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SUMMARY

Results of performance measurements made in level flight with the HNS-1 (Army YR-4B) helicopter are presented. These data include torquemeter measurements of shaft power for both the main rotor and the tail rotor. The power data, in conjunction with full-scale-tunnel data on the lift and drag of the fuselage, are used to calculate the drag-lift ratio for the main rotor.

The following results were obtained for the HNS-1 helicopter, as tested at a gross weight of approximately 2560 pounds and equipped with the original set of mainrotor blades: minimum main-rotor-shaft power at cruising rpm, approximately 99 horsepower at a speed of 40 miles per hour; rotor-shaft power absorbed by tail rotor at cruising rpm, approximately 3 to 4 horsepower over a range of speeds from 25 to 80 miles per hour; maximum ratio of lift to drag for the main rotor attainable within the available speed range, 6.7; maximum value of weight-drag ratio (ratio of weight to the drag equivalent to the total rotor-shaft power), 3.5; speed for maximum weight-drag ratio, approximately 67 miles per hour. results also indicate that main-rotor-shaft power required is appreciably affected by rotor rpm, a reduction in rpm of 5 percent corresponding to a reduction of approximately 3 to 4 horsepower when operating at or near the speed for minimum power.

INTRODUCTION

In order to provide data with which theory and wind-tunnel measurements on powered rotating-airfoil systems may be checked, flight tests are being conducted at Langley Laboratory with a Sikorsky HNS-1 (Army YR-4B) helicopter. These tests include performance measurements in level flight, hovering, and glides and climbs, and camera observations of blade motion in selected conditions. This report presents the results of the level-flight performance measurements that were made with the original set of main-rotor blades.

SYMBOLS

- $\begin{array}{c} v_c & \text{calibrated airspeed (indicated airspeed corrected for} \\ & \text{instrument and installation errors; can be considered equal to} & v\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^{1/2} & \text{in the present case)} \end{array}$
- V true airspeed
- p mass density of air
- p mass density of air at sea level under standard conditions (0.002378 slug per foot3)
- 9 average main rotor-blade pitch, uncorrected for play in linkage and for mean blade twist
- μ tip-speed ratio $\left(\frac{V\cos\alpha}{\Omega R}\right)$
- a spindle angle of an equivalent rotor with no periodic variation of the rotor-blade pitch angle, measured in the plane of symmetry and referenced to a line perpendicular to the flight path; positive aft
- o solidity $\frac{bc_e}{\pi R}$ where $c_e = equivalent chord = <math>\frac{\int_0^R cr^2 dr}{\int_0^R r^2 dr}$

giving $\sigma = 0.060$ for the present case

- b number of blades
- a slope of lift coefficient against section angle of attack (radian measure), assumed equal to 5.73 in this report
- $C_{\rm p}$ power coefficient $\left(\frac{\text{Rotor-shaft power input}}{\rho\Omega^3}\right)$
- P/L shaft-power parameter. The symbol P is equal to the rotor-shaft power divided by the velocity along the flight path. It is, therefore, also equal to the drag force that could be overcome by the shaft power at the flight velocity
- fuselage angle of attack (angle between relative wind and a line in the plane of symmetry and perpendicular to the main rotor-shaft axis; positive when nose up)
- Δα_f correction to fuselage angle of attack to allow for rotor downwash
- α_{f_c} corrected fuselage angle of attack ($\alpha_f + \Delta \alpha_f$)
- Uncor $\frac{Gross \text{ weight}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \pi R^2\right)}$
- ΔC_L correction to rotor lift coefficient for fuselage download
- C_L rotor lift coefficient C_L + ΔC_L
- C_{T} thrust coefficient (Corrected rotor lift)
- $\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{pf}$ parasite drag of fuselage, rotor head, and blade shanks, divided by corrected main-rotor lift

- $\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{pt}$ parasite-drag contribution of tail rotor divided by corrected main-rotor lift
- $\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_r$ drag-lift ratio of main rotor after applying corrections for fuselage download and for fuselage and auxiliary rotor parasite drag
- c_{L_f} fuselage lift coefficient $\left(\frac{\text{Fuselage lift}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \pi R^2}\right)$
- C_{D_f} fuselage drag coefficient $\left(\frac{\text{Fuselage drag}}{\frac{1}{2}\rho V^2 \pi R^2}\right)$
- R rotor-blade radius
- r radius of blade element
- L corrected rotor lift
- Ω rotor angular velocity, radians per second

APPARATUS

Description of aircraft. General views of the HNS-1 helicopter (AAF Serial No. 43-28229) are shown in figures 1, 2, and 3. The plan form of the main- and tail-rotor blades is shown in figure 4. Dimensions and other details for the aircraft as flown are as follows:

