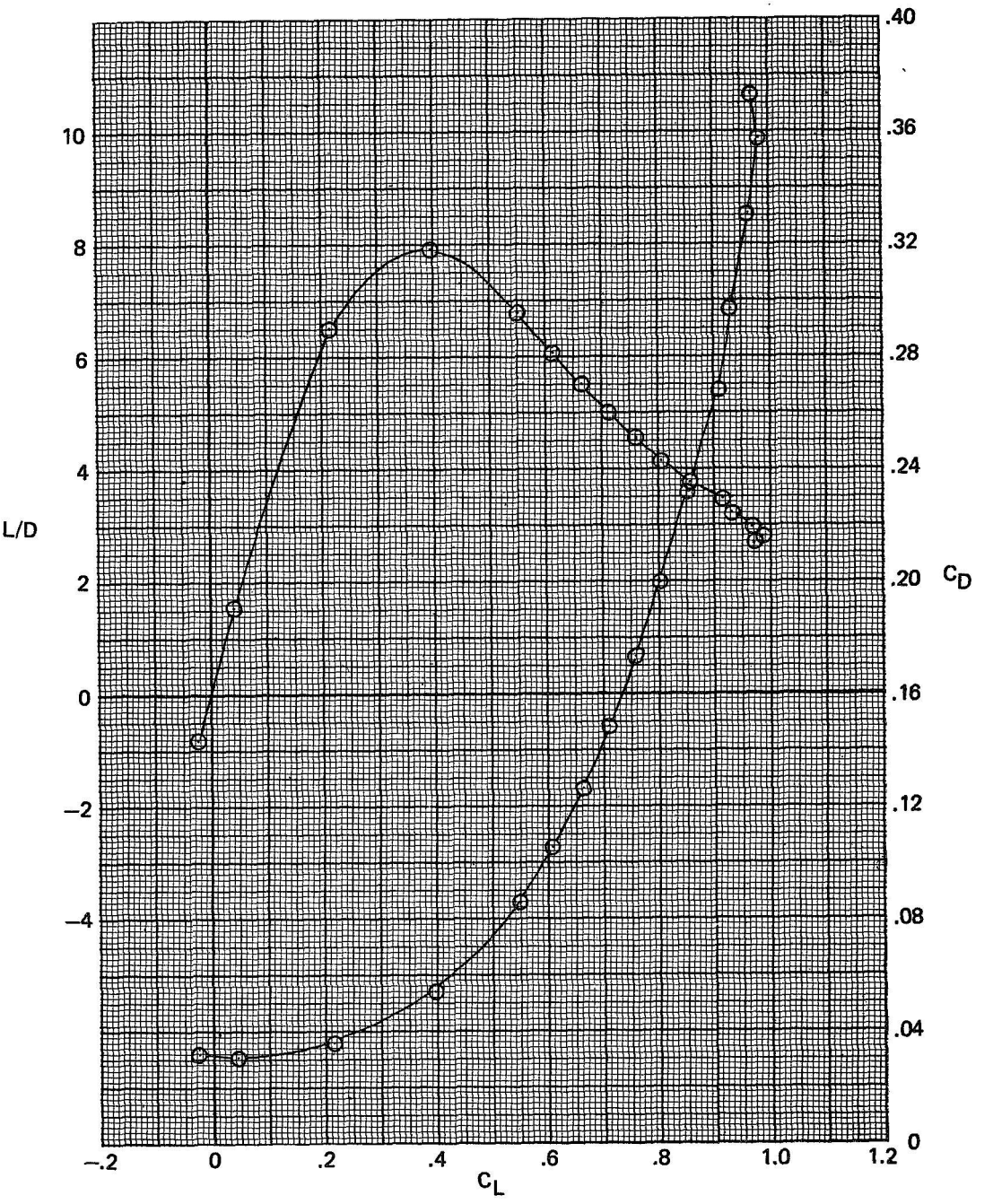

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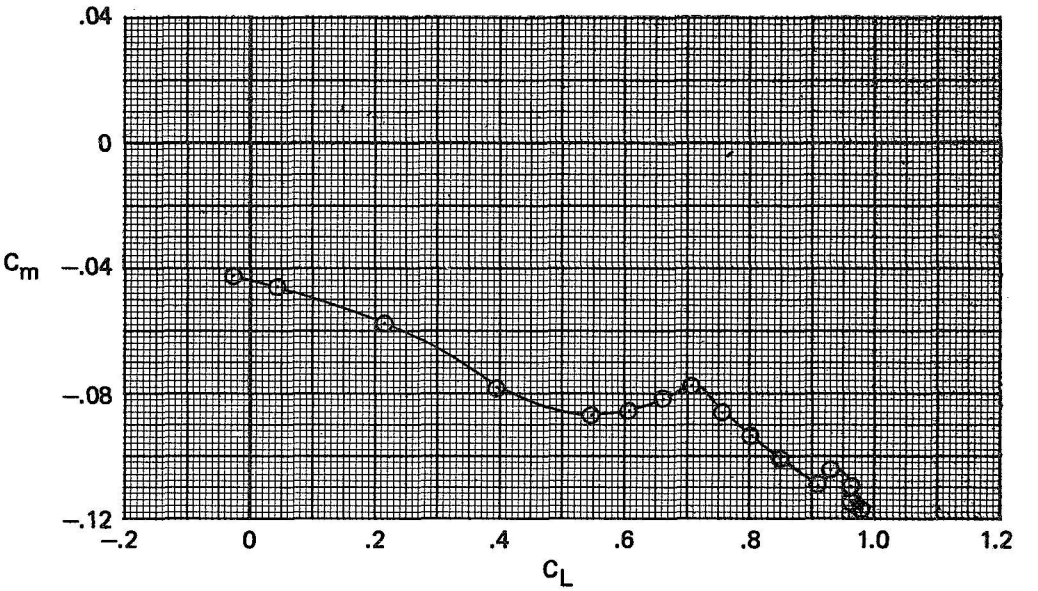

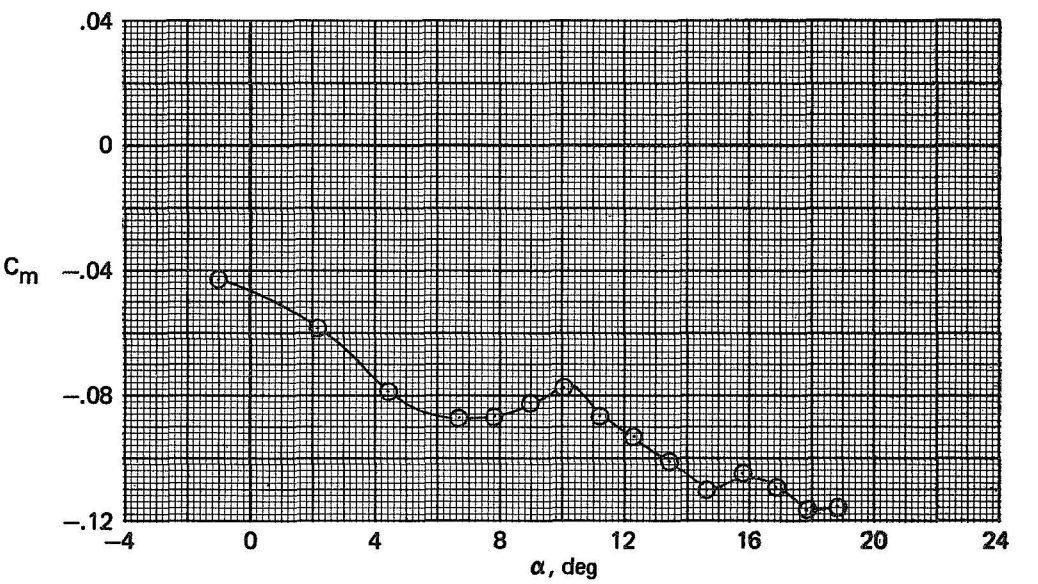

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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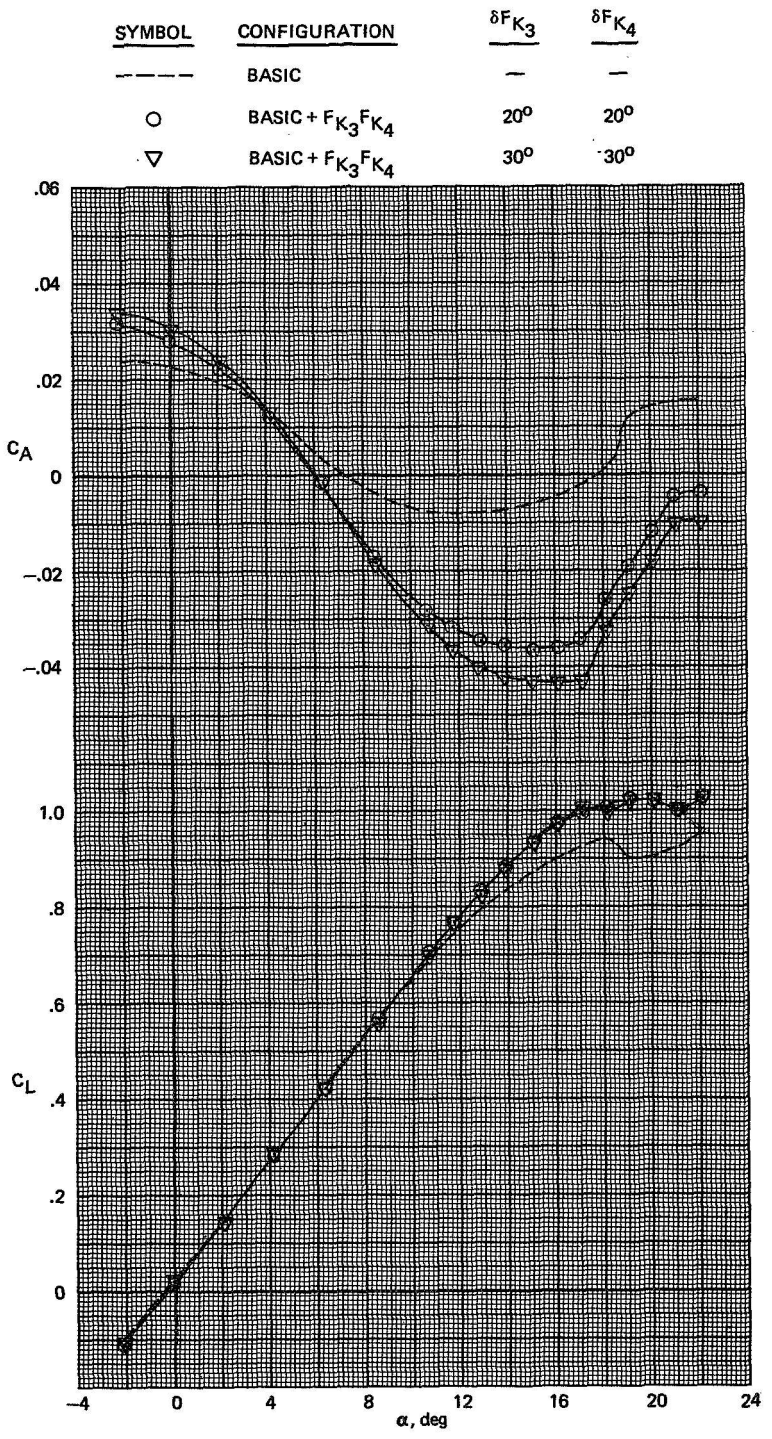
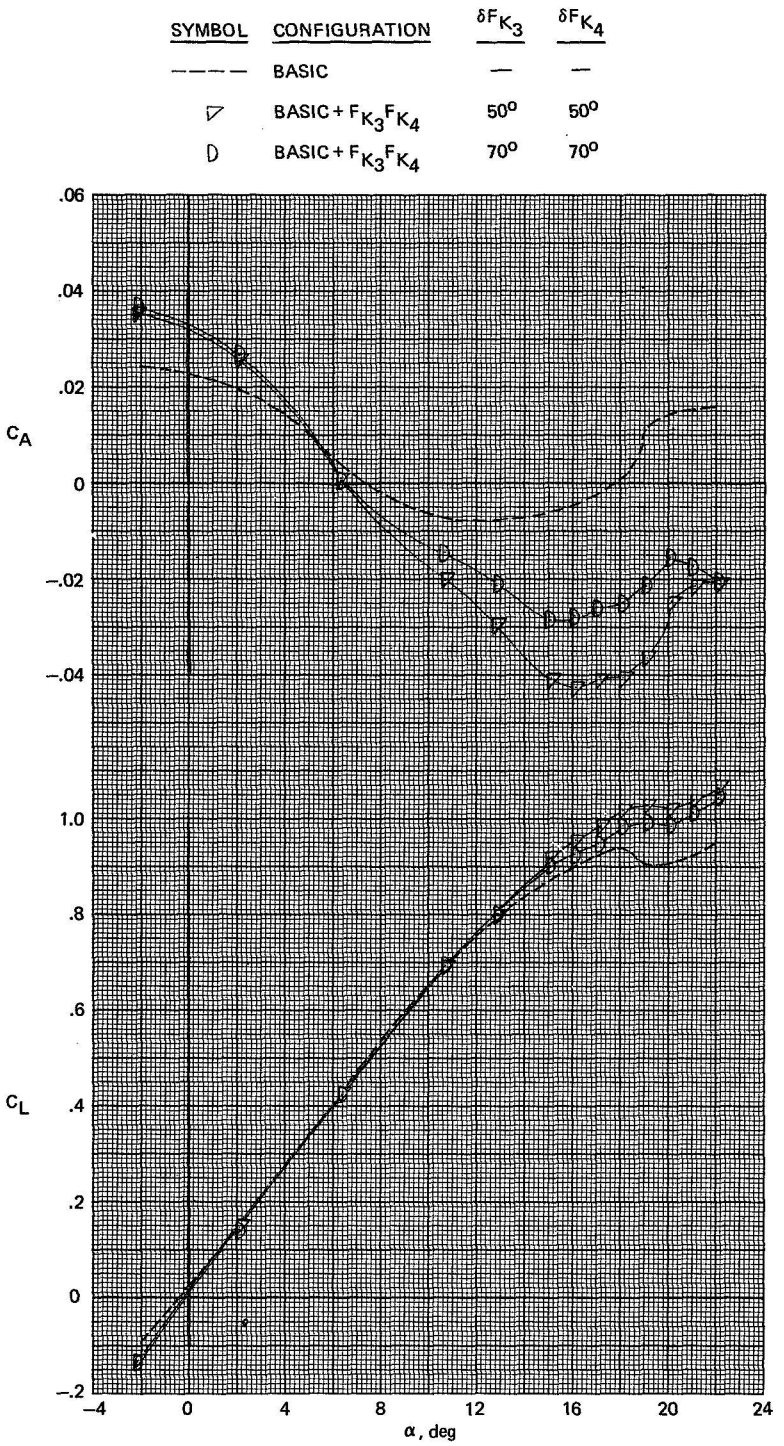


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 6.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.60.



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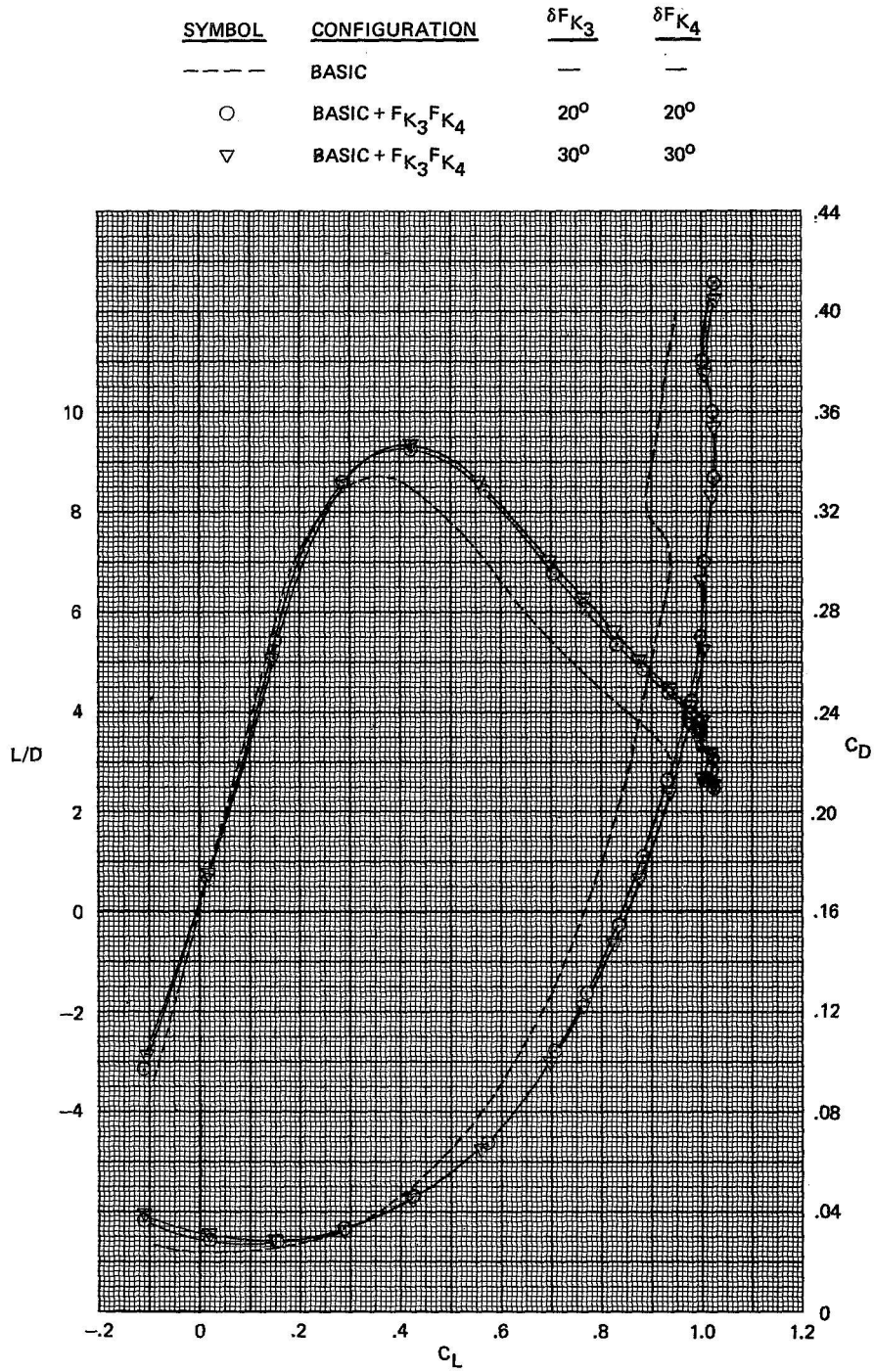

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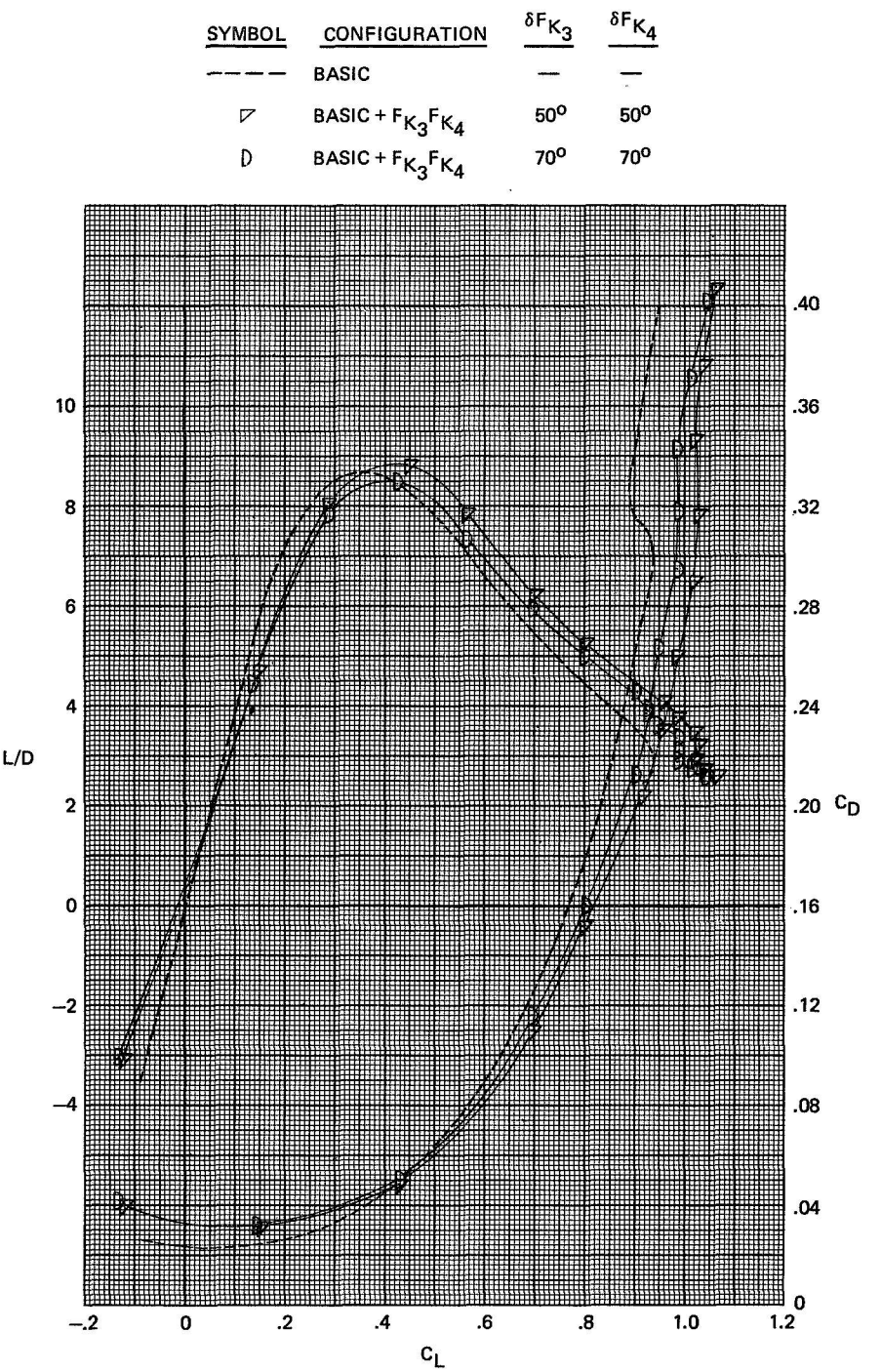

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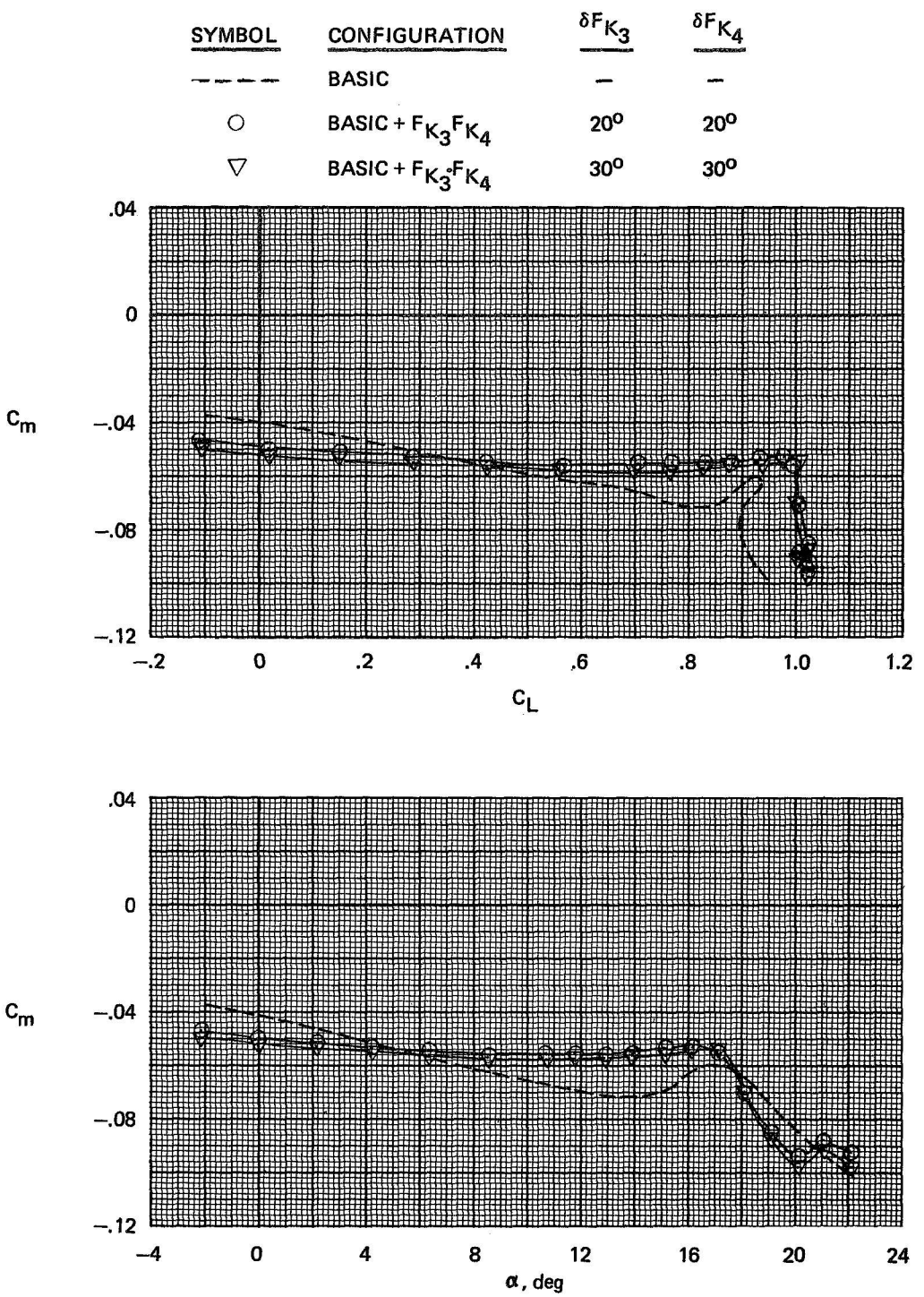

(c.) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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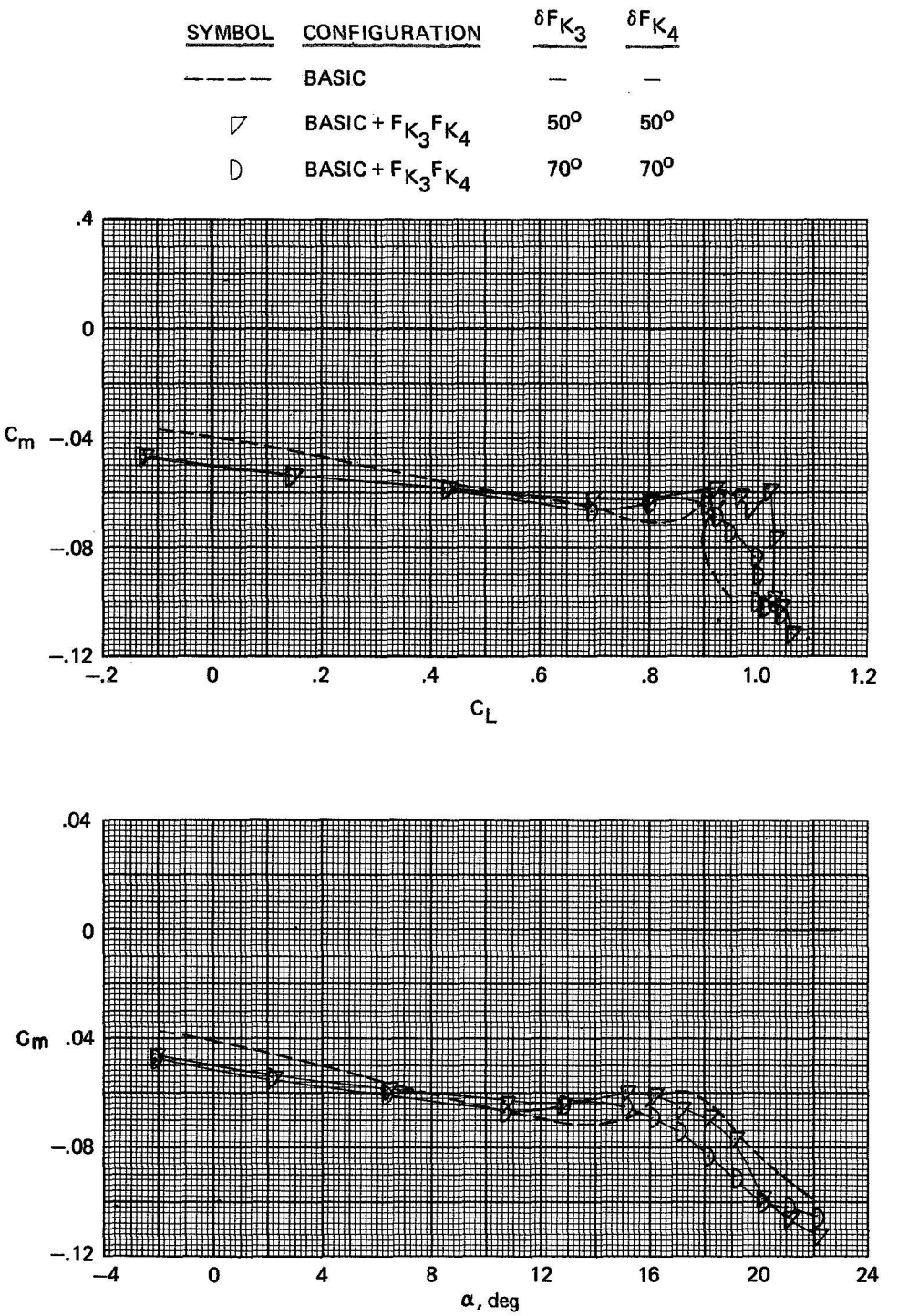

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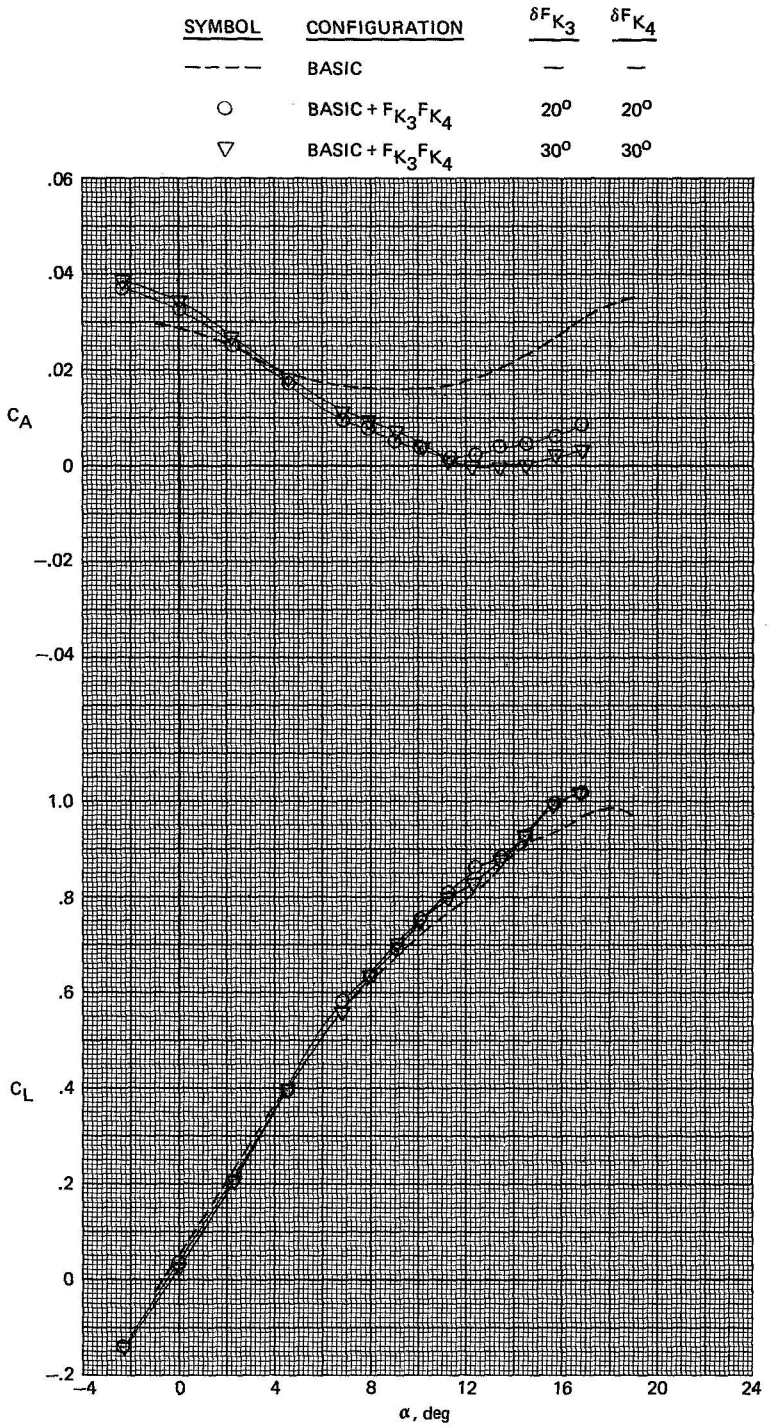
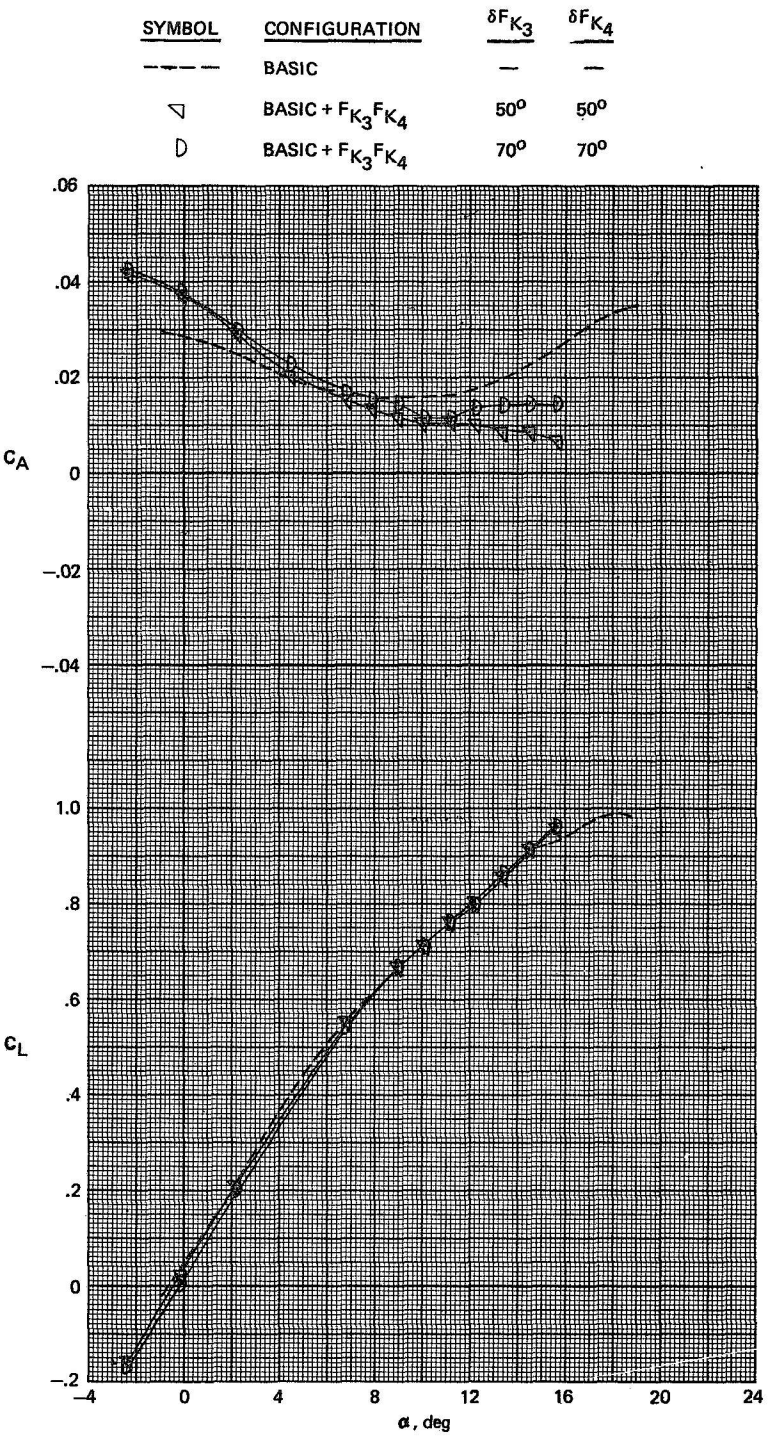


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 7.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.90.



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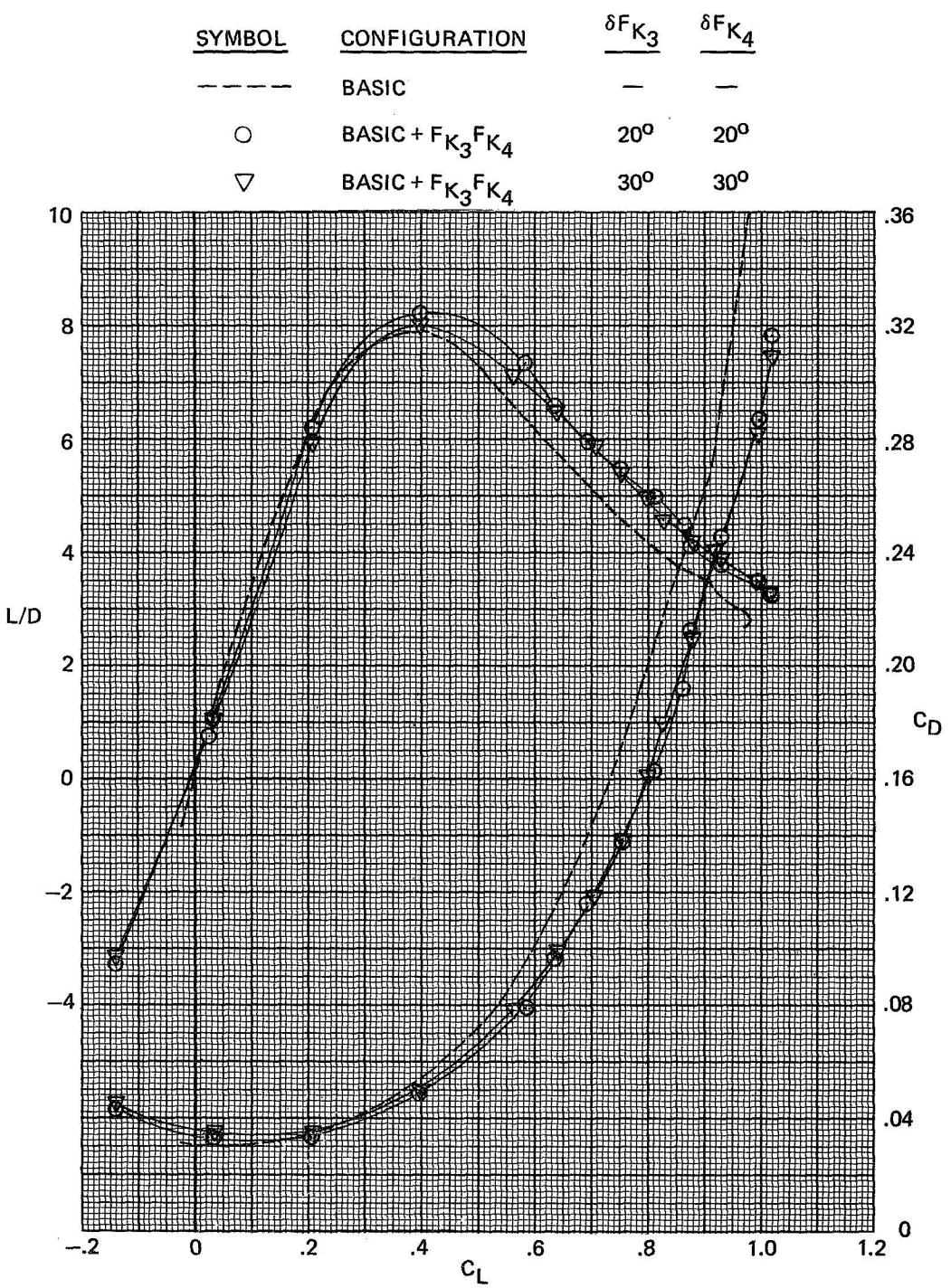

(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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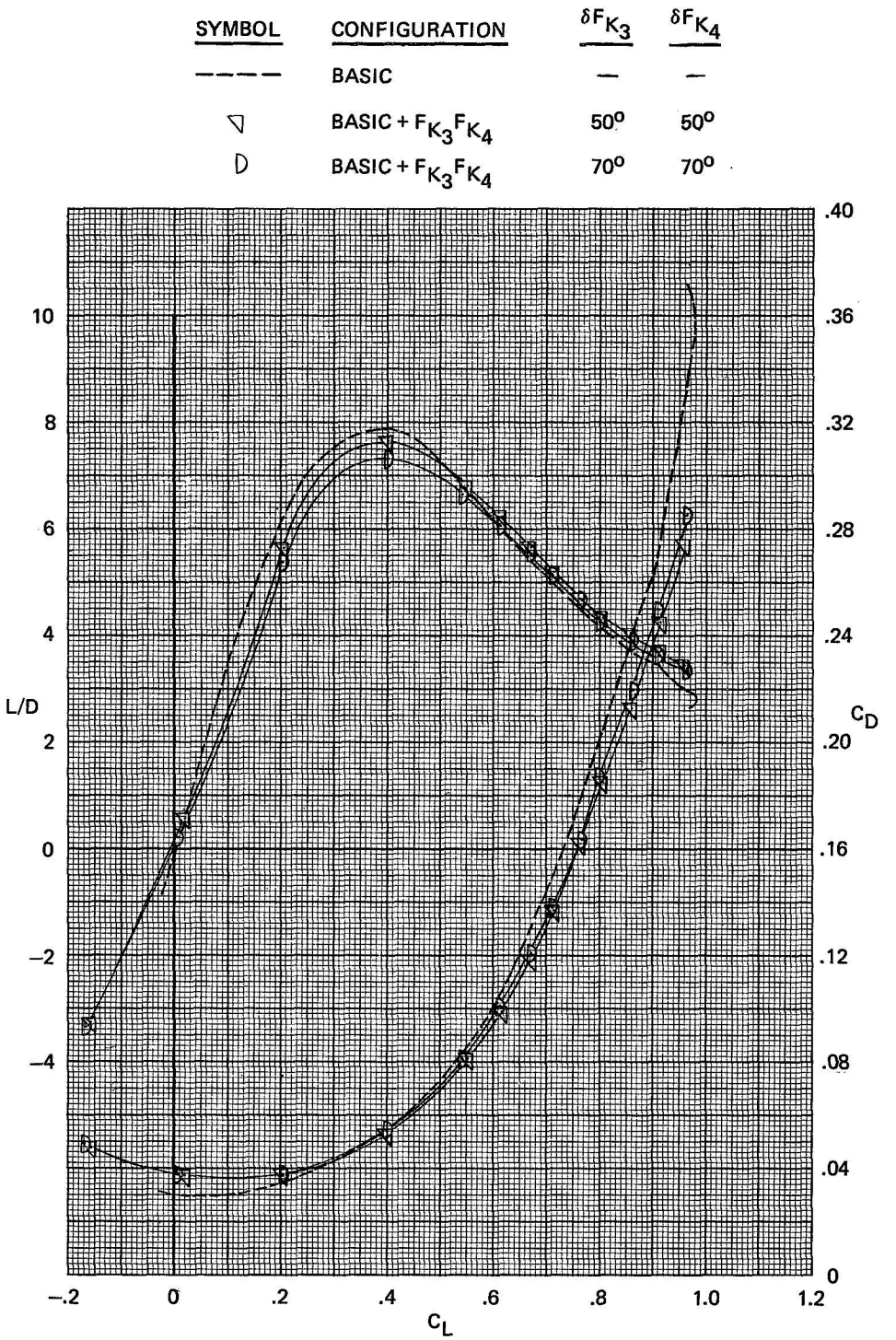

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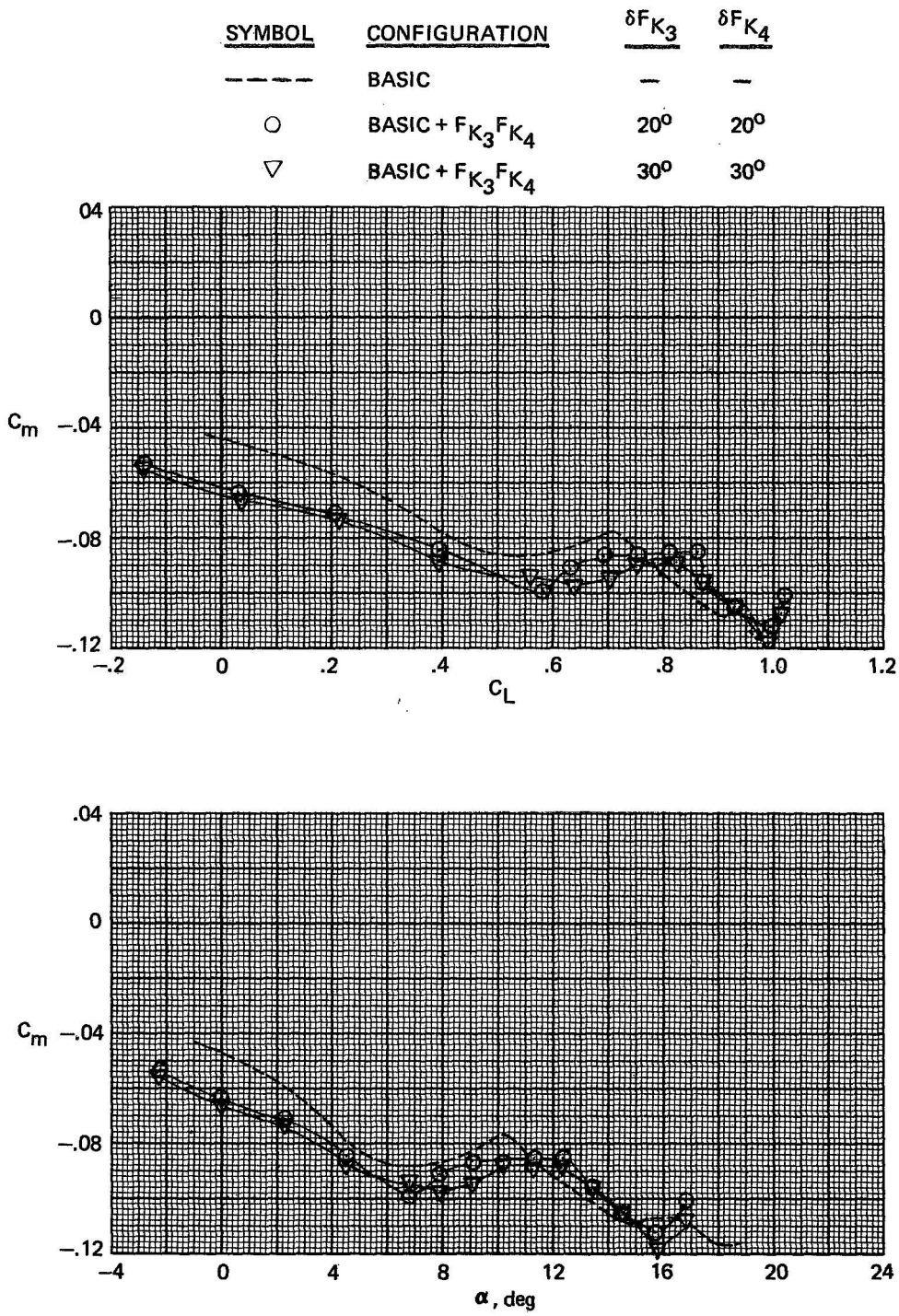