General characteristics;
Gross weight as flown (±2 percent). 1b 2560
Disk loading, lb/sq ft 2.26
Power loading as flown (normal rated power),
lb/bhp
Parasite drag area D/q, typical flight
condition, sq ft 23
Power rating for take-off 190 bhp at 2250 rpm
Power rating, normal 180 bhp at 2100 rpm
Gear ratio, engine to main rotor 9.34:1
Gear ratio, engine to tail rotor
Fuel capacity, gals
Center-of-gravity position, below plane
of flapping hinges, feet 4.5

Main-rotor characteristics;
Dodding St.
be be wish
Blade twist
Blade area (total, three blades), sq ft 65.5
Blade section NACA 0012
Mean pitch range, deg 2.5 to 14
Cyclic pitch range, obtained from: Longitudinal stick motion, deg
Lateral stick motion, deg
Direction of rotation: counterclockwise as viewed from
above
Moment of inertia of blade about flapping axis,
slug ft ²
Blade center of gravity, from & of rotor shaft, in. 94.3
Drag hinge location, from g of rotor shaft, in9.08
Flapping hinge & location, from & of rotor
shaft, in
Tail-rotor characteristics:
Radius, ft
Solidity, bee TR
Blade area (total, three blades), sq ft 4.92
Blade section NACA 0012
Mean pitch range, deg
Shaft axis setting
Horizontal projection: rotor-shaft axis inclined
2.1° backward from perpendicular to axis of symmetry of fuselage
Vertical projection: rotor-shaft axis perpendicular
to main-rotor-shaft axis.
Distance from hub center to main-rotor shaft, ft. 25.2

Instrumentation and methods. - Quantities measured during the forward-flight tests included the following:

Airspeed
Rotor rpm
Engine manifold pressure
Main-rotor-shaft torque
Tail-rotor-shaft torque
Free-air temperature
Intake-air temperature
Free-air static pressure

Main-rotor pitch
Tail-rotor pitch
Attitude angle (shaft
inclination)
Upwash and yaw flow angles
ahead of the rotor disk
Cyclic pitch control position

The free-air temperature and the engine intake-air temperature were obtained from indicating instruments; all other quantities were obtained from NACA recording instruments.

The airspeed was determined by means of a double-swiveling pitot-static installation (fig. 5) having its static holes located at a point 253 inches ahead of the main-rotor shaft and 54 inches below the plane of the flapping hinges. The installation was calibrated by means of a trailing-pitot-static bomb suspended approximately 100 feet below the rotor. The calibration data are shown in figure 6.

The engine manifold pressure, intake-air temperature, and rpm values were used to calculate engine brake horsepower by use of the calibration curve given in Technical Order AN Ol-10 DA-1.

The main- and tail-rotor-shaft torques were obtained by means of strain-gage torquemeters. The strain-sensitive elements for the main rotor were mounted on the driveshaft between the gear box and the pylon thrust bearing. Those for the tail rotor were mounted on that portion of the driveshaft between the tail-rotor gear box and the rearmost shaft bearing.

The torquemeter shaft assemblies, including the strain-sensitive elements and sliprings, were designed by Baldwin-Southwark Division of the Baldwin Locomotive Works under contract with the Army Air Forces. An NACA recording galvanometer was used to measure the gage output. Voltage control and also a periodic check throughout each run on the zero reading and sensitivity of the galvanometer circuit were obtained with additional equipment developed especially for the purpose.

The values of main-rotor pitch setting and control-stick (cyclic pitch) position were obtained from control-position recorders attached to the push-pull tubes extending from inside the fuselage to the rotor head. The stick position is referred to the position for zero cyclic pitch variation. The available stick travel from this position as measured at the top of the stick is 6.0 inches forward, 7.1 inches aft, 4.1 inches right, and 7.6 inches left. The amplitude of the cyclic pitch variation, in degrees from the mean pitch value, may be estimated by multiplying the stick displacement in inches by 1.25.

The phase angle of the cyclic pitch action, in degrees from the rearmost position of the blade, may be estimated for the power-on condition by assuming that the maximum effect of the longitudinal stick deflection occurs at 65° and at 245° azimuth and that the maximum effect of the lateral stick displacement occurs at 155° and 335° azimuth. These estimates must be viewed as approximate, however, because of linkage play, periodic blade twist, and the change in the phase of the control action with changes in rotor torque or rpm.

The values for the tail-rotor pitch were obtained from a control-position recorder attached to the tail-rotor control cables. This installation was calibrated with a small pitch decreasing moment applied to the blades, to insure that the play in the system (roughly ±1° from the mean position) would be taken up in a direction corresponding to that anticipated for the flight conditions covered.