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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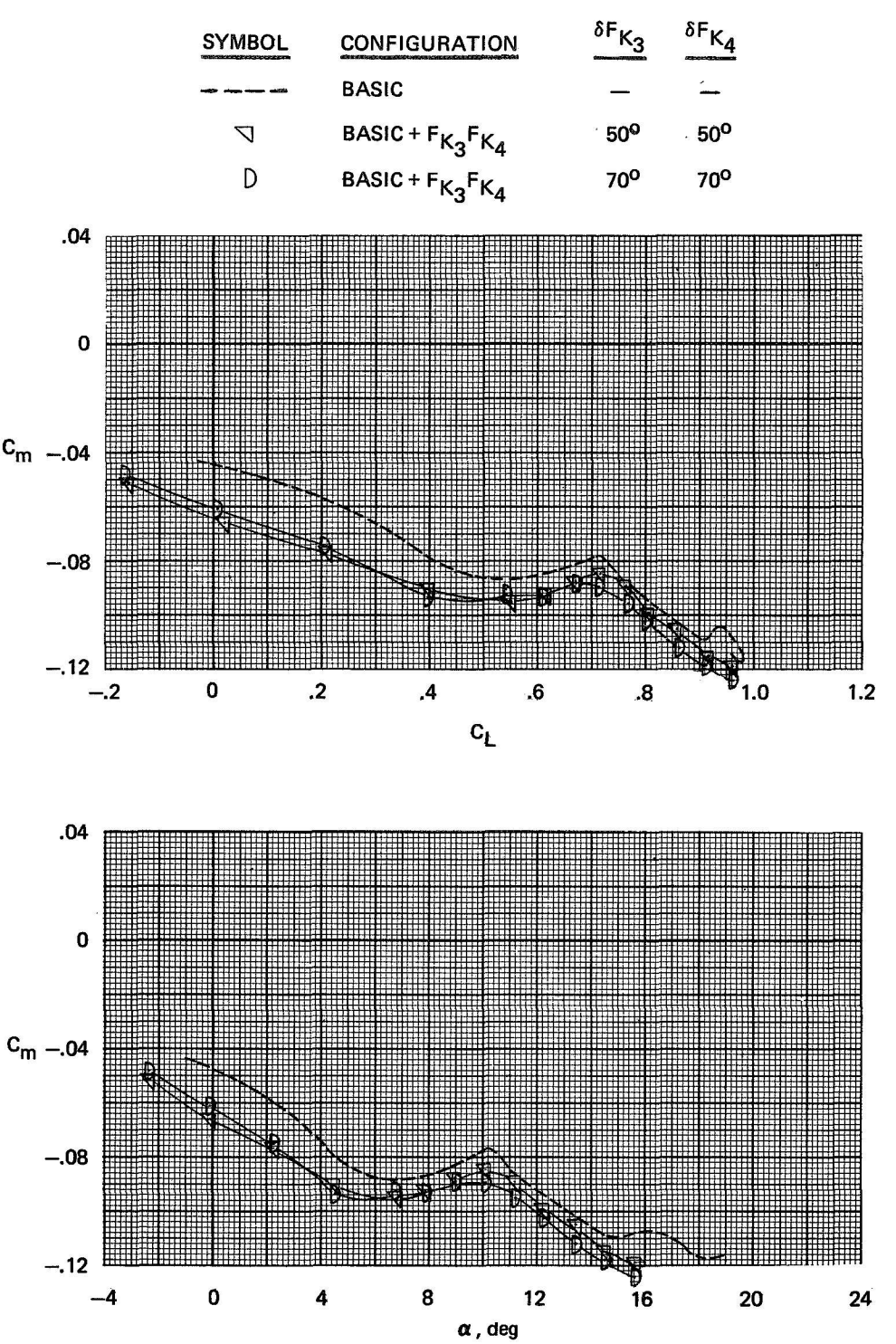

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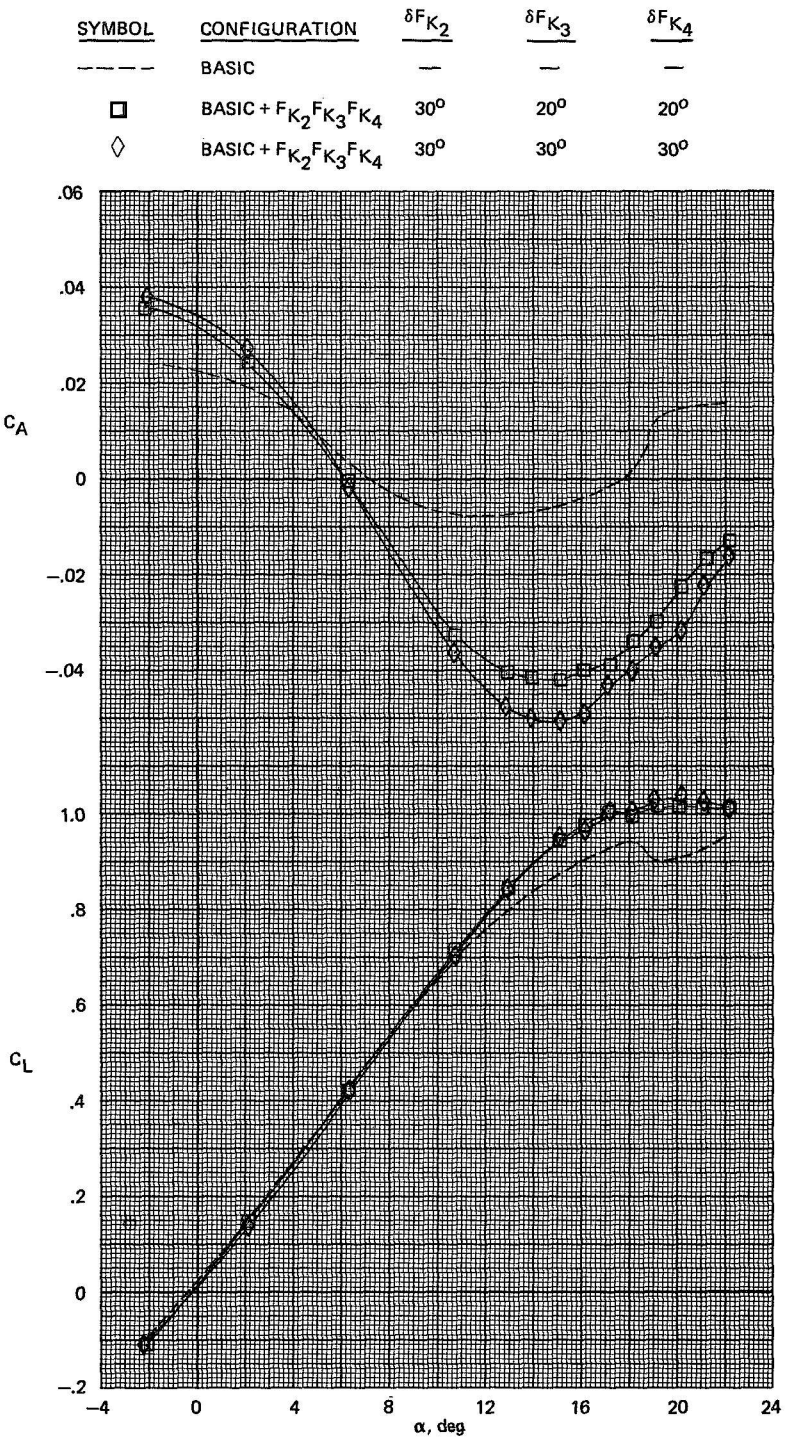
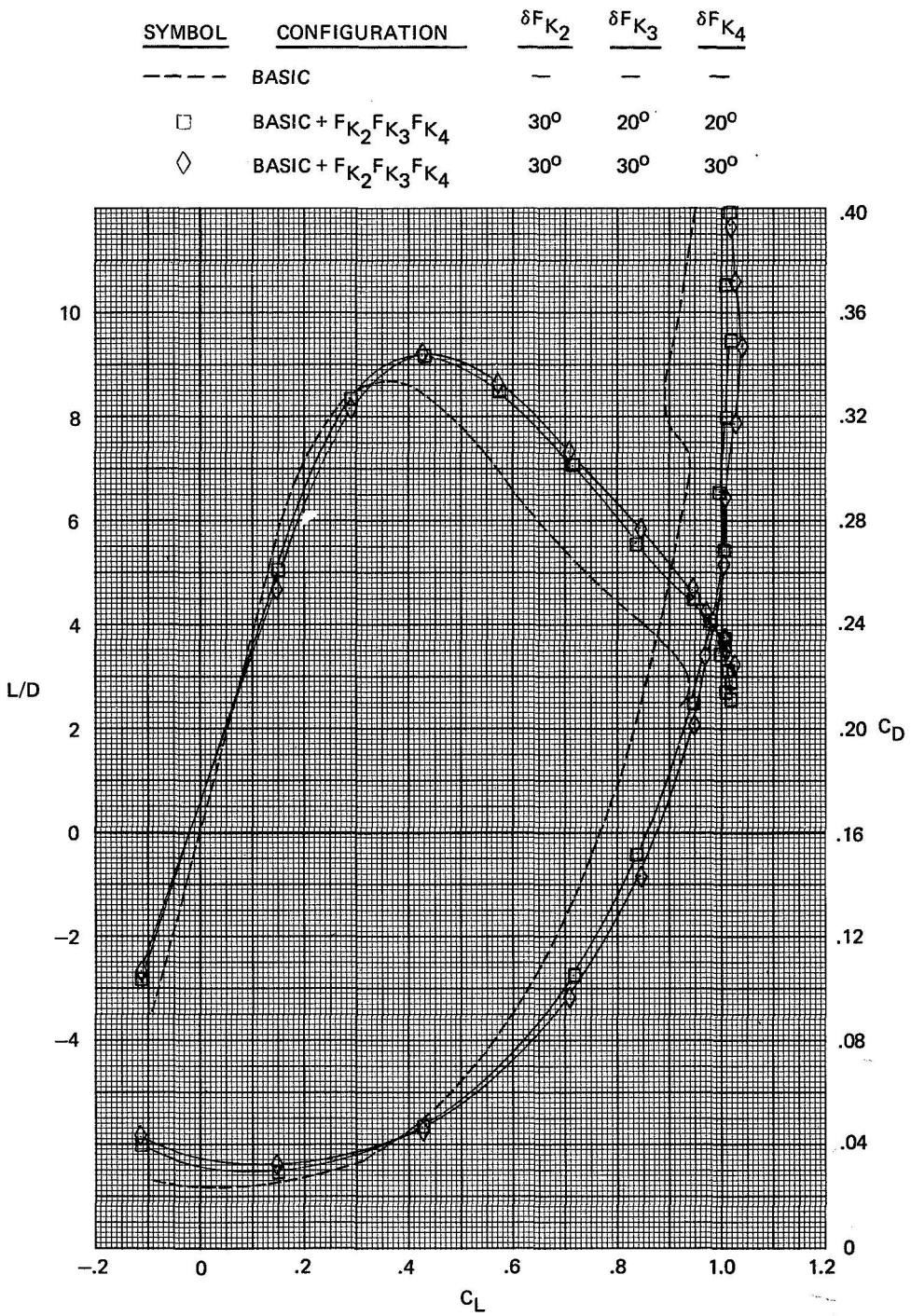


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 8.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_2}F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.60.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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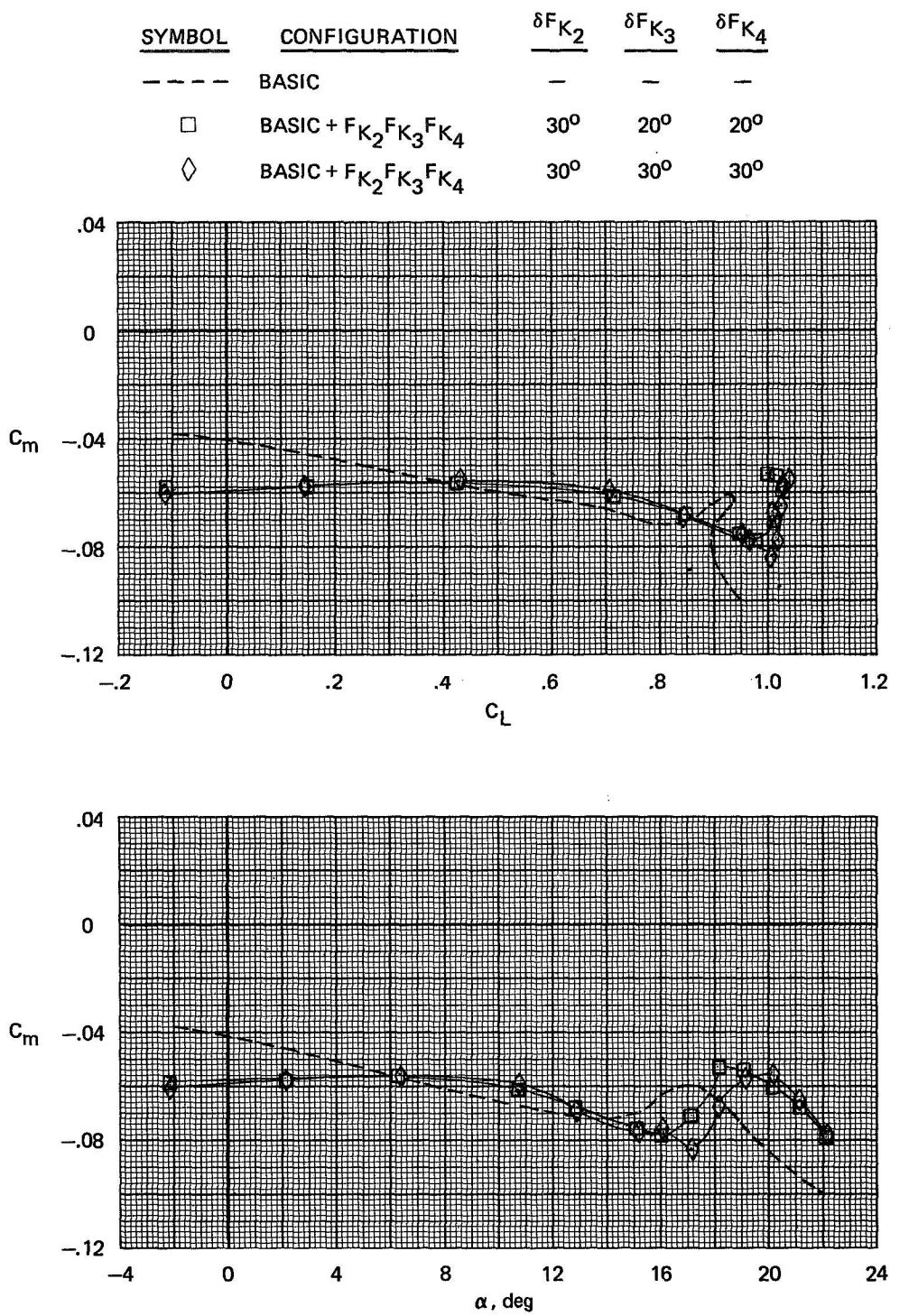

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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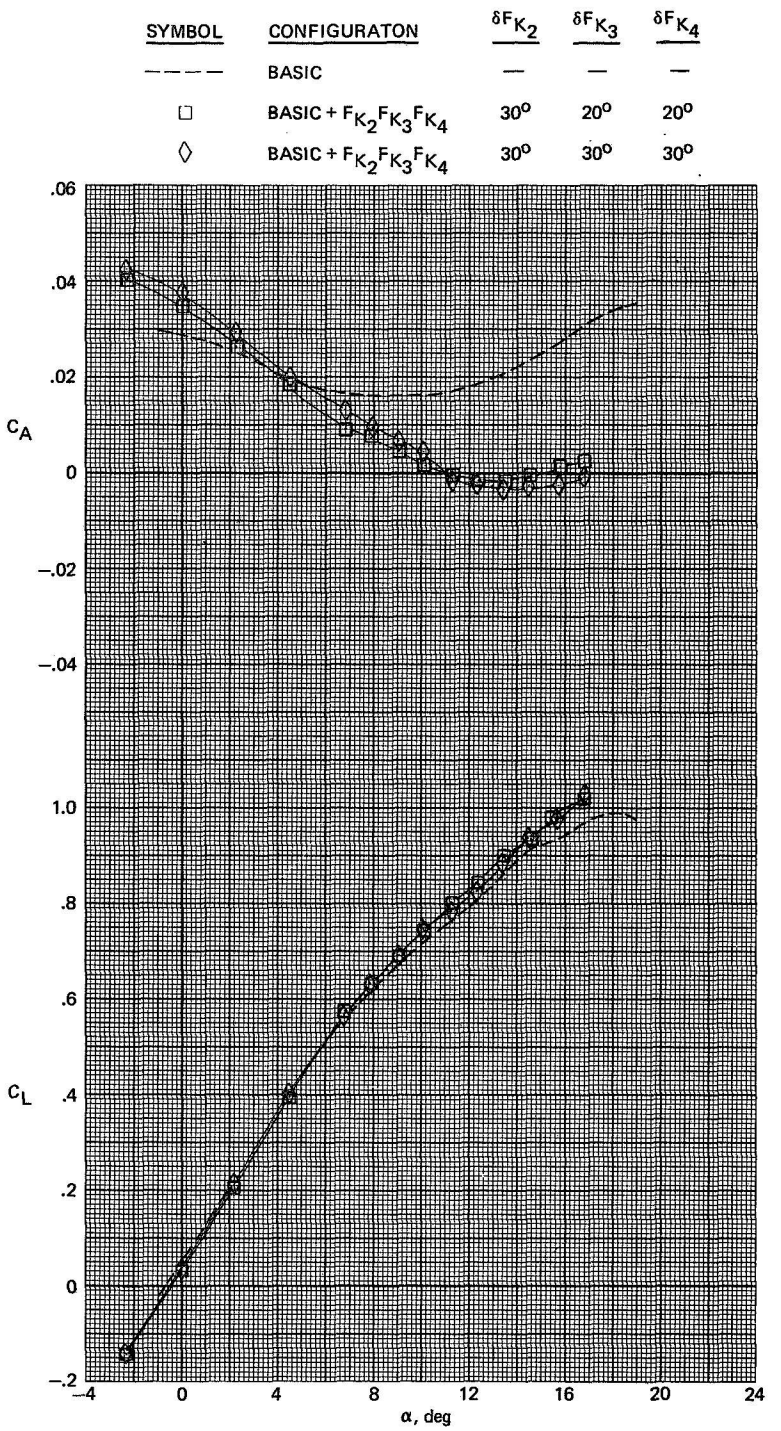
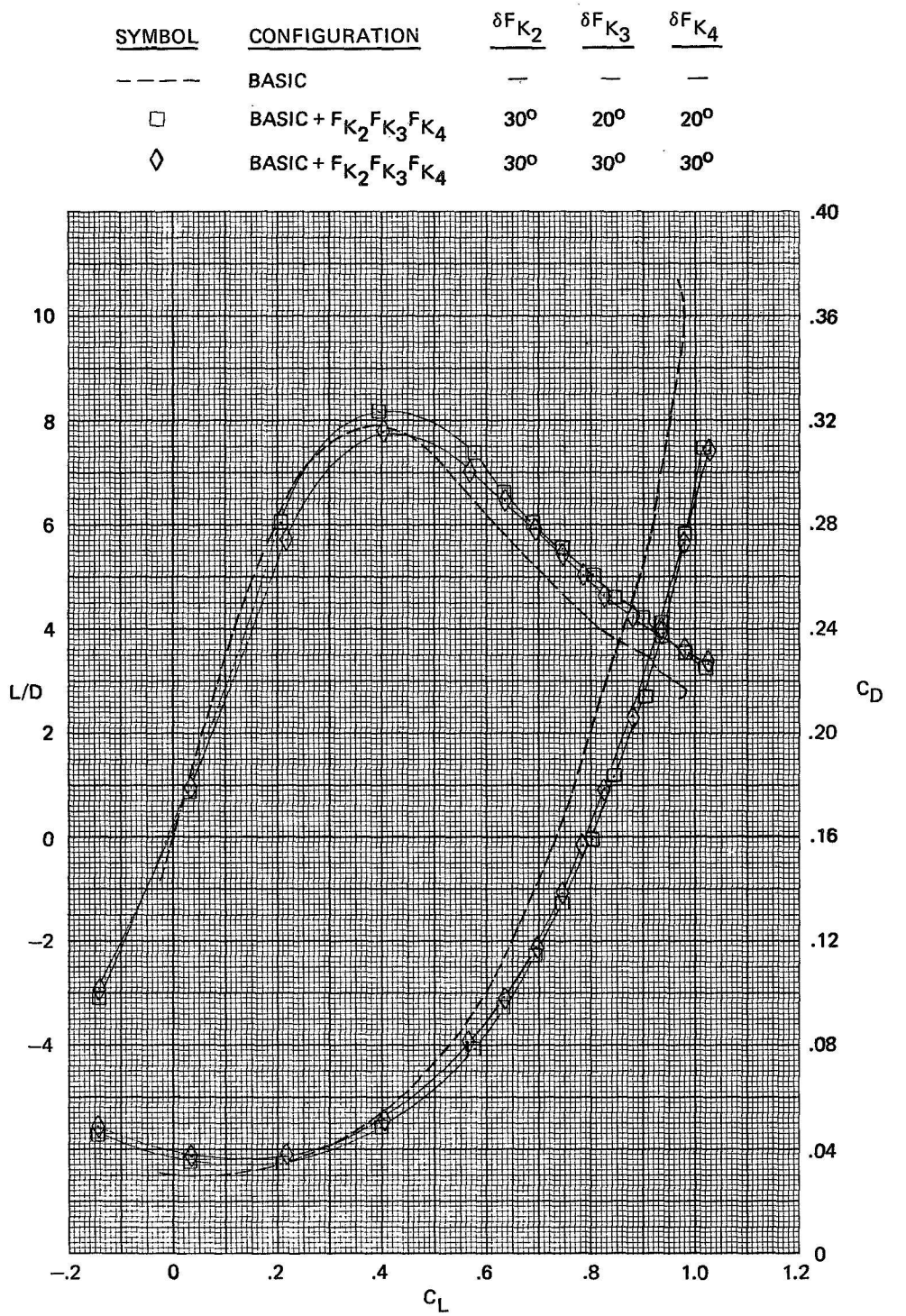