The attitude angle (main-rotor-shaft inclination from the vertical, positive rearward) was determined by means of a pendulum inclinometer.

The yaw and the upwash flow angles were obtained by means of a calibrated yaw head mounted on the end of the airspeed boom (fig. 4). These tubes were located 250 inches ahead of the rotor shaft and 54 inches below the plane of the flapping hinges. The angles given are referred to a line in the plane of symmetry and perpendicular to the rotor shaft. A positive yaw angle corresponds to right yaw or left sideslip.

REDUCTION OF DATA

The method of calculation of the majority of the coefficients presented will be apparent by definition. The methods of obtaining tip-speed ratio μ and rotor drag-lift ratio D/L, however, require some explanation.

Tip-speed ratio μ . Evaluation of the cos α term in the accepted definition of the tip-speed ratio $\mu = \frac{V \cos \alpha}{\Omega R}$ requires the determination of an equivalent spindle angle for a rotor with no periodic variation of the rotor-blade pitch angle. This equivalent angle was

determined by adding the amplitude of the longitudinal component of the rotor-blade cyclic pitch variation (periodic blade pitch angle change about transverse axis of ship) estimated from the stick-position data to the measured shaft angle.

Rotor drag-lift ratio D/L.- The evaluation of rotor drag-lift ratio requires a somewhat arbitrary division of the drag losses into fuselage parasite drag and rotor profile-drag losses. In this report the drag of the hub structure and the cylindrical blade shanks has been charged to fuselage parasite loss. This division is convenient because the drag of these items varies with forward speed rather than with rotational speed. It also gives a more correct index of the performance to be expected from later rotor designs, inasmuch as the relative drag of the hub structure on the HNS-l is obviously much greater than that on any of the more recent designs.

In determining the drag-lift ratios of the main rotor from measured values of shaft power and known values of gross weight, allowances have been made for the following factors:

- (1) Power required to overcome the parasite drag of the fuselage, rotor head, and blade shanks.
- (2) Power required to overcome the drag force on the tail rotor. (This power is totally independent of the power transmitted through the tail rotor shaft.)
- (3) Rotor lift, in excess of the gross weight, required because of the downward air load on the fuselage.

The individual values for all of these allowances have been included in table II in order that their magnitude may be noted.

Items (1) and (3) were determined by use of unpublished full-scale-tunnel data on the lift and drag of the fuselage of a YR-4B helicopter (AAF Serial No. 43-28225). These data were obtained with the airspeed boom shown in figure 5 mounted on the YR-4B fuselage, in order to make the data directly applicable to the flight tests. The measured drag coefficients were increased by 0.00035, or about 2 percent, as an allowance for the drag of the

cylindrical blade shanks; this increment was estimated from data on yawed cylinders. The fuselage drag and lift curves used in the analysis are shown in figure 7. The wind-tunnel values were obtained over a range of angles of attack but the fuselage was, of course, not being subjected to the downwash from the rotor. As an approximate allowance for this downwash, the fuselage angle of attack for the flight conditions was taken as equal to the measured angle minus 57.3 (C_I/1) which term represents the approximate induced flow angle at the rotor.

No directly applicable data were available for evaluation of item (2). As a rational approximation, theoretical calculations similar in principle to those of the example of reference 1 were made. The process consisted in finding an airfoil-section profile-drag value which results in a calculated value of shaft power equal to the measured value. The same profiledrag value was then used to calculate the power required to pull the tail rotor. The maximum value so obtained was 3.4 horsepower; this value corresponds to maximum speed. In terms of equivalent drag area, the parasite drag allowance for the tail rotor was nearly constant, varying only from 0.8 to 1.0 square foot over the entire range of combinations of rpm and speed. The mean bladesection drag coefficient required to make the calculated tail-rotor-shaft power equal the measured shaft power varied from 0.010 to 0.015.

It will be noted that the main-rotor thrust coefficients presented are based on the assumption that rotor thrust equals rotor lift. This assumption is justified by the fact that refinement of the thrust value by inclusion of the drag component would result in a maximum difference of about 1 percent.

RESULTS

The test data corrected for instrument errors are presented in table I. The values of the main-rotor drag-lift ratio and other parameters derived from those data are given in table II.

The power-required data for the main rotor obtained from the torquemeter are plotted against true airspeed in figure 8. Because the deviations in weight and density ratio were small, no corrections have been applied for variations of these factors from their mean values in preparing the horsepower-velocity plot. A check of the error involved indicated that the maximum correction which would be applied to an individual value for horsepower, in converting to average conditions, would be less than 2 percent. In calculating dimensionless quantities, however, individual values of weight and density were employed for each test point. The data of figure 8 have been replotted in coefficient form in figure 9. The main-rotor drag-lift ratios, obtained from the power data as already described, are shown in figure 10.