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 9.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_2}F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.90.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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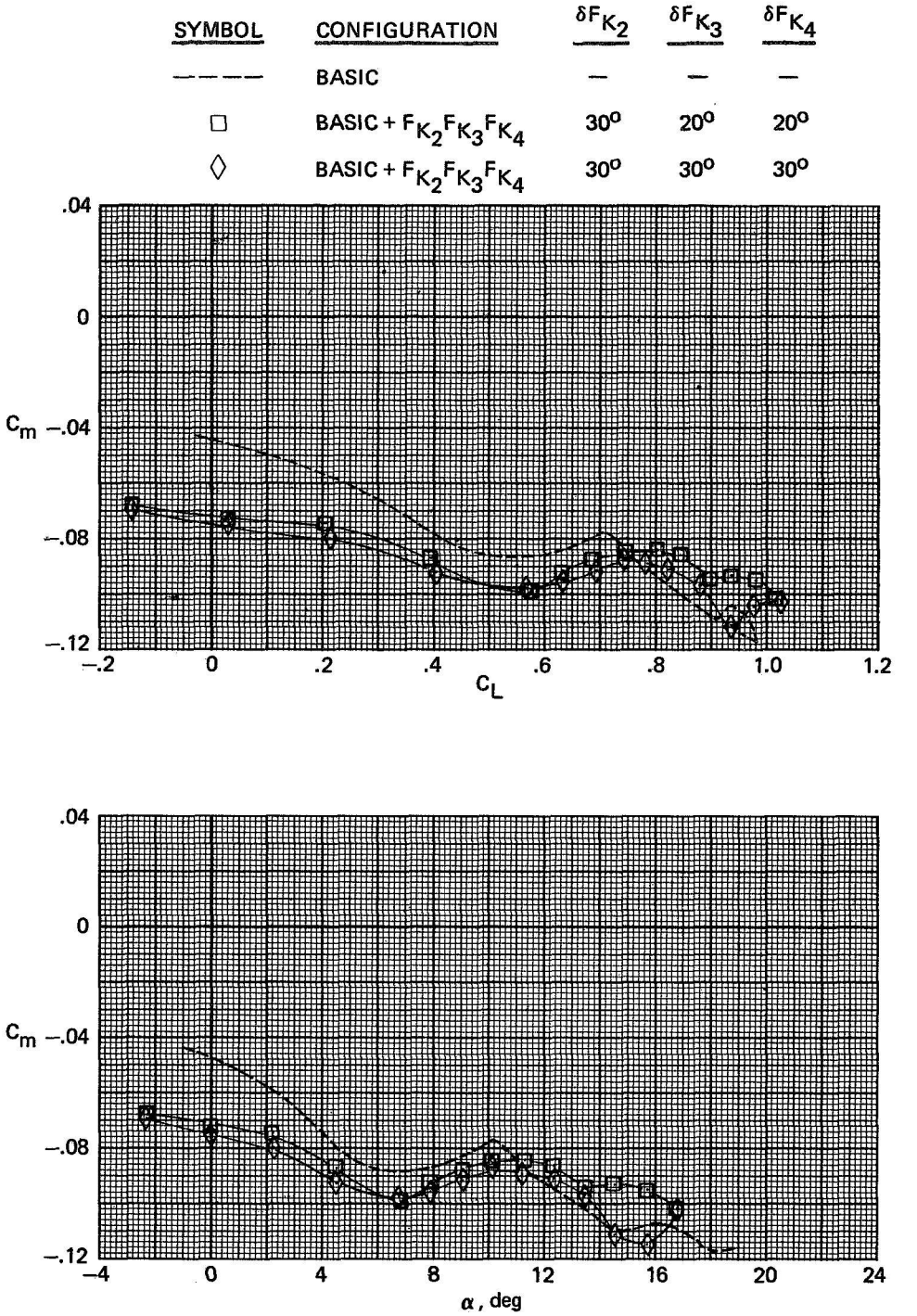
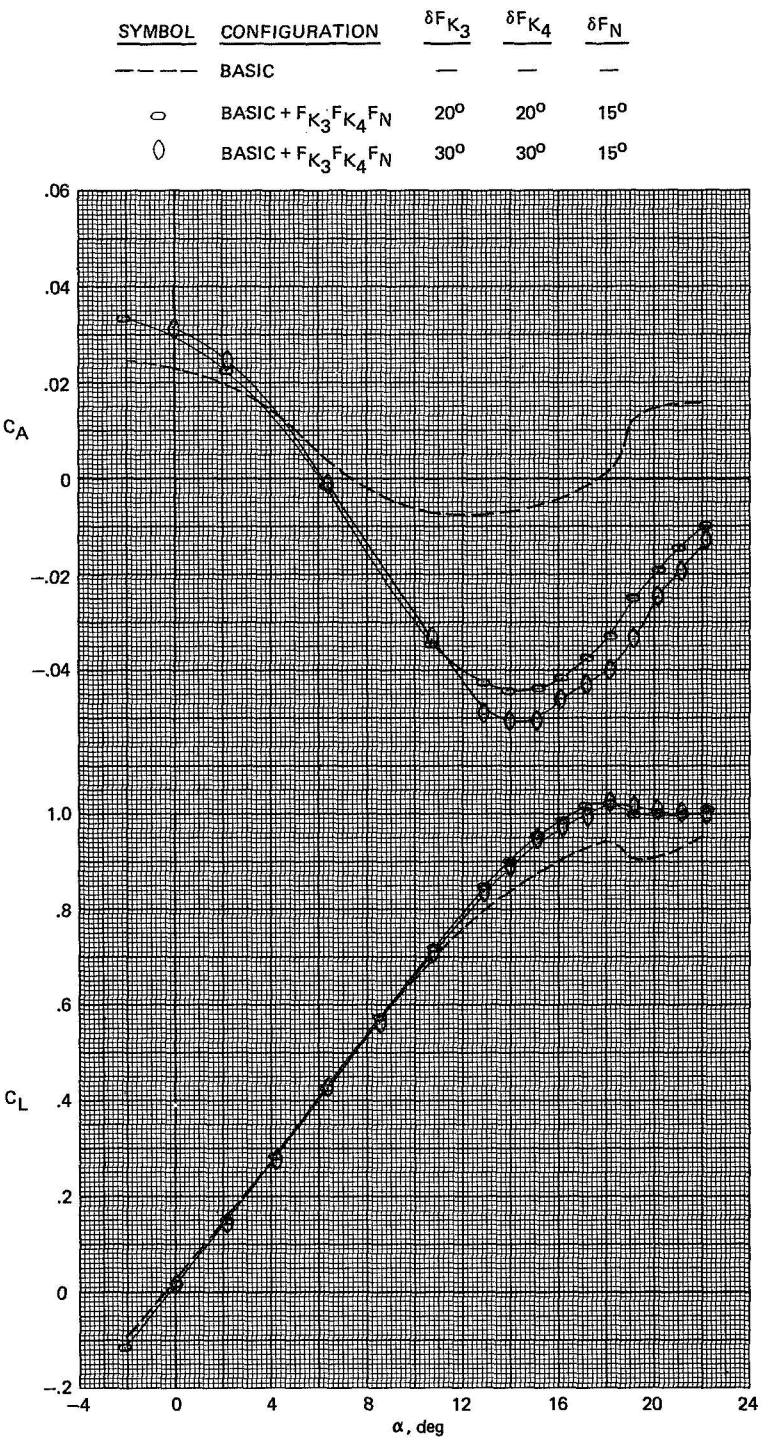


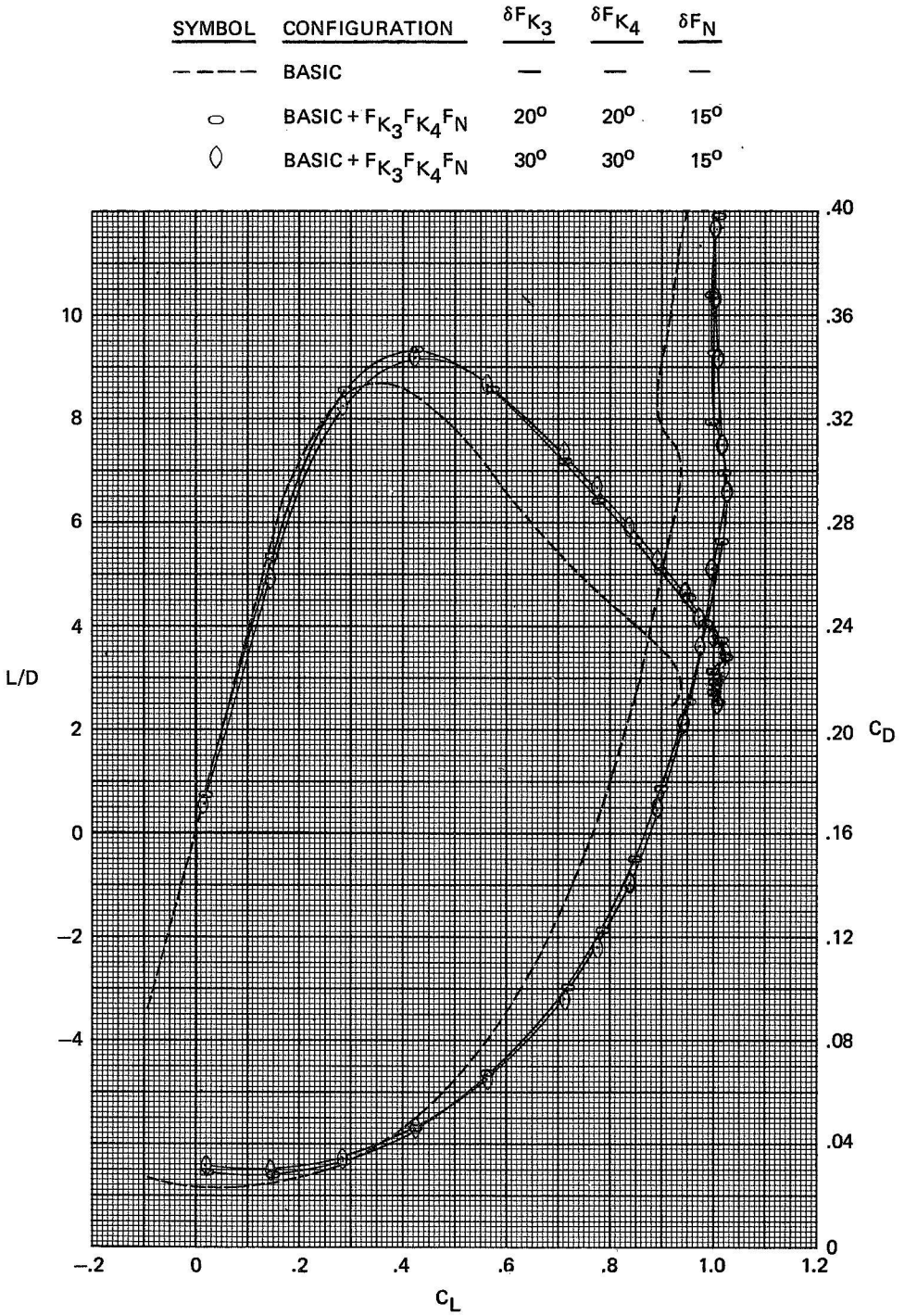
(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

Figure 9.- Concluded.



(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

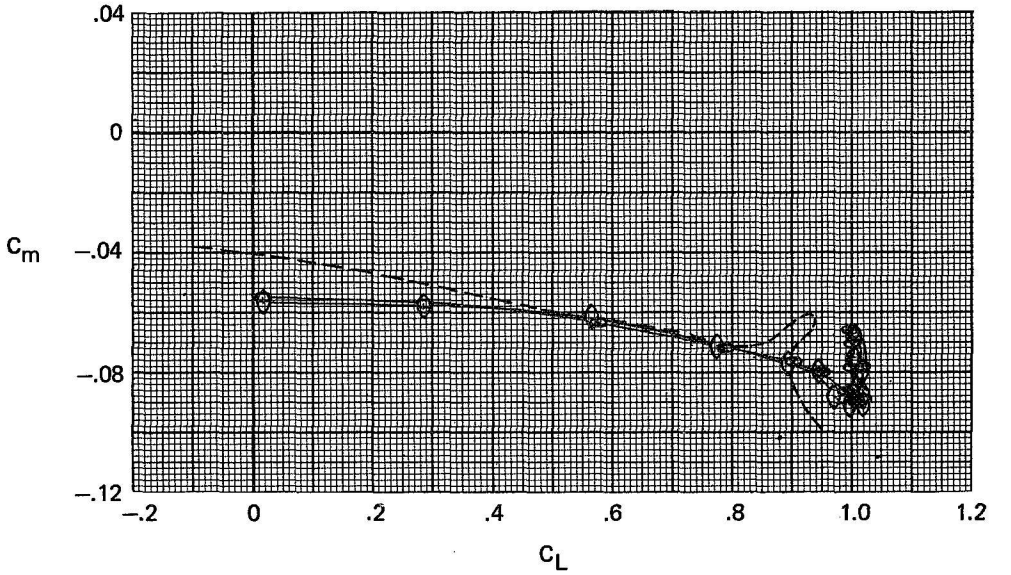
Figure 10.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.60.

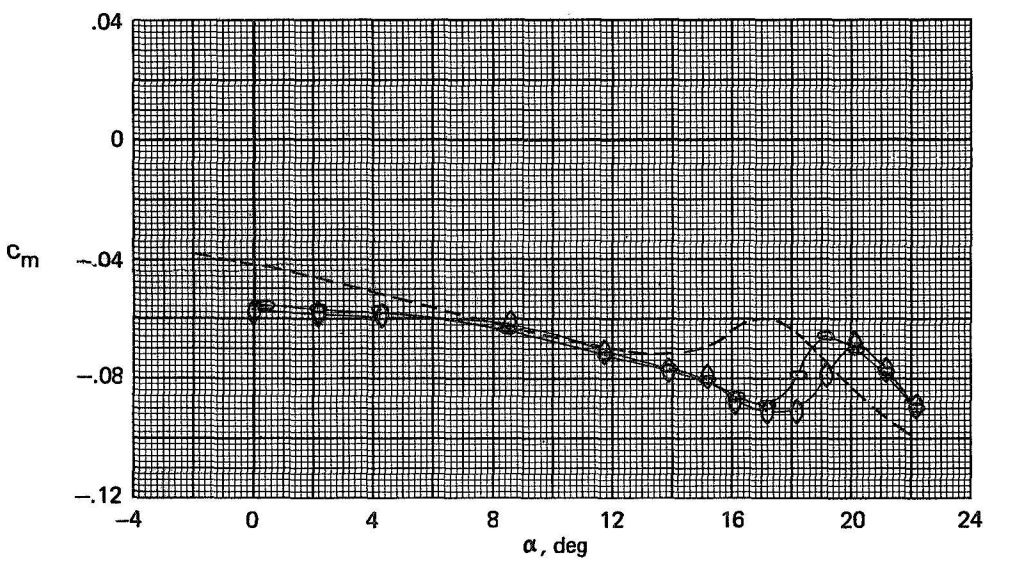


(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

Figure 10.- Continued.

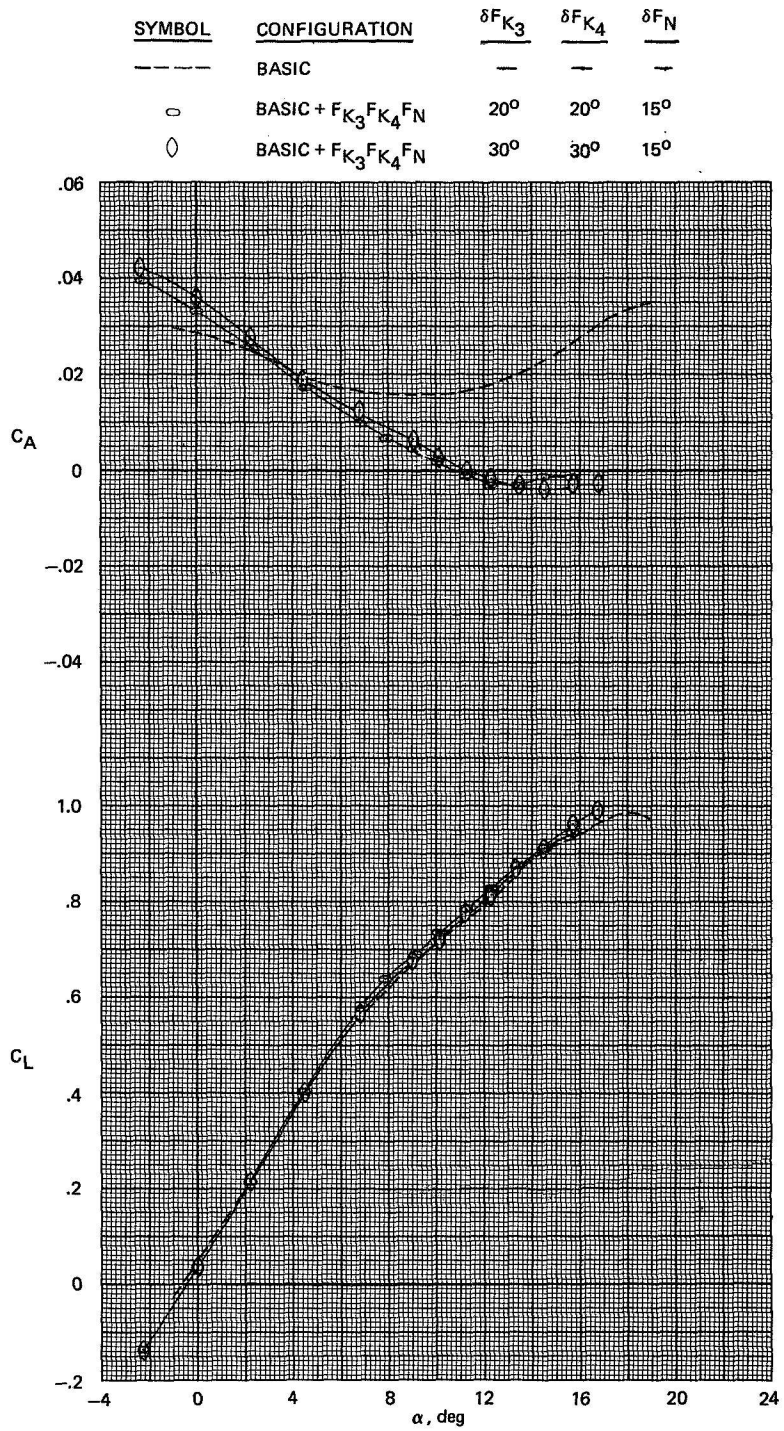
SYMBOL	CONFIGURATION	δF_{K_3}	δF_{K_4}	δF_N
-----	BASIC	—	—	—
○	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$	20°	20°	15°
◇	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$	30°	30°	15°





(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

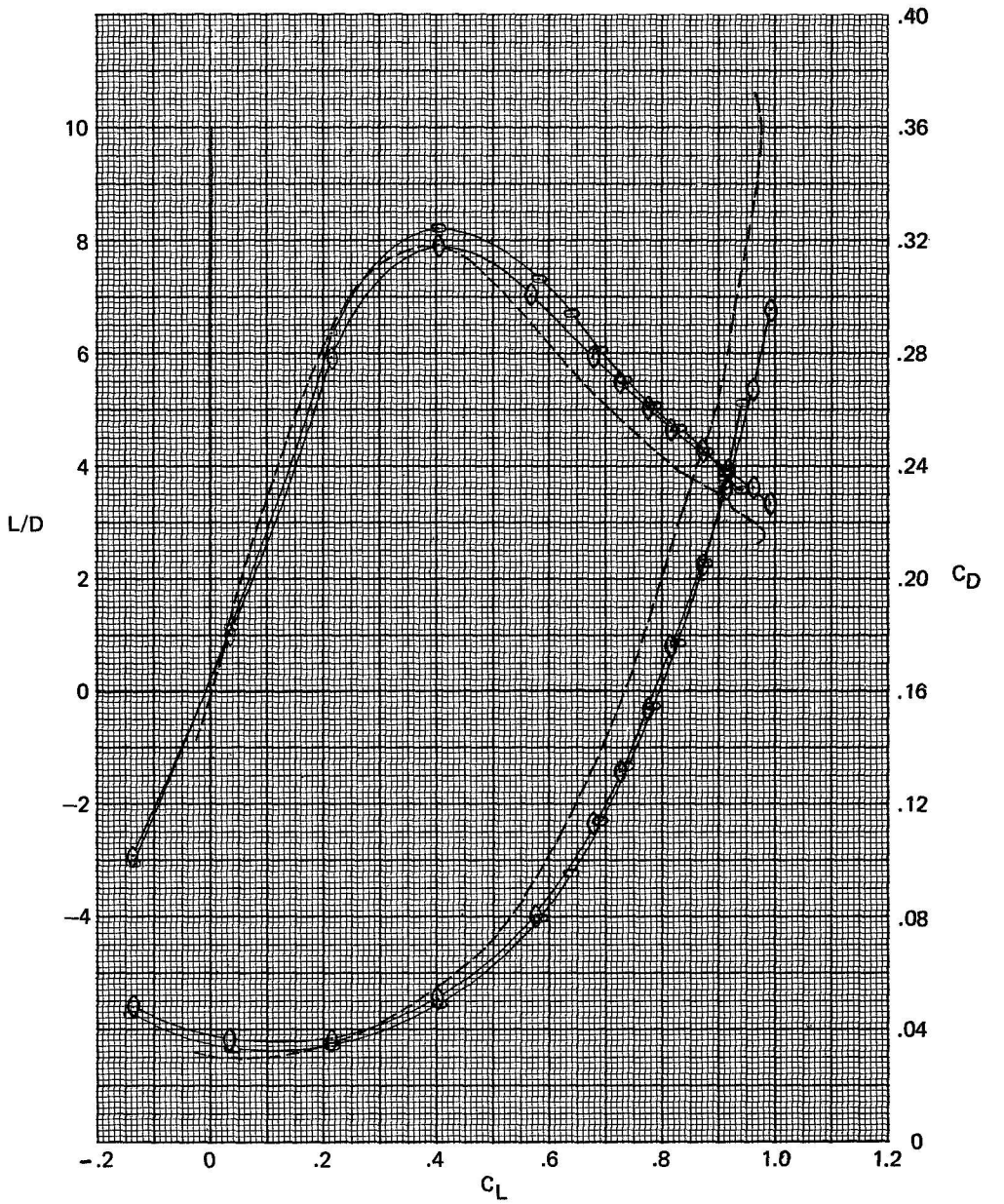
Figure 10.- Concluded.



(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

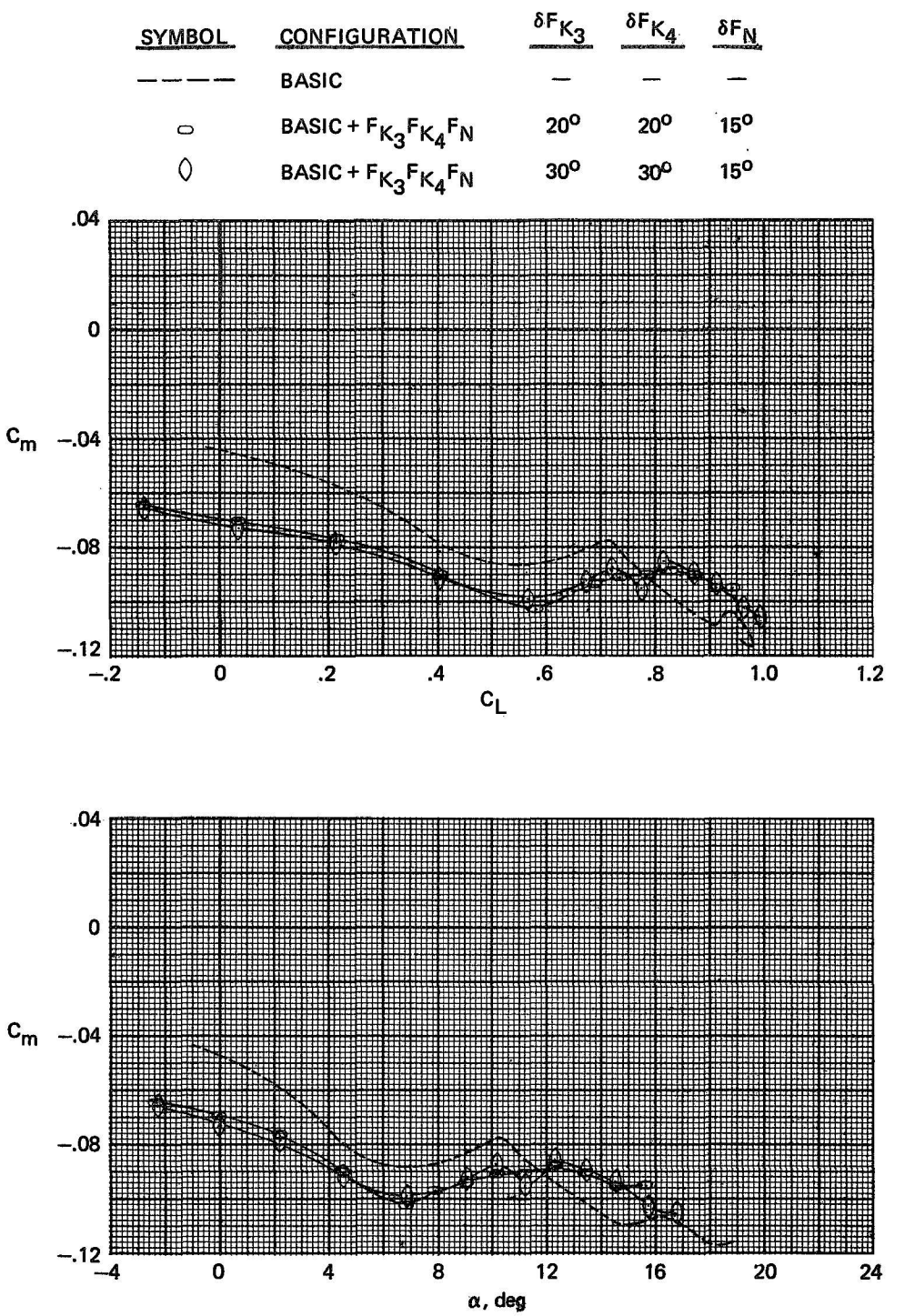
Figure 11.- Effect of deflecting the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.90.