The data in figures 3, 9, and 10 have been grouped according to the values of the nondimensional thrust coefficient C_T . From an operational standpoint, the thrust coefficient is most readily changed by varying the rpm of the engine and hence of the rotor, and for this reason a value of engine rpm corresponding to each value of C_T is given. For this purpose the average of the actual C_T values within each group has been used. The conversion from C_T to rpm is based on average values of weight and density and an average download allowance; as already mentioned, however, the variations in weight and density are not large enough to be significant in this connection, and examination of table II will show that the download variation is likewise small.

No data were taken at speeds below approximately 30 miles per hour because of the difficulty which the pilot experienced in maintaining steady conditions at speeds between approximately 30 miles per hour and near-hovering speeds.

DISCUSSION

Main-rotor power. - Interpolation of the data presented in figure 8 indicates a minimum value of main-rotor-shaft horsepower of approximately 99 horsepower for cruising rpm (2100 engine rpm, 225 rotor rpm) at a speed of approximately 40 miles per hour. A reduction of power required of about 3 to 4 horsepower for every 5-percent reduction in rotor rpm is also indicated over

most of the speed range, including the speed for minimum power. This reduction in power required at a given speed may be attributed to the combined benefits of operating at higher pitch angles and higher tip-speed ratios while retaining fixed values of parasite and induced losses. . This same trend toward lower power with lower rom may be shown with the data in nondimensional form by plotting P/I against CI, since the parasite and induced losses are fixed by the lift coefficient. The form of the resulting curves is believed to be more suitable for study, however, if the velocity parameter $1/\sqrt{c_L}$ is used; such a plot is shown in figure 11. The ratio 1/CI. is approximately equal to the ratio of the actual velocity of flight to that for a lift coefficient of unity; the relation would be exact if C_I were based on weight instead of the rotor lift, which includes a varying percentage allowance for fuselage download.

Examination of figure 9 indicates that minimum P/L and hence maximum range will be obtained at a tip-speed ratio of approximately 0.22, which corresponds to a speed of 67 miles per hour at cruising rpm. The minimum value of P/L at cruising rpm,0.265, corresponds to an equivalent lift-drag ratio of 3.8. If the lift allowance made for the fuselage download is removed and an allowance made for the power absorbed through the tail-rotor shaft, an equivalent weight-drag ratio of 3.5 is obtained for the aircraft. The values of minimum P/L for the various thrust coefficients (see faired curves of fig. 11) show relatively little effect of rotational speed; in particular, the reduction in P/L obtained by using rotational speeds below that for cruising is small. The ratios just given for the cruising condition, therefore, are considered to be reasonably representative of the performance of the aircraft as tested.

The minimum value of main rotor D/L (fig. 10) is 0.15, corresponding to an L/D of 6.7. This value was obtained from data taken with wide-open throttle. Inspection of the data of figure 10 indicates that appreciably higher rotor L/D values might be expected if higher tip-speed ratios could be reached. The extension of the tip-speed ratio values by use of lower rotational speed, however, was carried to the lowest rotational speed at which the pilot could control the aircraft. Calculations indicate that tip stalling should set in at approximately this same combination of thrust coefficient and tip-speed ratio values; consequently,

further increase in tip-speed ratio and L/D would have to be obtained by an increase in forward speed rather than by reduction of rotational speed.

Tail-rotor-shaft power. - Inspection of the values of the tail-rotor power given in table I will indicate that for speeds between 25 and 80 miles per hour the tail rotor absorbs from 3 to 4 shaft horsepower at normal rpm. These data are shown plotted against velocity, with the data points grouped according to main-rotor thrust coefficient, in figure 12. Some effect of speed is evident, the tendency being a decrease in shaft power with increase in speed. There are also indications of an effect of tail-rotor rpm on shaft power; this effect is most consistently evidenced in the top-speed data (70 to 80 miles per hour, flight 9), which data indicate a reduction from about 3.5 horsepower to about 2 horsepower as the engine rpm is reduced from 2250 to 1940.

Analysis indicates that the shaft power absorbed by the tail rotor will vary with the yaw angle of the helicopter. To evaluate this effect a continuous record was taken at 70 miles per hour with the yaw angle slowly increased and decreased through a range of ±15°. A change of one horsepower in the tail-rotor-shaft power for every 3.5° yaw was indicated, the lower shaft power corresponding to right yaw or left sideslip. Inspection of the yaw angle values given in table I in the light of this relation indicates that the maximum error in tail-rotor-shaft power, resulting from yaw of the aircraft, is approximately C.5 horsepower.

The power absorbed by the drag of the tail rotor has already been discussed in the section entitled Reduction of Data.

CONCLUSIONS

The level-flight performance data obtained on the HNS-1 helicopter, as tested at a gross weight of approximately 2560 pounds and equipped with the original set of main-rotor blades, indicates the following conclusions.

1. The minimum shaft power required by the main rotor at cruising rpm (225 rotor rpm, 2100 engine rpm) was approximately 99 horsepower at a speed of 40 miles per hour.

- 2. The shaft power absorbed by the tail rotor at cruising rpm was approximately 3 to 4 horsepower over a range of speeds from 25 to 80 miles per hour.
- 3. A reduction of 5 percent in rotor rpm results in a reduction of approximately 3 to 4 horsepower in the value of main-rotor-shaft power, at or near the speed for minimum power.
- 4. The maximum lift-drag ratio for the main rotor was approximately 6.7. A higher L/D could probably be obtained if higher speeds could be reached.
- 5. A maximum value of weight-drag ratio (ratio of weight to the drag equivalent of the total rotor-shaft power) of 3.5 was obtained at a speed of approximately 67 miles per hour.

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LEVEL FLIGHT DATA SUMMARY

TABLE I

		P	Light No	. 3			6/30	1/44					
Run no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	65.6 .913 68.6	60.6 .915 63.3	55.0 .922 57.3	51.8 .918 54.1	37.3 .923 38.8	29.3 .923 30.5	25.2 .923 26.2	40.4 .923 42.0	40.8 .923 42.4	41.3 .915 43.1	47.4 .916 49.5	48.6 .919 50.8	48.7 .920 50.8
Gross weight (lbs) Rotor rpm Engine rpm	2600 222 2070	2597 221 2060	2594 221 2060	2591 222 2070	2588 223 2080	2585 219 2050	2582 222 2070	2579 216 2020	2575 209 1950	2572 235 2190	2569 219 2040	2566 238 2220	2563 213 1990
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	28.27 77	28.30 77	28.52 77	28.38 77	28.55	28.53	28.54 77	28.54 77	28.53 77	28.31 77	28.35	28.43	28.48
Manifold pressure (in. Hg) Brake hp (power charts) Hp, main rotor (shaft)	27.5 163 130	25.2 149 122	23.0 135 110	21.4 126 103	19.1 112 89	21.0 123 97	22.4 132 102	21.5 124 98	20.8 116 92	21.6 132 105	21.6 126 103	20.9 129 104	23.0 131 109
Hp, tail rotor (shaft) Pitch, main rotor (deg) Pitch, main rotor (deg)	10.1	9.6	9.1	8.5	7.5	8.7	9.1	8.2	9.0	7.5 5	8.5	7.2	9.6
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	-1.5 -6.0 6	1.5 -5.2 6	-1.1 -3.8 6	1.2 -3.7 7	6.I -1.5 7	1.8 3 7	1.0	0.4	0.9 -2.0 8	1.3 -2.1 9	1.5	0.7 -3.6 9	2.7 -3.7 9
Upwash at A.S. head (deg) Stick position (in. fwd.) Stick position (in. left)	-5.6 2.1 4.3	-5.0 1.8 4.3	-3.8 1.9 3.4	-2.4 1.4 3.4	1.8 1.3 2.7	3.7 1.5 3.2	2.9 1.3 3.5	-1.2 1.6 3.2	0.0 1.7 3.6	-2.5 1.3 3.0	-2.8 1.4 3.3	-2.1 1.1 2.8	-4.3 1.7 3.2

TABLE I (cont.)

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	Flight No. 4						7/	5/44					
Run no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	55.8	54.7	55.8	45.1	46.6	45.0	46.3	36.7	35.9	38.0	36.6	36.6	41.5
	.925	.925	.924	.927	.931	.930	.923	.920	.922	.920	.920	.920	.919
	58.0	56.9	58.1	46.8	48.3	46.7	48.2	38.3	37.4	39.6	38.2	38.2	43.3
Gross weight (lbs) Potor rpm Engine rpm	2593	2590	2587	2585	2582	2579	2576	2574	2571	2568	2565	2563	2560
	238	222	210	237	223	210	207	239	222	211	213	205	222
	2220	2 07 0	1960	2210	2080	1960	1930	2230	2070	1970	1990	1910	2070
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	28.26 70	28.23 69	28.20 69	28.34 70	28.41	28,33 69	28.33 72	28.24 72	28.29 72	28.26 72	28.26 72	28.19 72	28.15
Manifold pressure (in. Hg)	22.7	20.3	22.7	20.9	21.0	20.5	20.5	20.4	20.3	20.4	20.9	20.7	20.1
Brake hp (power charts)	142	120	129	129	125	116	114	127	119	115	119	114	118
Hp, main rotor (shaft)	122	101	109	110	104	96	94	105	99	94	99	93	96
Hp, tail rotor (shaft) Pitch, main rotor (deg) Pitch, tail rotor (deg)	3.1	2.9	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.4
	8.1	8.4	9.9	7.6	8.4	9.1	9.3	7.4	8.1	8.8	8.9	9.3	8.3
	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.3	9.7	0.6	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.7	0.3
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	-1.1	0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.6	0.5	-0.6	-2.2	-3.2	-1.1
	-4.5	-4.1	-4.1	-2.7	-2.7	-2.7	-2.8	-1.7	-1.8	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-2.3
	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	-1.0	-1.0
Upwash at A.S. head (deg)	-4.0	-1.5	-3.7	-1.8	-1.4	7	8	1.0	1.3	.7	1.0	1.0	0.0
Stick position (in. fwd.)	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3
Stick position (in. left)	3.0	3.4	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.8	2.7	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.0