SYMBOL	CONFIGURATION	δF_{K_3}	δF_{K_4}	δF_N
– – – –	BASIC	—	—	—
⬭	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$	20°	20°	15°
⬯	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}F_N$	30°	30°	15°



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

Figure 11.- Continued.



(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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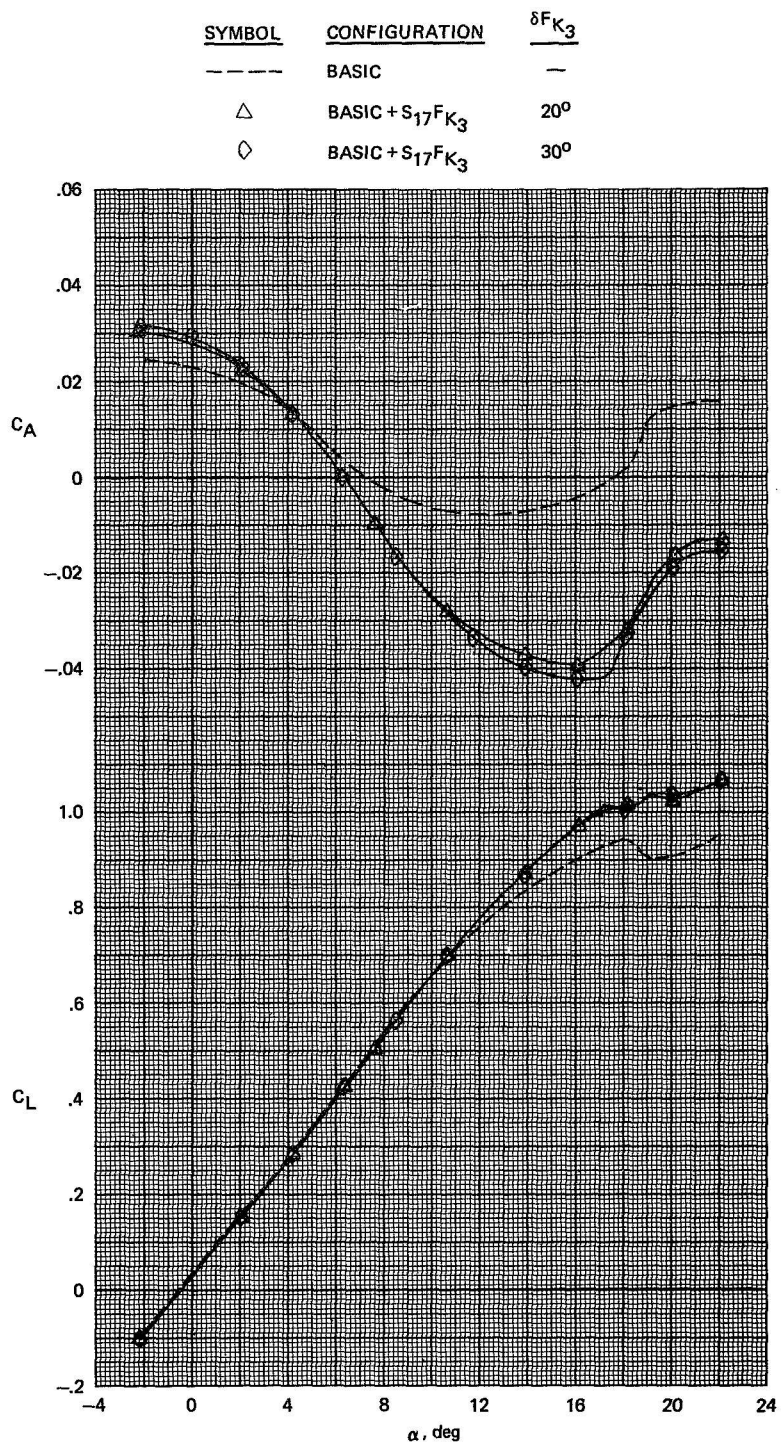
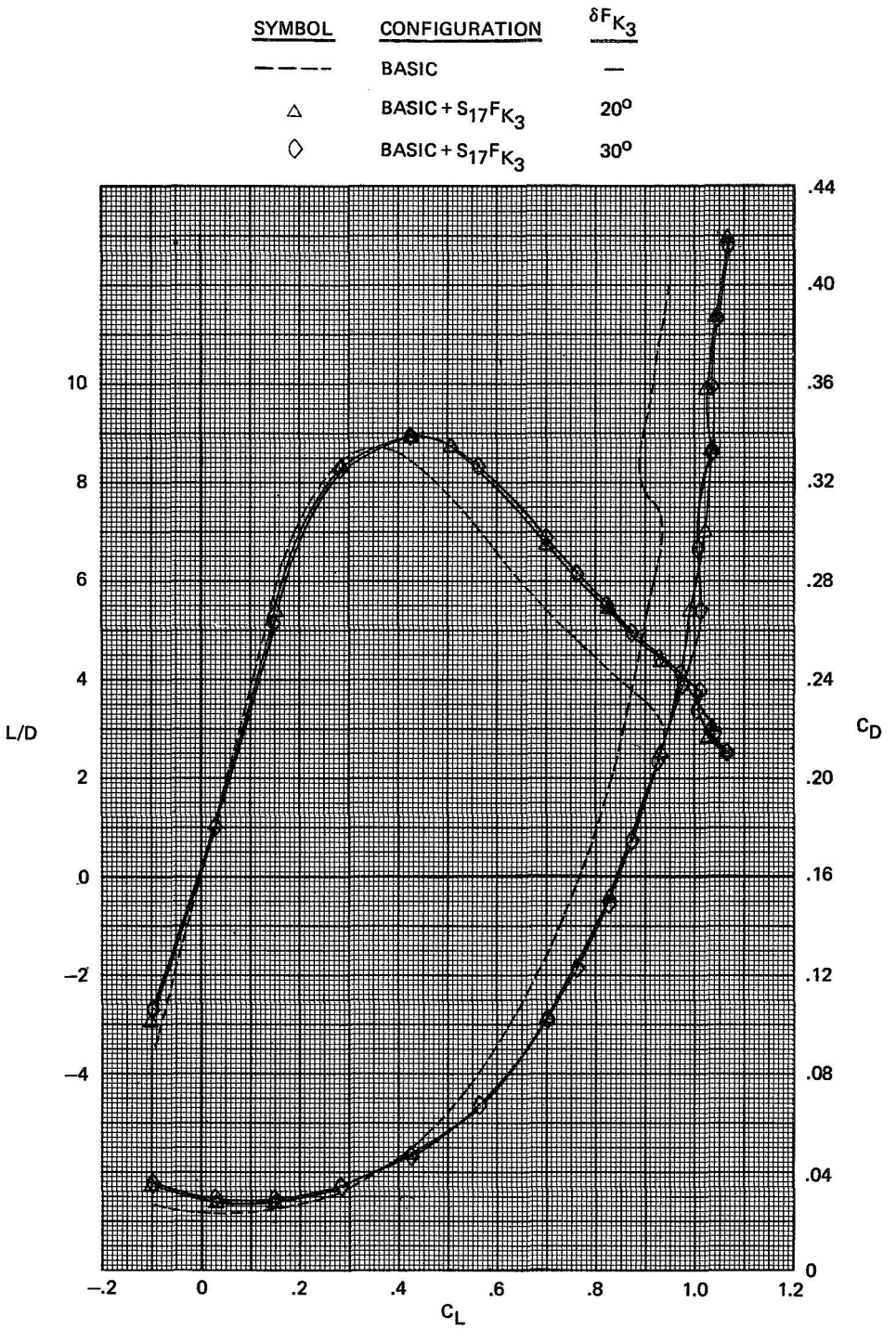


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 12.- Effect of deflecting the F_{K_3} Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $S_{17}F_{K_3}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.60.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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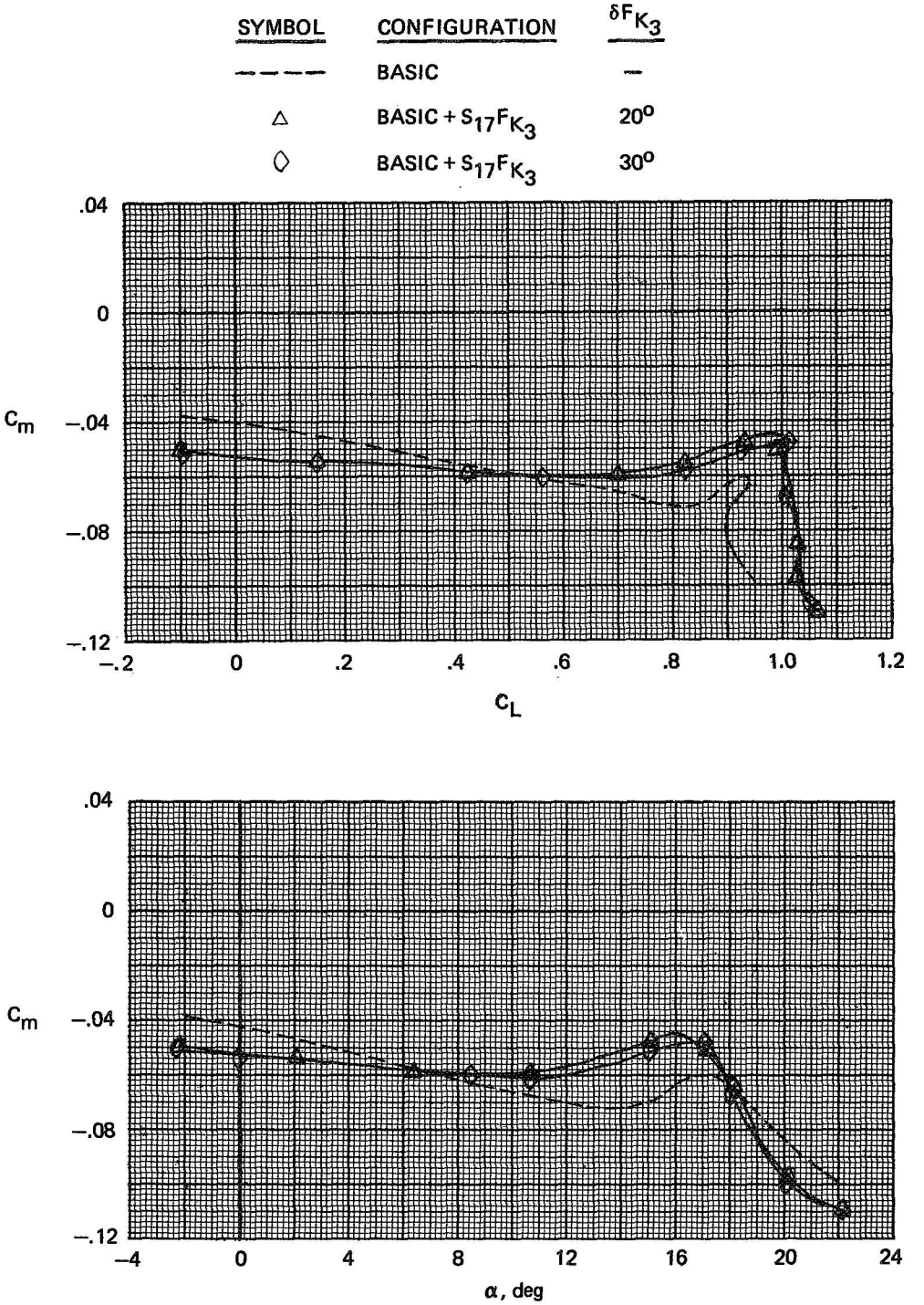
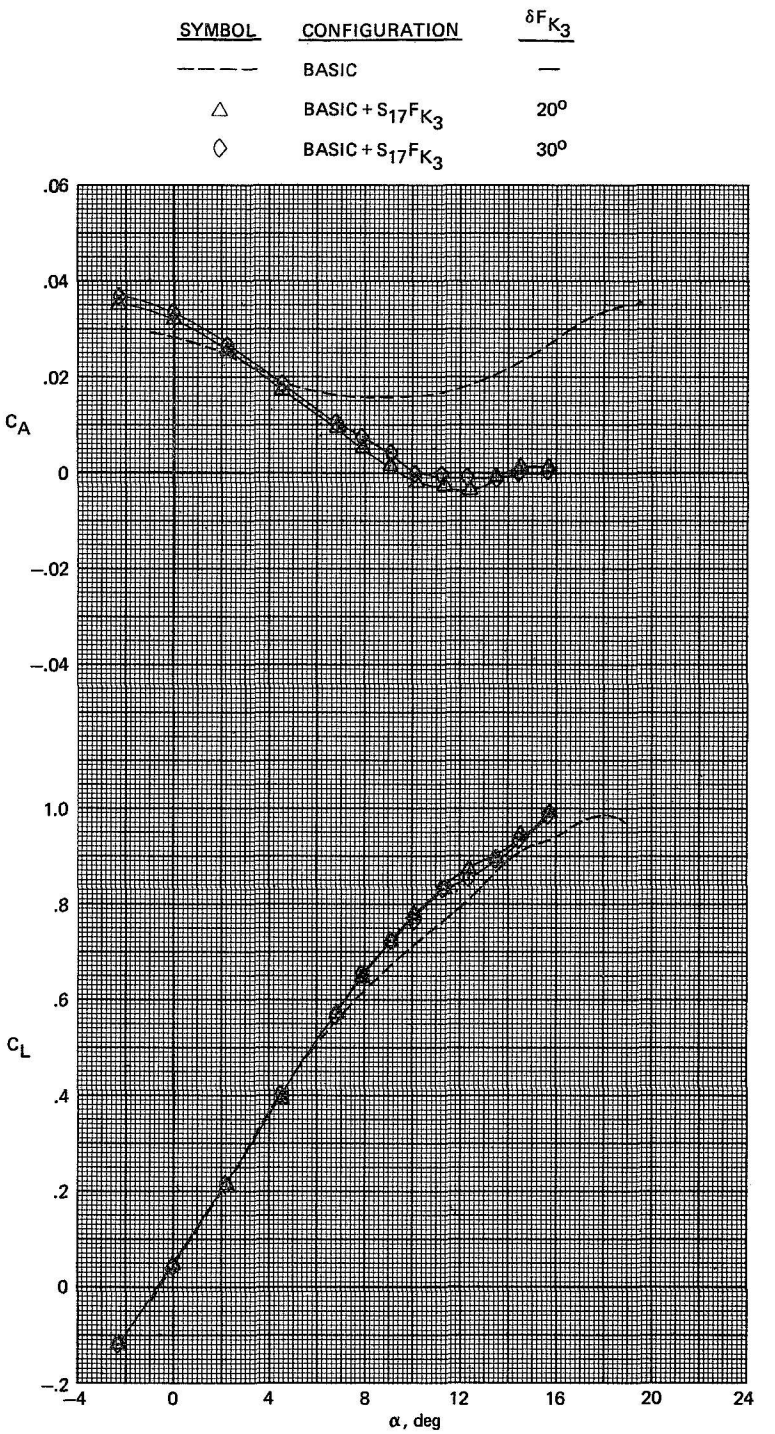


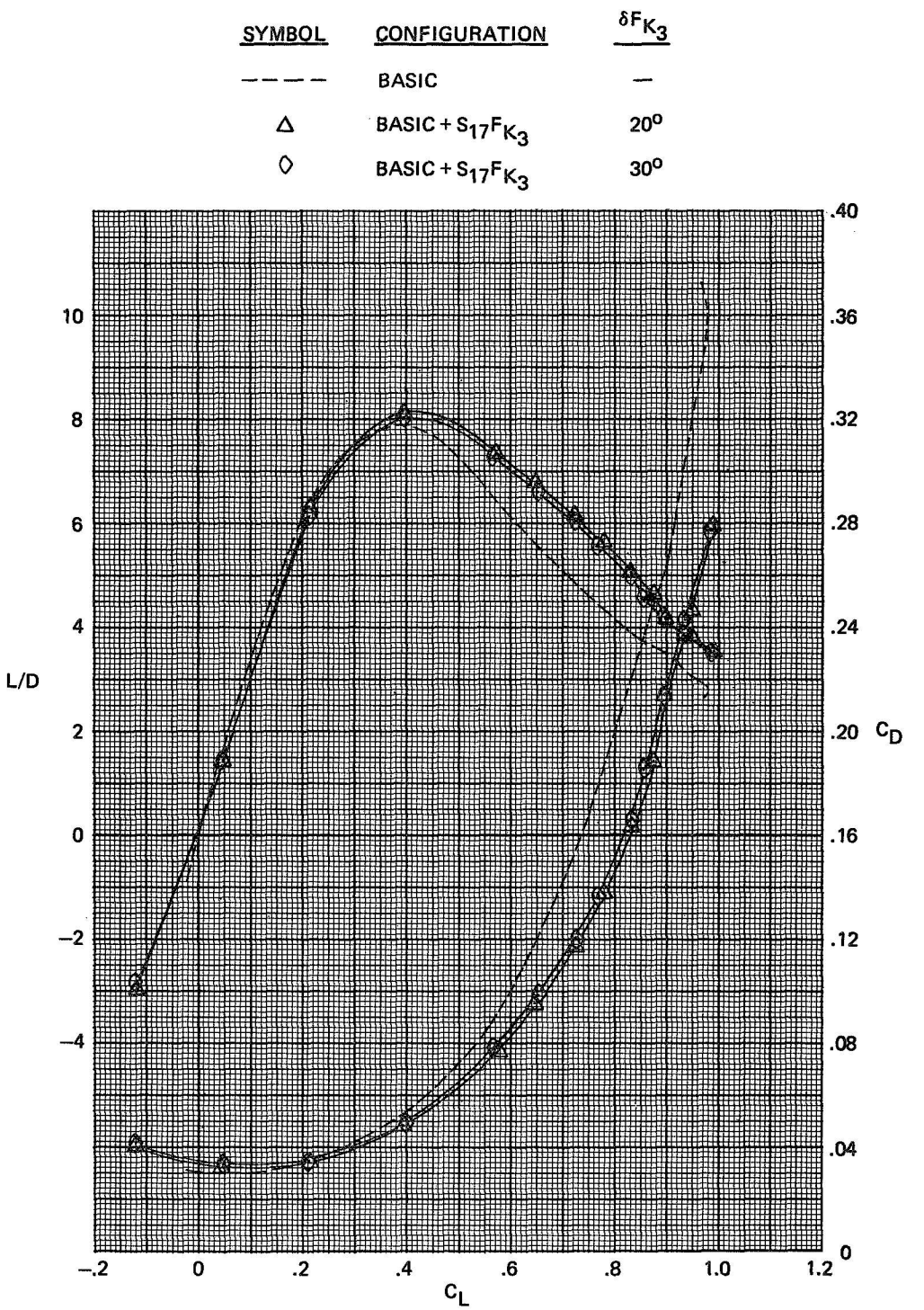
(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

Figure 12.- Concluded.



(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 13.- Effect of deflecting the F_{K_3} Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $S_{17}F_{K_3}$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.90.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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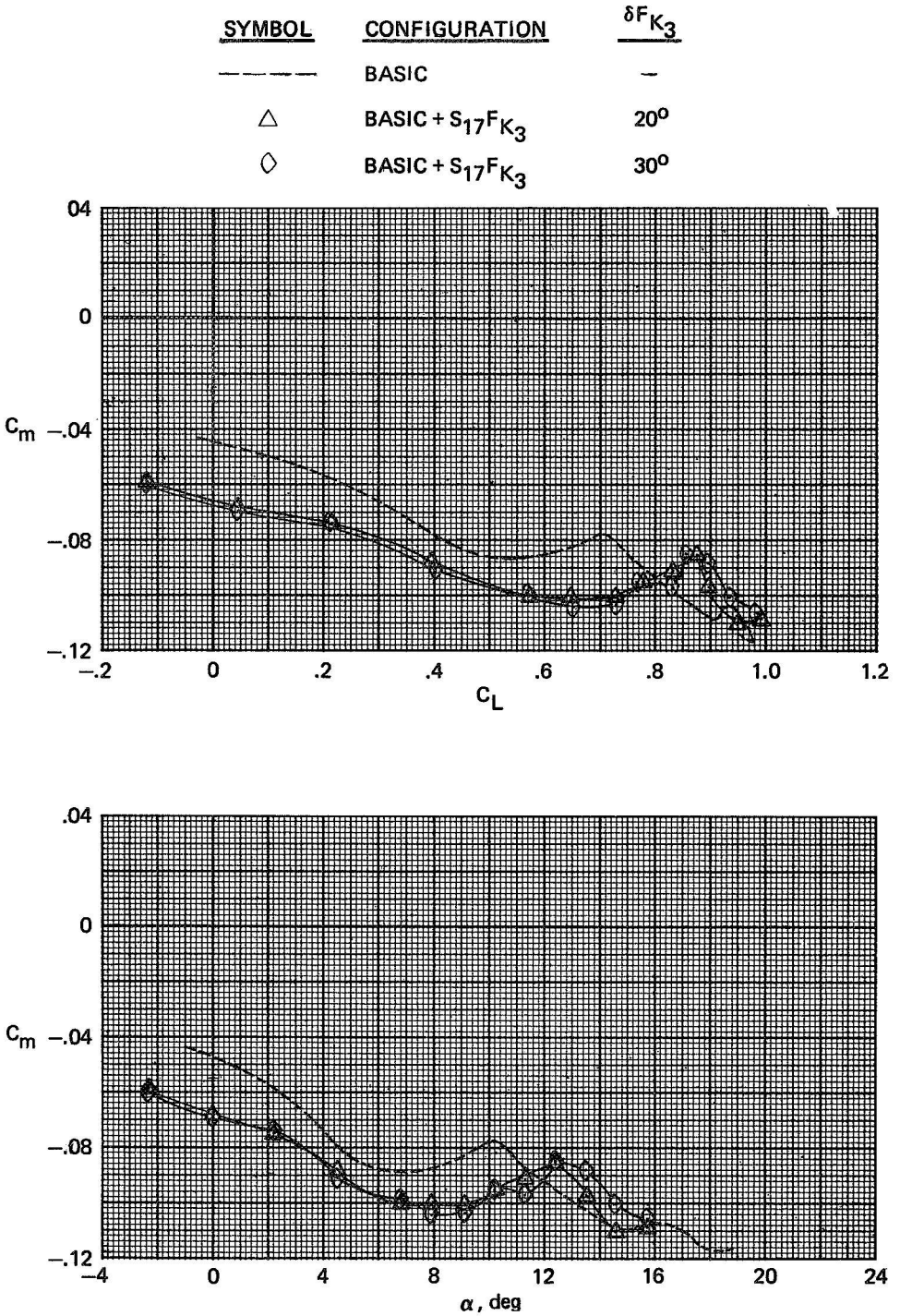