TABLE I (cont.)

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LEVEL FLIGHT DATA SUMMARY

-		Pli	ght No.	4 (com	-	7/5/44
Run no.	14	15	16	17	18	
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	50.1 .919 52.2	31.2 .920 32.5	31.1 .921 32.4	31.2 .914 32.6	31.1 .911 32.6	
Gross weight (lbs) Rotor rpm Engine rpm	2557 223 2080	2555 221 2070	2552 237 2210	2549 211 1970	2546 207 1930	
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	28.15 72	28.20 72	28.25 72	28.05 72	27.93 72 —	
Manifold pressure (in. Hg) Brake hp (power charts) Hp, main rotor (shaft)	20.4 121 100	20.5 120 100	20.6 127 104	22.0 125 102	20.7 115 94	
Hp, tail rotor (shaft) Pitch, main rotor (deg) ritch, tail rotor (deg)	3.4 8.4 .1	3.4 8.1 1.9	4.2 7.5 .7	3.7 9.3 1.5	3.6 9.3 1.5	
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	-1.2 -3.8 -1.0	-2.6 -0.9 -1.1	-0.9 -1.0 -1.1	0.0 -1.0 -1.1	-0.9 -1.0 -1.2	
Upwash at A.S. head (deg) Stick position (in. fwd.) Stick position (in. left)	-1.4 1.3 3.0	3.0 1.3 2.9	1.9 1.2 2.7	0.7 1.4 3.5	3.0 1.4 3.7	

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LEVEL FLIGHT DATA SUMMARY

			light N	0.5	h-reconfessional-versionally		7/2	5/44	
Run no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	71.5	60.4	49.2	42.0	32.2	33.6	36.4	51.4	65.1
	.915	.915	.915	.916	.916	.919	.918	.918	.916
	7417	63.1	51.4	43.9	33.6	35.0	38.0	53.6	68.0
Gross weight (lbs) Rotor rpm Engine rpm	2539	2533	2533	2527	2521	2521	2515	2515	2512
	227	225	225	225	224	226	223	225	223
	2120	2100	2100	2100	2090	2110	2090	2100	2090
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	28.71 84 —	28.66 84 —	28.71 84 	28.72 83.6	28.65 83.0	28.77 83.6	28.80 84.6	28.80 84.6	28.77 84.6
Manifold pressure (in. Hg) Brake hp (power charts) Hp, main rotor (shaft)	27.8	23.7	20.4	20.4	21.4	20.7	21.2	22.6	25.8
	169	140	121	120	126	123	124	134	154
	146	120	99	97	105	100	103	113	130
Hp, tail rotor (shaft)	2.5	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.0	3.3
Pitch, main rotor (deg)	10.3	9.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.6
Pitch, tail rotor (deg)	.7	.6	.1	.6	1.4	1.2	.8	.4	.4
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	.3 -6.5 6	4 -5.2 6	.3 -3.3 6	9 -2.4 7	8 -1.1 8	0.0 -1.0 8	0.6 -1.7 8	0.0	0.0 -6.5 8
Upwash at A.S. head (deg)	-5.8	-4.0	9	-1.5	-1.4	0.0	72.0	-4.0	-5.5
Stick position (in. fwd.)	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7
Stick position (in. left)	4.3	3.5	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.9

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LEVEL PLIGHT DATA SUMMARY

			ight To	. 9			9/16	144					
Run no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	74.8	74.4	71.4	72.1	70.5	71.0	70.1	71.7	72.8	71.4	75.2	74.0	74.0
	.943	.935	.932	.932	.930	.930	.926	.925	.924	.925	.930	.929	.930
	77.0	76.9	74.0	74.7	73.1	73.6	73.0	74.5	75.8	74.2	78.0	76.8	76.8
Gross weight (lbs) Rotor rpm Engine rpm	2583	2580	2577	2571	2571	2565	2562	2556	2553	2552	2550	2550	2547
	242	240	206	205	204	211	212	219	217	218	227	228	229
	2260	2240	1920	1910	1900	1970	1970	2050	2030	2030	2110	2130	2130
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	29.03	28,85	28.91	28.91	28.85	28.93	28.83	28.80	28.75	28.71	28.83	28.81	28.86
	74	76	78	78	78	80	80	80	80	79	78	78	78
	90	90	86	90	90	93	90	92	92	92	100	95	100
Manifold pressure (in. Hg) Brake hp (power charts) Hp, main rotor (shaft)	27.9	27.8	28.2	28.2	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9	27.9
	180	177	159	158	155	160	161	166	165	164	168	170	169
	154	153	134	134	134	137	137	142	140	140	144	146	147
Hp, tail rotor (shaft) Pitch, main rotor (deg) Pitch, tail rotor (deg)	4.0	3.5	2.0	2.4	1.7	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.3	2.9
	9.6	9.7	12.2	12.2	12.2	11.7	11.7	11.2	11.2	11.2	10.6	10.6	10.6
	0.8	0.1	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.8
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	-1.9	-0.7	-0.5	-1.5	-1.7	-1.2	-0.6	-0.9	-1.4	-1.7	-0.8	-1.3	-1.4
	-8.3	-8.5	-7.8	-7.8	-7.6	-7.6	-7.8	-8.3	-8.6	-8.4	-9.2	-9.2	-9.2
	-1.6	-1.6	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.8	-1.8	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9	-2.0
Upwash at A.S. head (deg)	-7.2	-7.2	-6.8	-5.7	-5.7	-6.3	-6.8	-7.5	-7.4 -	-7.5	-7.7	-8.2	-8.2
Stick position (in. fwd.)	1.2	0.9	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Stick position (in. left)	3.9	4.0	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.2	5.4	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.5

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LEVEL.	FLIGHT	DATA	SUMMARY
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		Fli	ght No.	9 (con	t.)		9/16/	44	6911	IMIT I EE	FOR A	ERONAUTIGS	
Run no.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Calibrated airspeed (mph) Density ratio, ρ/ρ_0 True speed (mph)	76.3 .936 78.9	76.0 .931 78.8	72.8 .931 75.4	69.0 .932 71.5	69.3 .932 71.8	68.6 .933 71.0	68.3 .935 70.6	62.8 .940 64.7	66.0 .935 68.2	67.0 .937 69.2	66.0 .936 68.2	67.0 .935 69.3	
Gross weight (lbs) Rotor rpm Engine rpm,	2538 234 2180	2538 237 2200	2535 225 2100	2529 220 2060	2526 215 2000	2523 228 2130	2523 229 2140	2520 227 2110	2517 228 2130	2517 229 2140	2514 222 2070	2511 218 2040	
Atmos. pressure (in. Hg) Free air temp. (°F) Intake air temp. (°F)	28.92 76 110	28.90 78 110	28.87 78 110	29.05 78 105	29.05 78 105	28.89 77 100	28.94 77 100	29.03 76 100	28.88 76 100	28.94 76 96	28.96 77 92	28.88 76 98	
Manifold pressure (in. Hg) Brake hp (power charts) Hp, main rotor (shaft)	27.9 170 148	27.9 174 151	28.0 165 145	26.1 152 133	26.1 149 130	24.7 150 129	24.7 150 129	23.0 139 117	22.9 138 118	22.9 141 118	24.8 147 126	24.7 145 123	
Hp, tail rotor (shaft) Pitch, main rotor (deg) Pitch, tail rotor (deg)	3.4 10.1 0.5	3.4 10.1 0.8	3.2 10.7 0.8	2.7 10.6 1.2	2.7 10.6 0.8	3.3 9.6 0.4	3.6 9.6 0.3	3.3 9.1 0.2	3.7 9.0 0.8	3.9 9.0 0.0	3.2 10.2 0.8	3.1 10.1 1.2	
Yaw angle (deg) Shaft inclination (deg) c.g. (in. behind shaft)	-1.0 -9.5 -2.1	-1.2 -9.6 -2.1	-0.4 -9.3 -2.1	-1.6 -8.0 -2.2	-1.1 -8.2 -2.2	-0.3 -8.1 -2.2	-0.1 -8.1 -2.2	-0.5 -6.8 -2.3	-2.1 -7.8 -2.3	-0.9 -7.8 -2.3	-0.6 -7.9 -2.3	-2.1 -8.1 -2.4	
Upwash at A.S. head (deg) Stick position (in. fwd.) Stick position (in. left)	-8.6 0.9 4.2	-8.4 1.0 4.1	-8.0 0.9 4.5	-7.5 1.2 4.5	-7.5 1.2 4.5	-7.0 0.8 3.8	-7.6 0.7 3.7	-5.4 0.8 3.5	-6.6 0.7 3.4	-5.6 0.8 3.5	-7.8 0.8 4.1	-7.2 0.8 4.0	