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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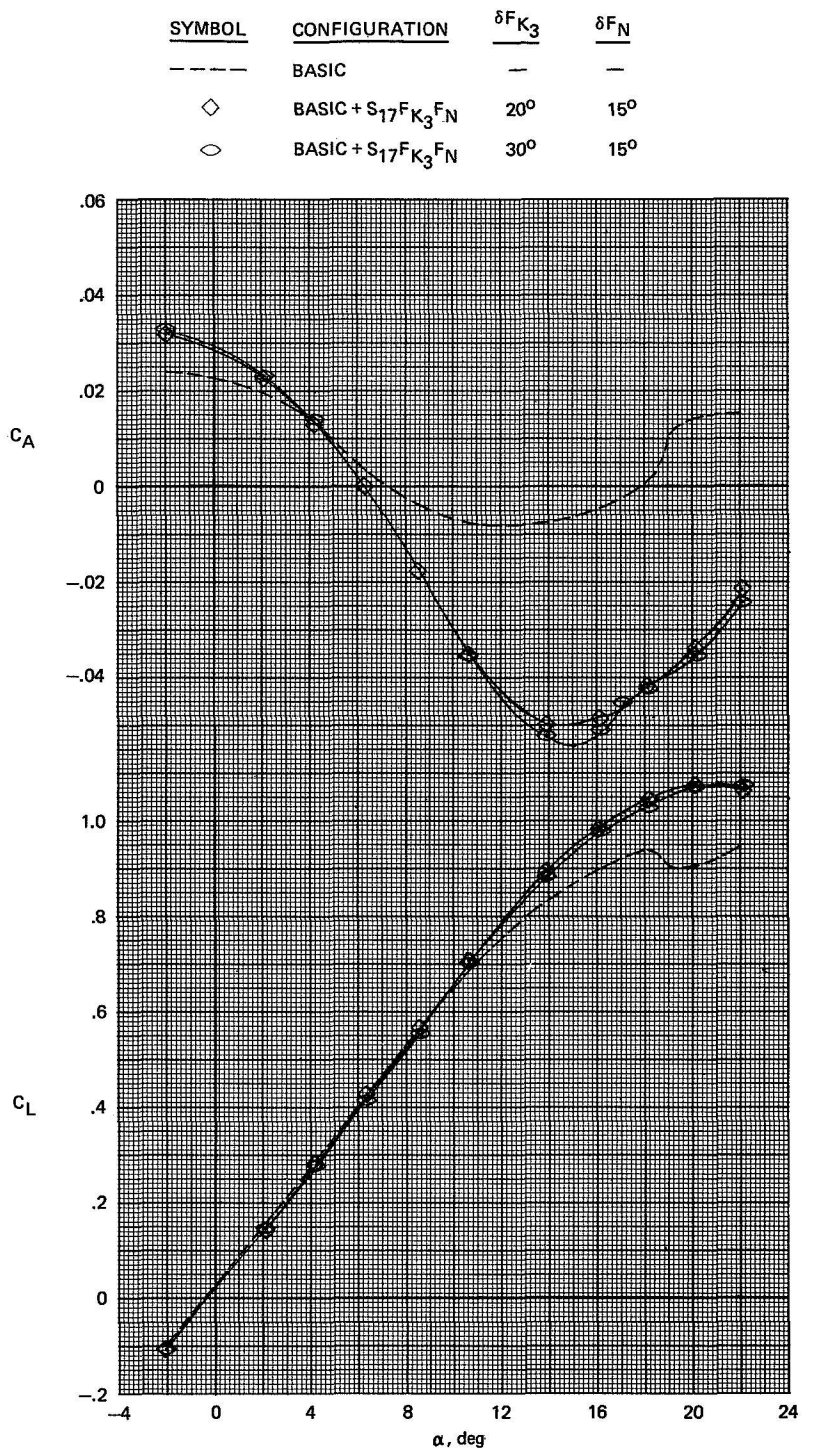
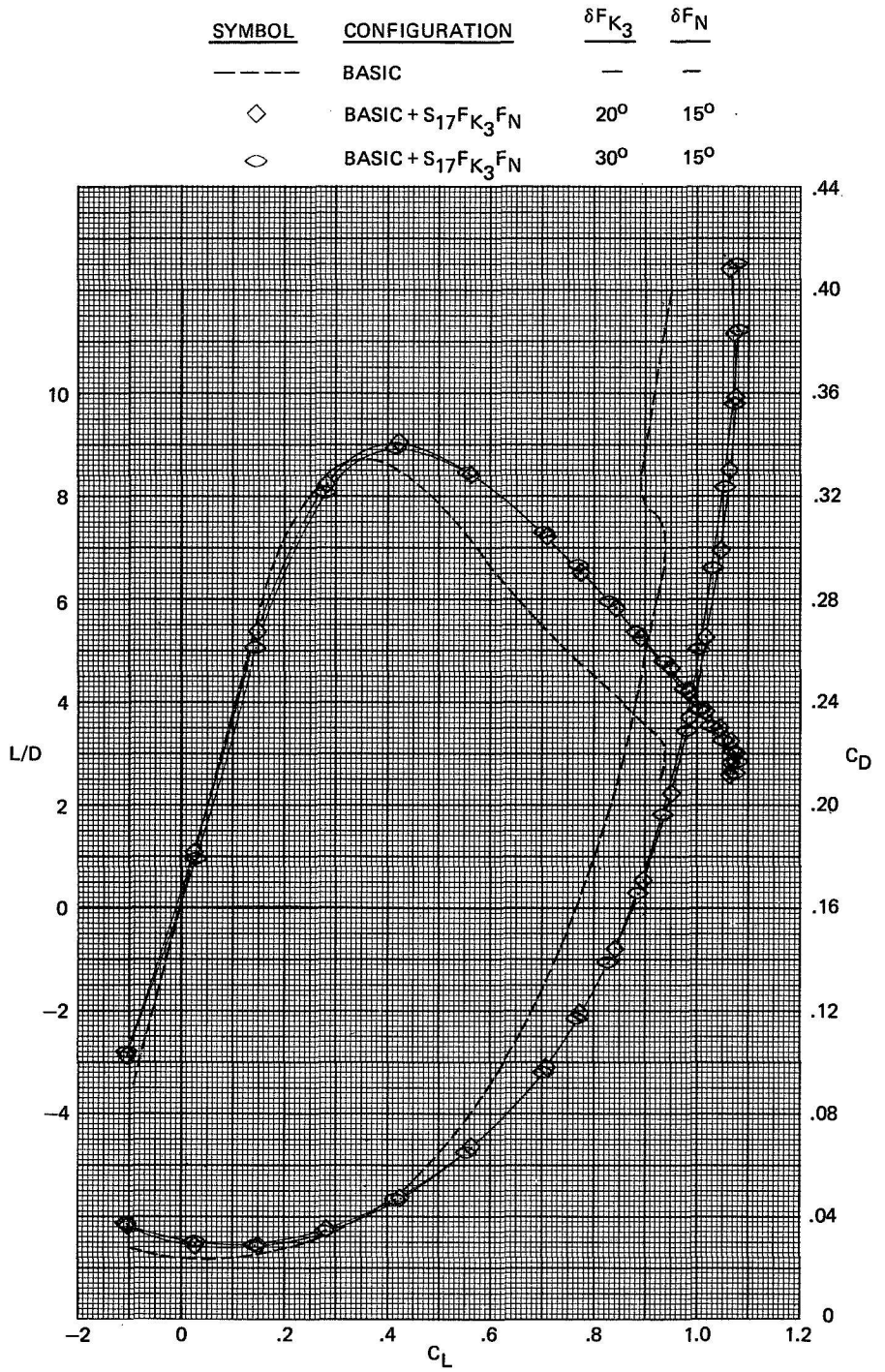


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 14.- Effect of deflecting the F_{K_3} Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $S_{17}F_{K_3}F_N$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.60.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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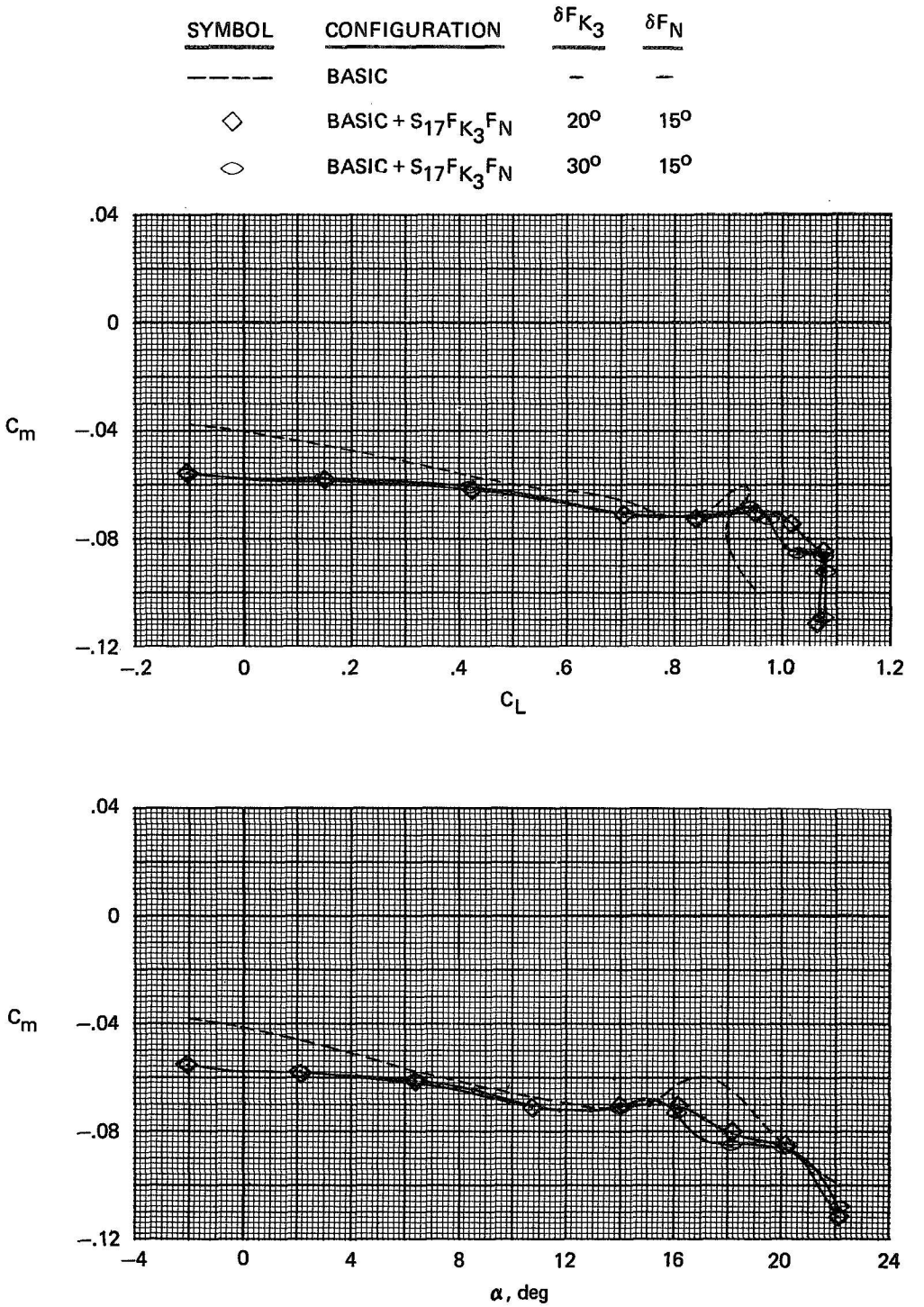

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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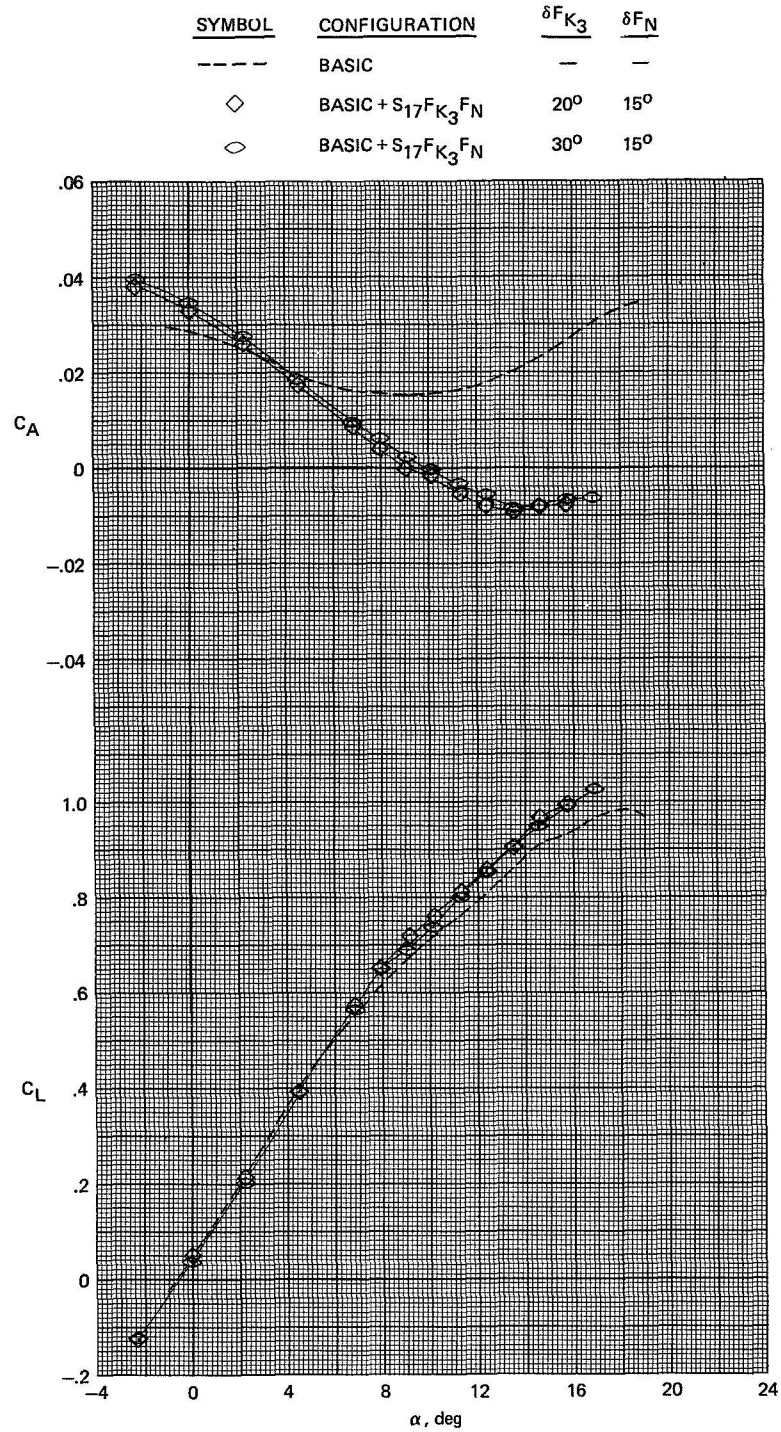
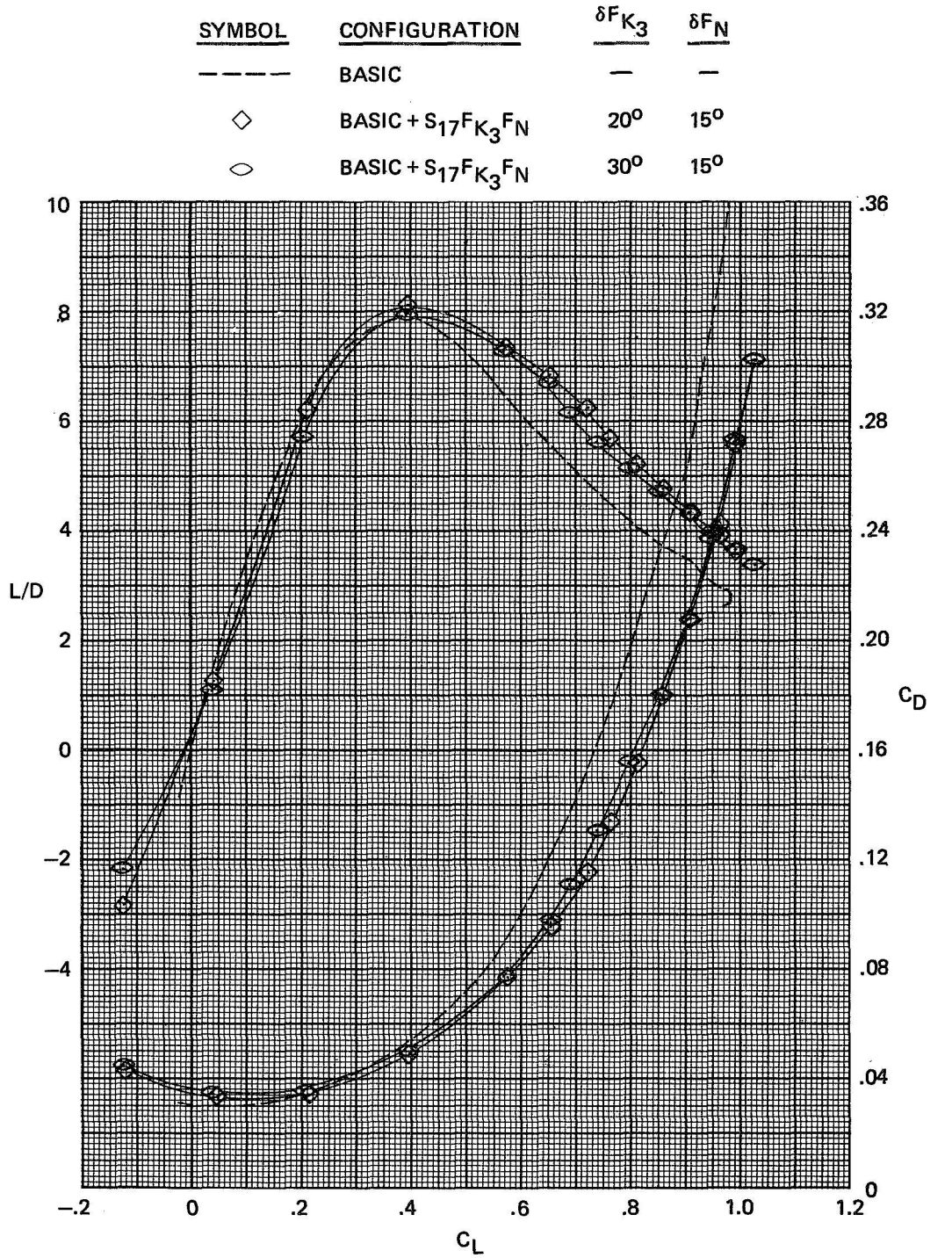


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 15.- Effect of deflecting the F_{K_3} Krueger flaps on the basic configuration incorporating the $S_{17}F_{K_3}F_N$ leading-edge devices. M = 0.90.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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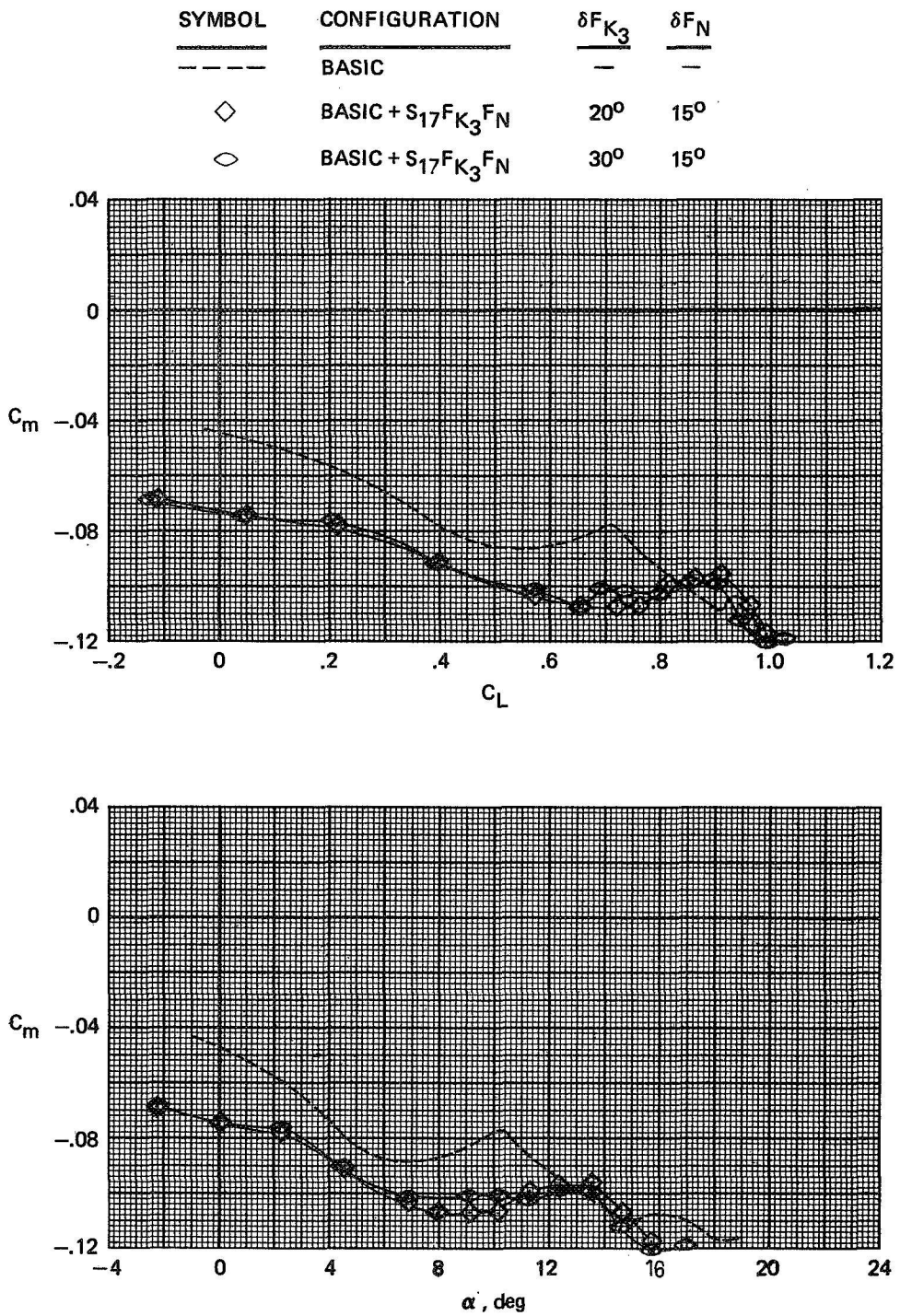

(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

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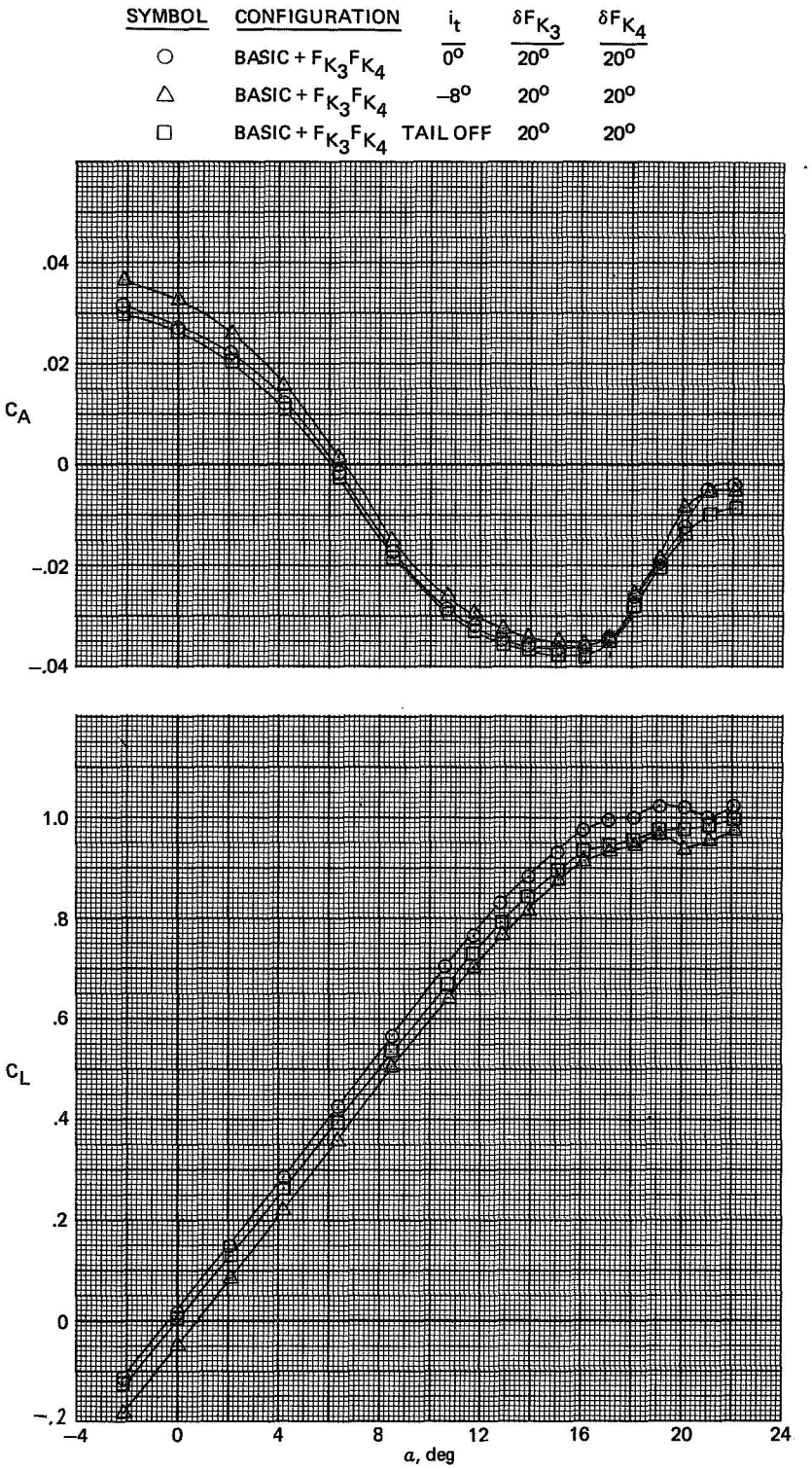
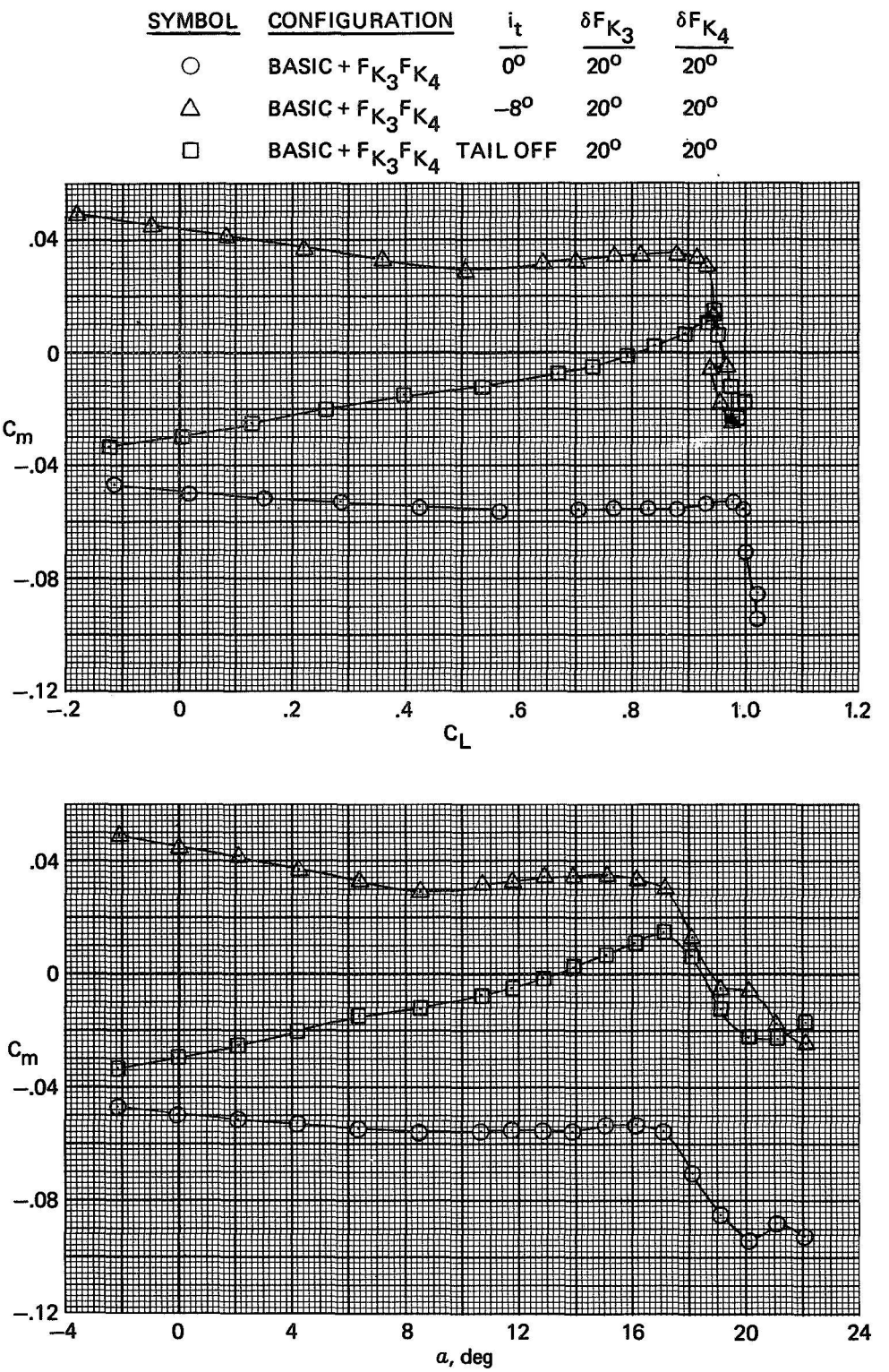


(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

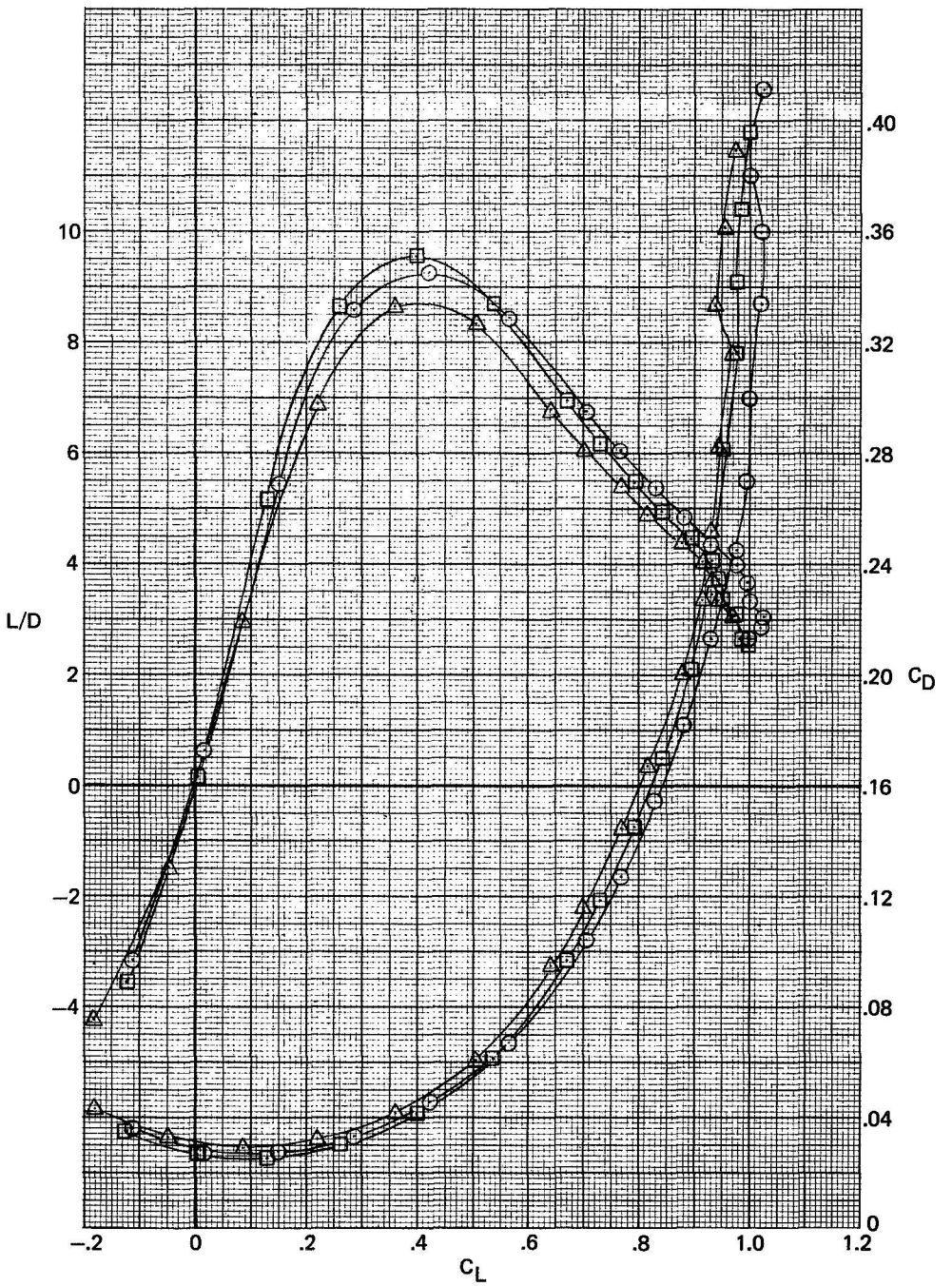
Figure 16.- Effect of horizontal-tail incidence on the longitudinal characteristics of the basic configuration with the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps $\left(\delta F_{K_3}, \delta F_{K_4} = 20^\circ\right)$. M = 0.60.



(b) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

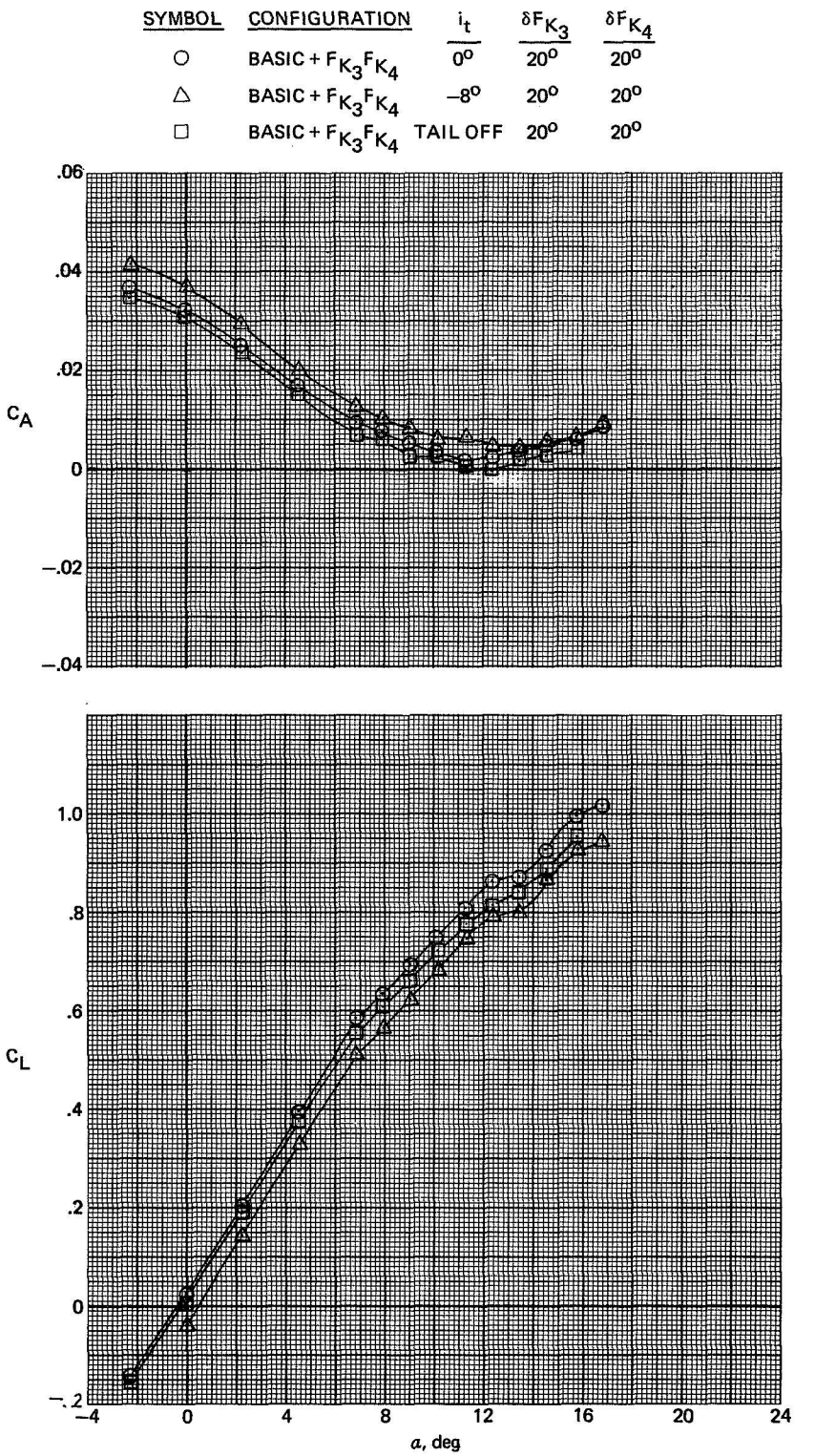
Figure 16.- Continued.

SYMBOL	CONFIGURATION	i_t	δF_{K_3}	δF_{K_4}
○	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$	0°	20°	20°
△	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$	−8°	20°	20°
□	BASIC + $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$	TAIL OFF	20°	20°



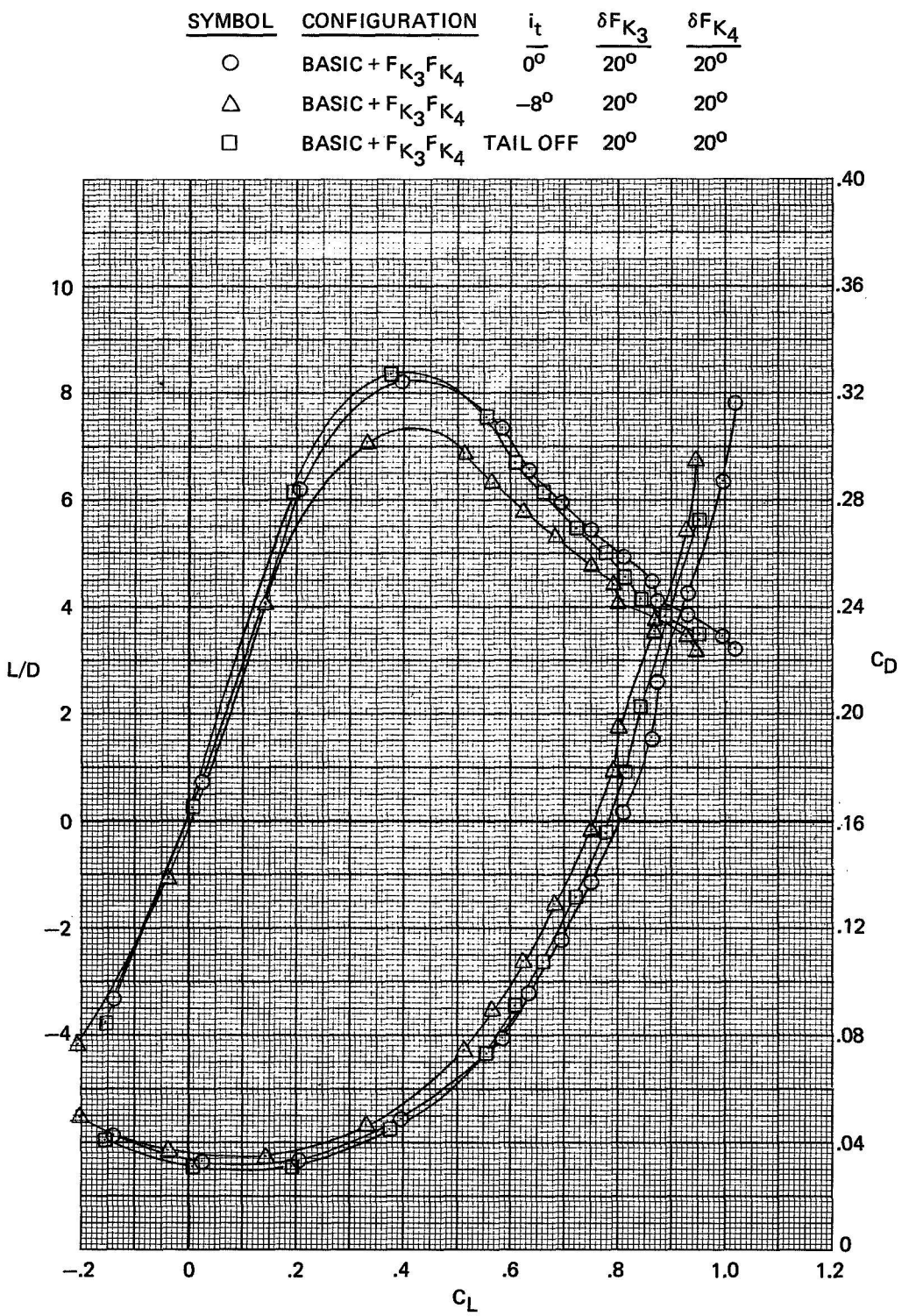
(c) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

Figure 16.- Concluded.



(a) C_A and C_L plotted against α.

Figure 17.- Effect of horizontal-tail incidence on the longitudinal characteristics of the basic configuration with the $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps (δF_{K_3}, δF_{K_4} = 20°). M = 0.90.



(b) L/D and C_D plotted against C_L.

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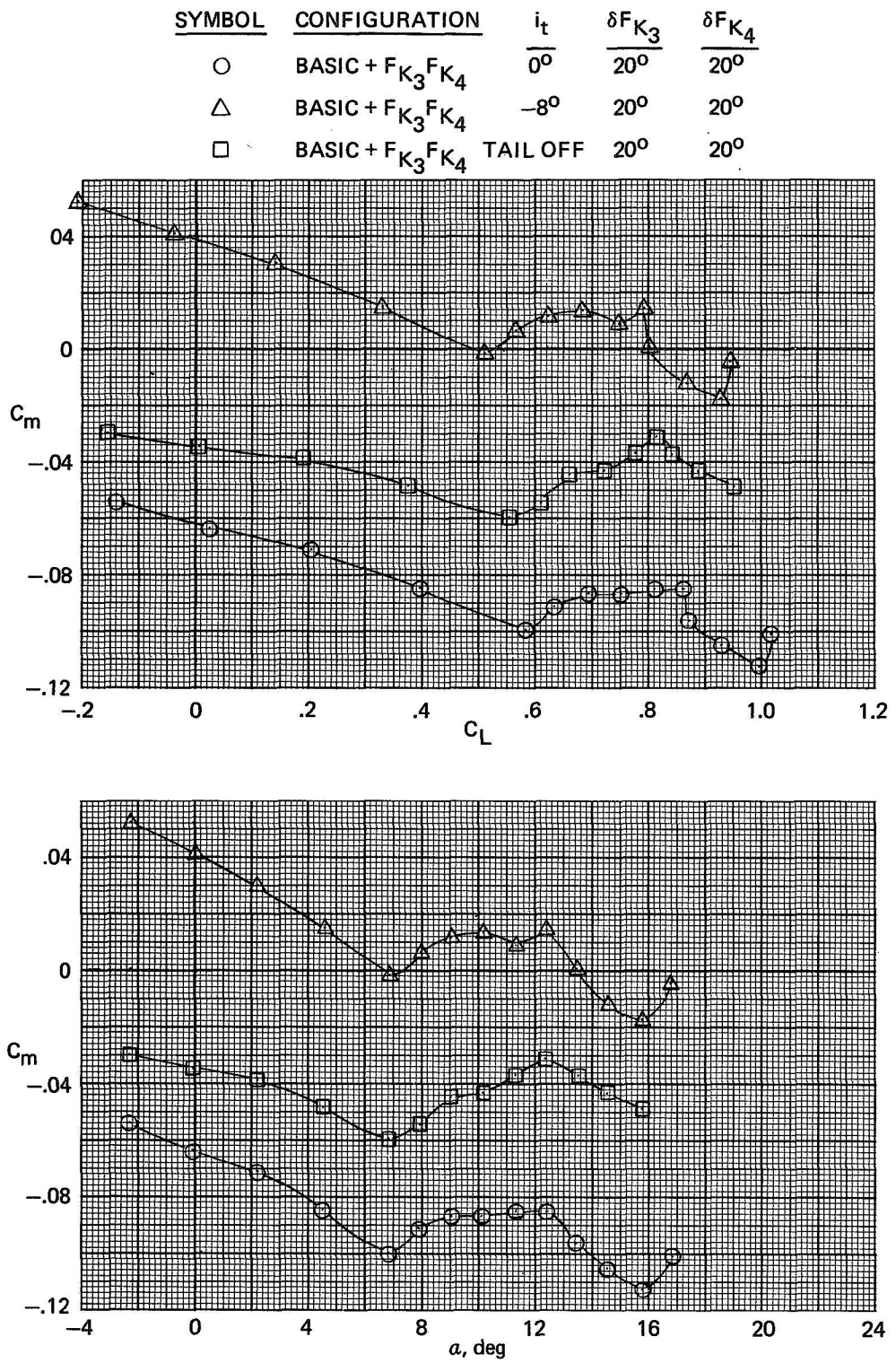


(c) C_m plotted against C_L and α.

Figure 17.- Concluded.

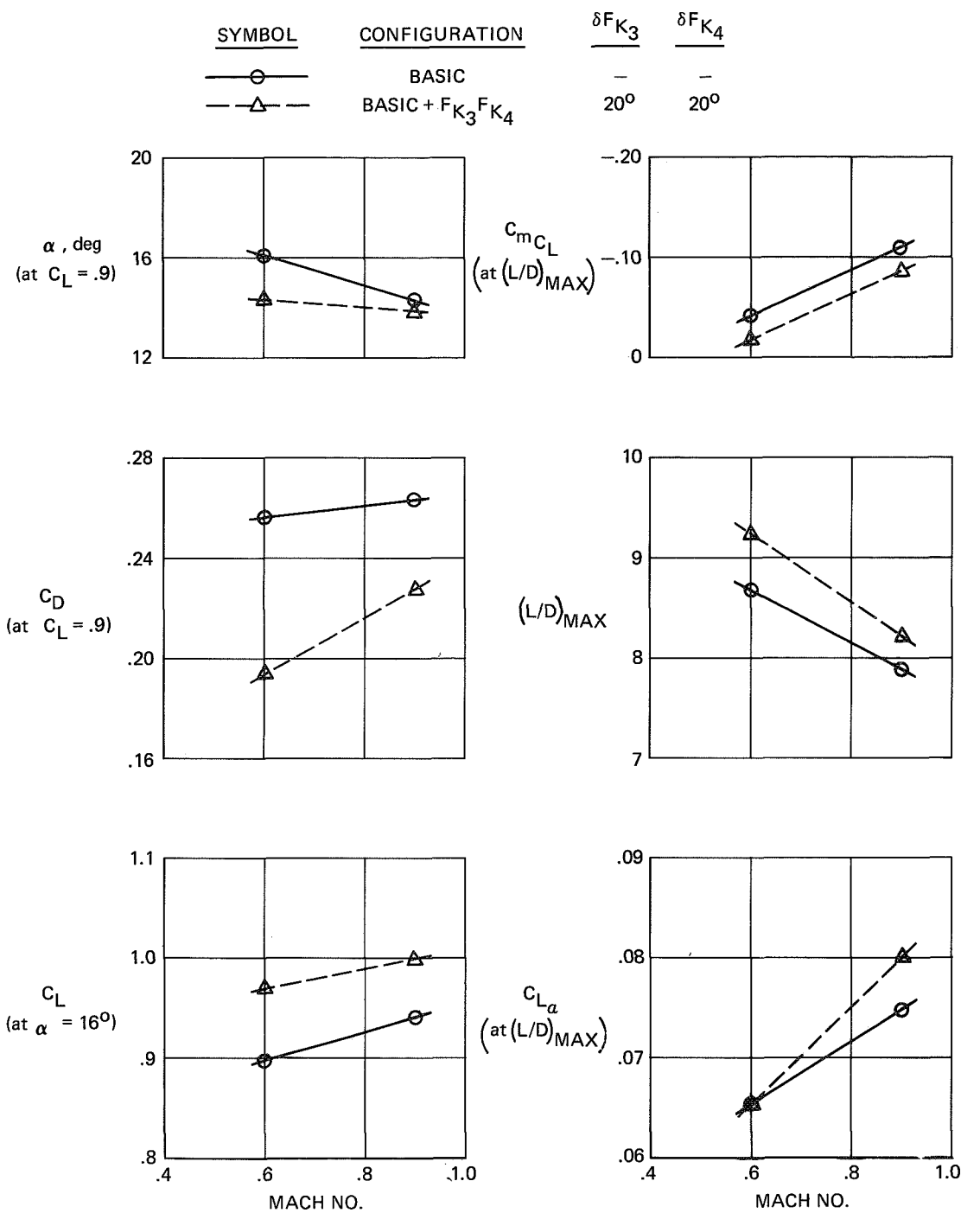
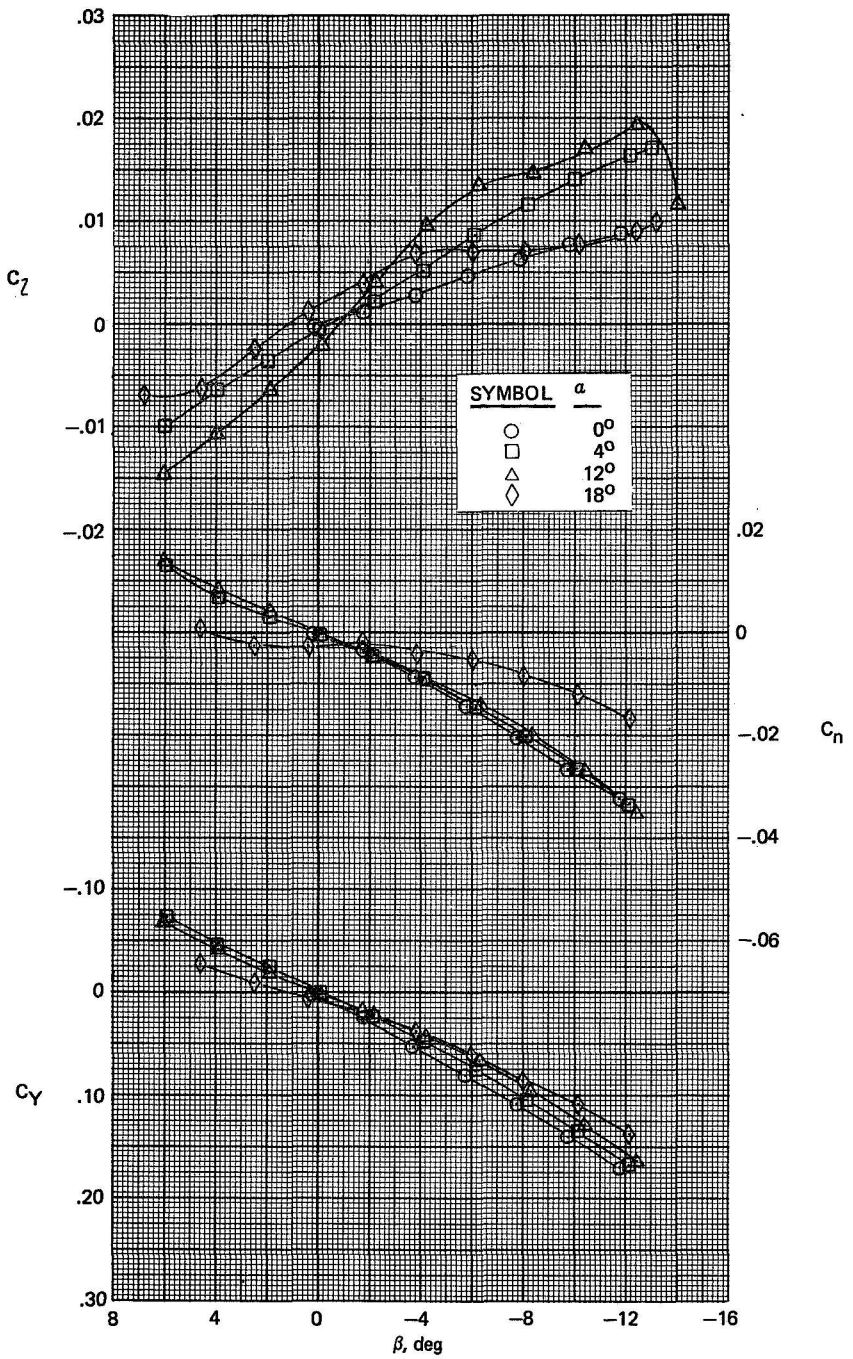
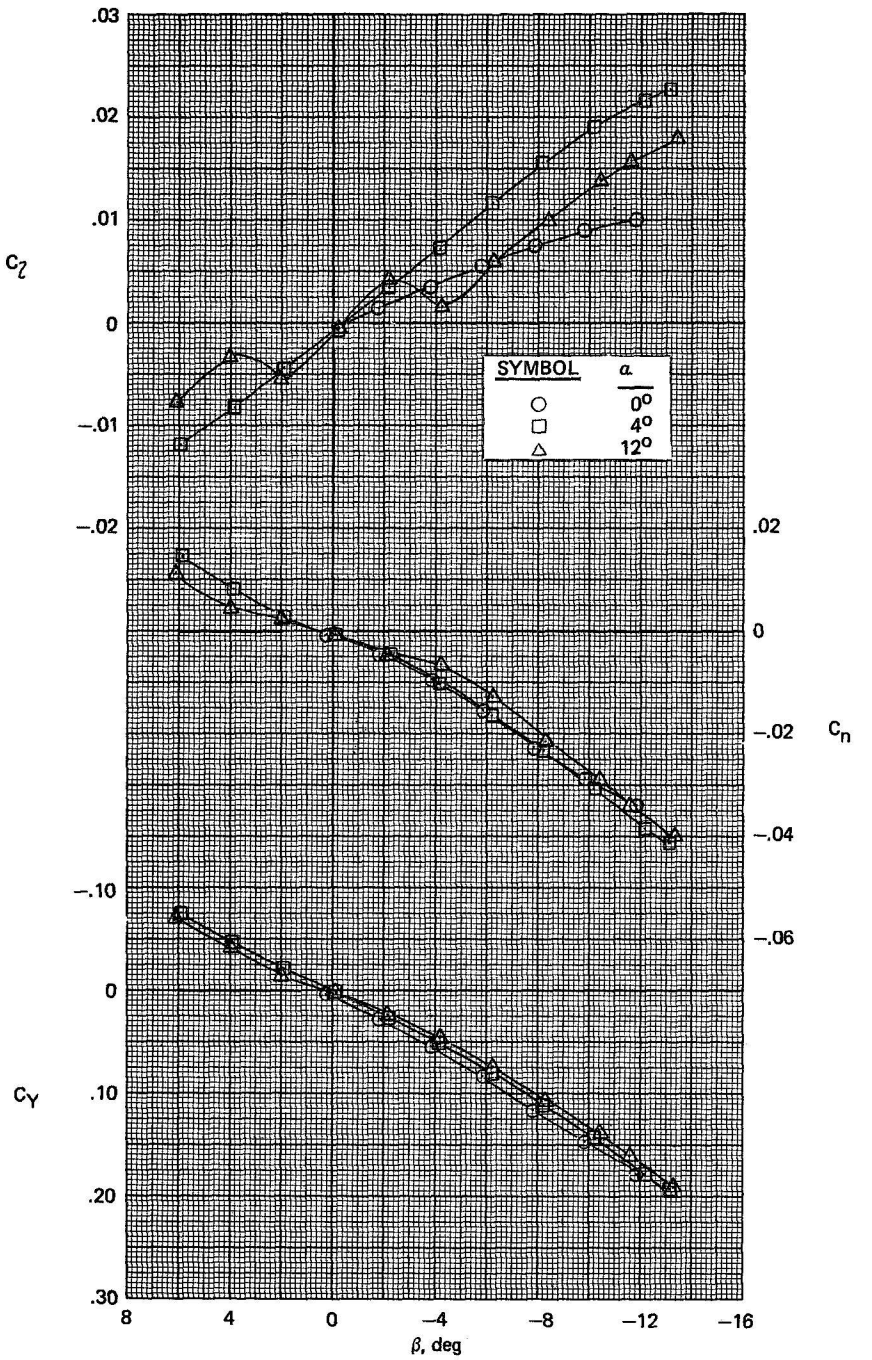


Figure 18.- Comparison of longitudinal characteristics of the basic configuration and the basic with $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps (δF_{K_3}, δF_{K_4} = 20°).



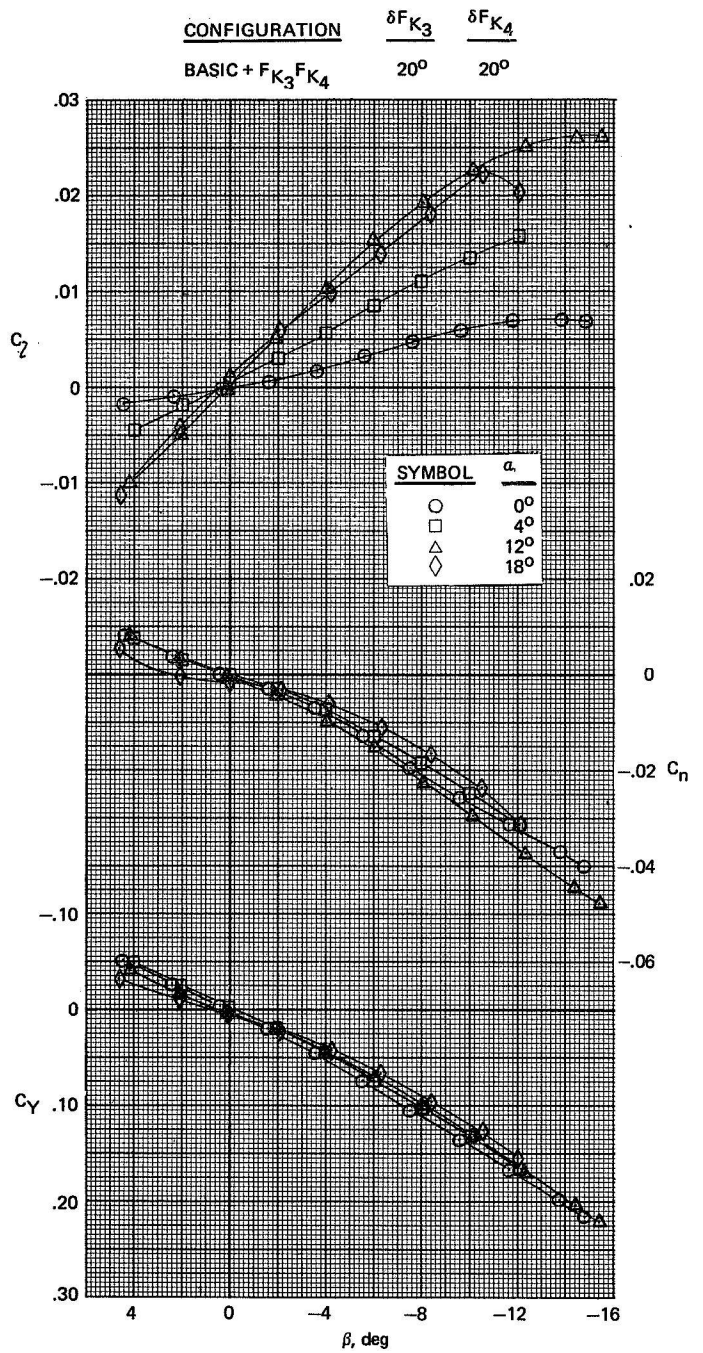
(a) M = 0.60.

Figure 19.- Lateral-directional characteristics of the basic configuration.



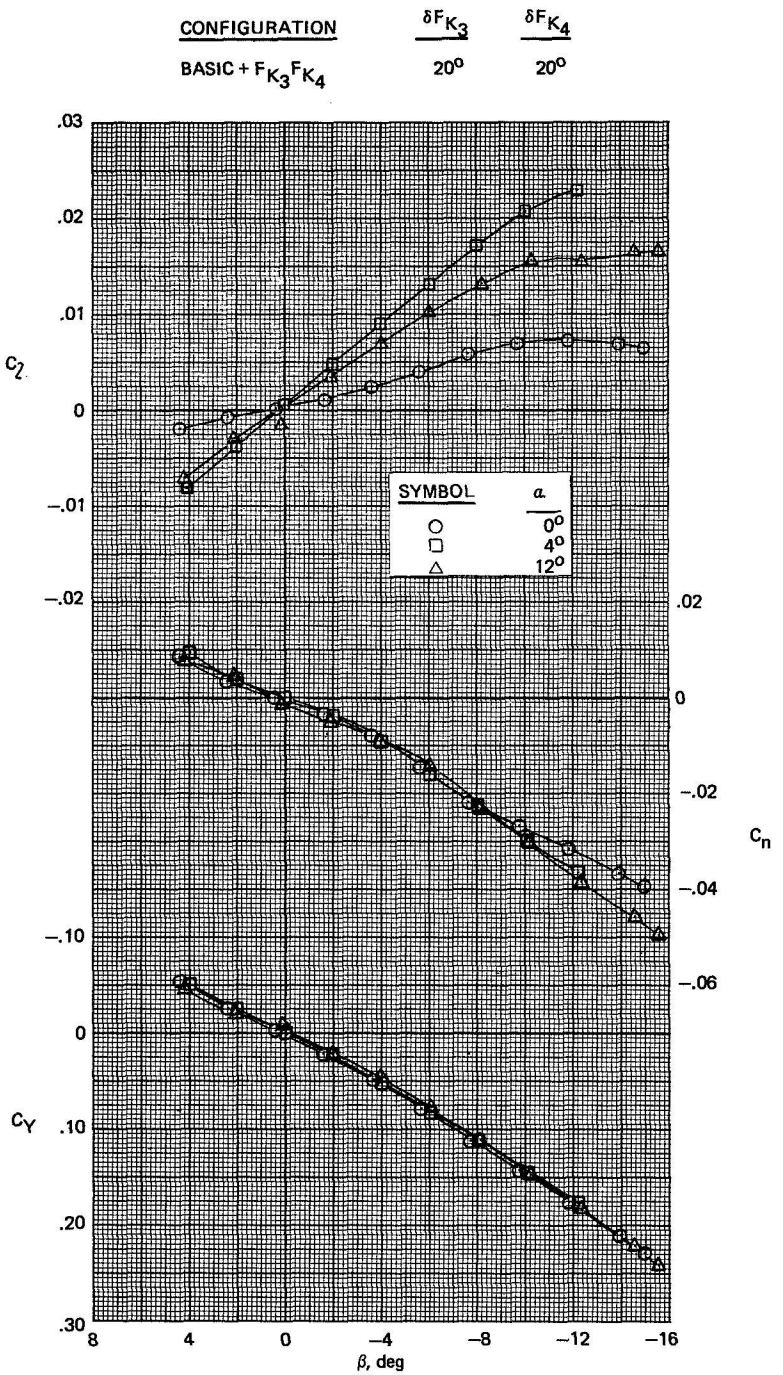
(b) M = 0.90.

Figure 19.- Concluded.



(a) M = 0.60.

Figure 20.- Lateral-directional characteristics of the basic configuration with $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps $\left(\delta F_{K_3}, \delta F_{K_4} = 20°\right)$.



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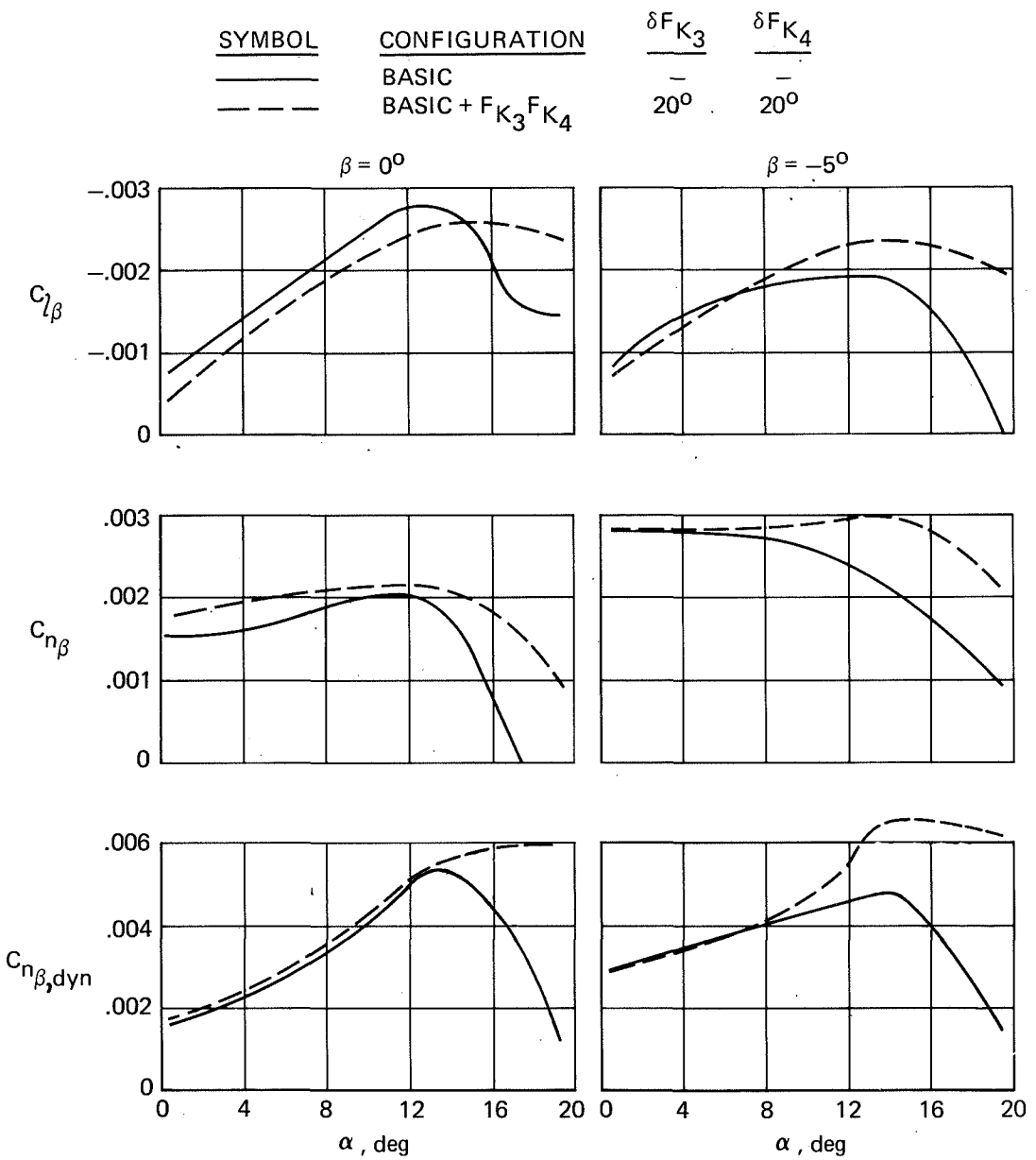
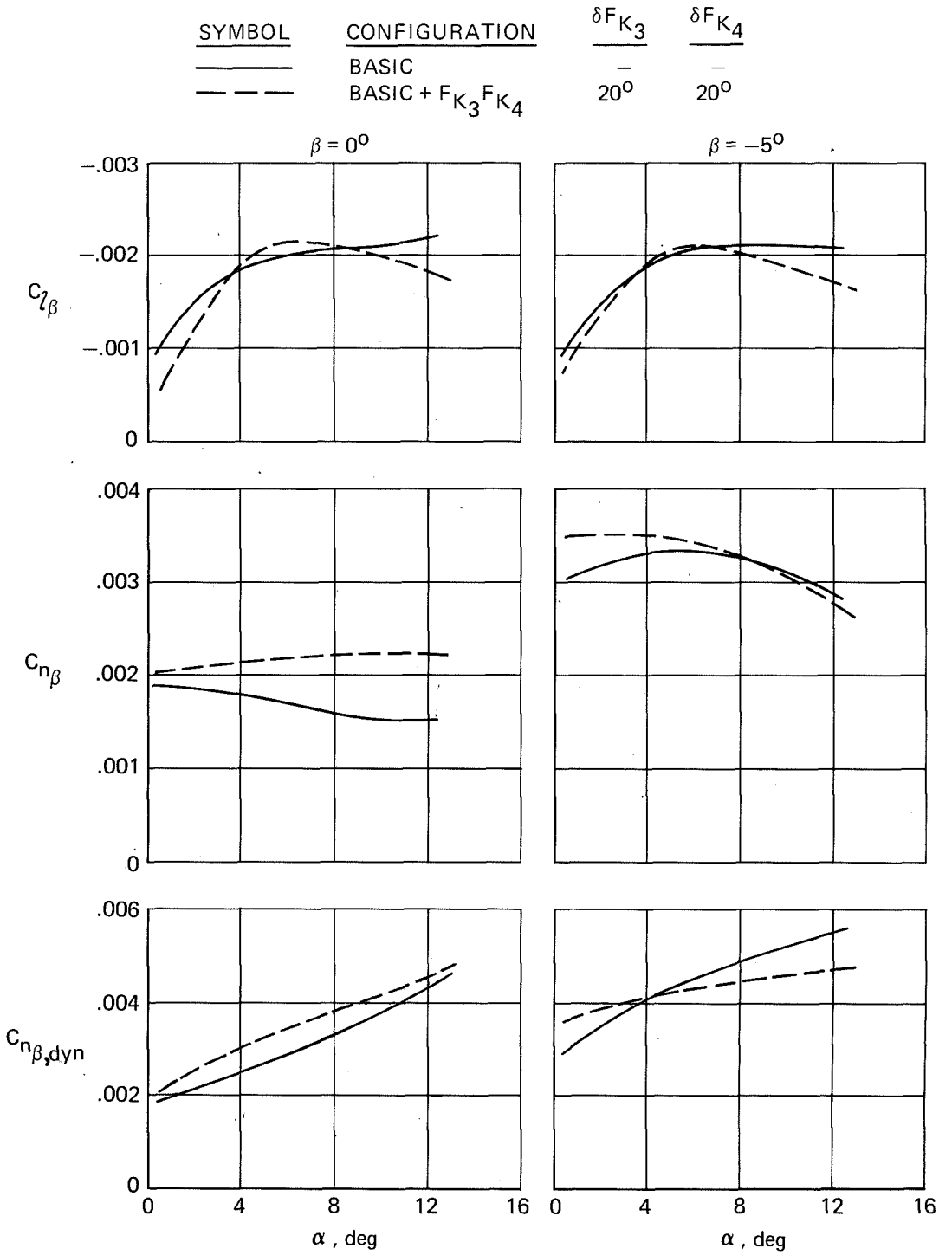


(a) M = 0.60.

Figure 21.- Comparison of lateral-directional characteristics of the basic configuration and the basic with $F_{K_3}F_{K_4}$ Krueger flaps (δF_{K_3}, δF_{K_4} = 20°).



(b) M = 0.90.

Figure 21.- Concluded.

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