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TABLE II

ROTOR DRAG-LIFT RATIOS AND RELATED PARAMETERS

DERIVED FROM LEVEL-FLIGHT DATA

Fļight	Run	V _c (mph)	V (mph)	Θ _M	μ	(CL)uncor	Δaf	af c	ΔCL	CL	CL	c_{T}	2CT	с _р × 103	$\frac{C_{\mathbf{P}}}{C_{\mathbf{T}}}$	P L	$\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{pf}$	$\left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{L}}\right)_{pt}$	$\left(\frac{\mathbf{D}}{\mathbf{L}}\right)_{\mathbf{r}}$
3	1 2 3	65.6 60.6 55.0	68.6 63.3 57.3	10.1 9.6 9.1	0.224 .208 .190	0.216 .251 .294	-3.1 -3.6 -4.2	-9.1 -8.8 -8.0	0.005	0.221 .256 .298	3.66 4.26 4.97	0.0055 .0055 .0054	0.0322 .0321 .0316	0.339 .320 .285	0.0614	0.267	0.086	0.004	0.177 .196 .209
	458	51.8 37.3 29.3	54.1 38.8 30.5	8.5	.179	.335 .655 1.043	-4.8 -9.4 -14.9	-8.5 -10.9 -15.2	.004	.339 .660 1.051	5.66 11.00 17.52	.0054 .0053 .0055	.0316 .0308 .0318	.267 .226 .258	.0492 .0426 .0472	.273 .330 .458	.055	.002	.216
	7 8 9	25.2 40.4 40.8	26.2 42.0 42.4	9.1 8.2 9.0	.087 .142 .149	1.399 .551 .538	-20.0 -7.9 -7.7	-19.9 -9.7 -9.7	.012	1.411 .556 .543	23.51 9.27 9.06	.0054 .0056 .0060	.0311 .0327 .0351	.263 .271 .284	.0491 .0482 .0471	.560 .336 .313	.016	.002	.542 .299 .275
	10 11 12 13	41.3 47.4 48.6 48.7	43.1 49.5 50.8 50.8	7.5 8.5 7.2 9.6	.135 .164 .156 .175	.521 .407 .378 .374	-7.5 -5.8 -5.4 -5.4	-9.6 -9.1 -9.0 -9.1	.005 .005 .004 .005	.526 .412 .382 .379	8.77 6.85 6.38 6.31	.0048 .0055 .0046 .0058	.0278 .0321 .0270 .0337	.229 .278 .217 .318	.0478 .0503 .0468 .0548	.352 .301 .295 .310	.037 .046 .049	.002	.313 .253 .243 .258
4	1 2 3	55.8 54.7 55.8	58.0 56.9 58.1	8.1 8.4 9.9	.178 .188 .201	.290 .302 .286	-4.2 -4.3 -4.1	-8.6 -8.4 -8.3	.004	.294	4.91 5.10 4.83	.0047 .0054 .0060	.0272	.252 .260 .330	.0540 .0482 .0550	.299 .252 .268	.063	.003	.233 .188 .207
	456	45.1 46.6 45.0	46.8 48.3 46.7	7.6 8.4 9.1	.144 .157 .162	.447 .425 .448	-6.4 -6.1 -6.4	-9.1 -8.8 -9.1	.005	.452 .430 .453	7.52 7.15 7.53	.0047 .0053 .0059	.0272 .0307 .0344	.230 .263 .288	.0492 .0500 .0486	.338 .309 .296	.042 .044 .042	.002	.294 .263 .252
		46.3 36.7 35.9	48.2 38.3 37.4	9.3 7.4 8.1	.168	.430 .658 .701	-6.2 -9.4 -10.0	-9.0 -11.1 -11.8	.004		7.24 11.07 11.77	.0061 .0046 .0053	.0356 .0268 .0310	.297 .217 .255	.0484 .0471 .0478	.281 .396 .383	.044	.002	.235 .365 .353
	10 11 12	38.0 36.6 36.6	39.6 38.2 38.2	8.8	.137 .131 .136	.619 .667 .669	-9.5	-10.6 -11.2 -11.3	.005	.672	10.40 11.20 11.24	.0059	.0341 .0336 .0363	.280 .288 .304	.0477 .0498 .0487	· 343 · 375 · 353	.031	.002	.309 .344 .322
	13 14 15	41.5 50.1 31.2	43.3 52.2 32.5	8.3 8.4 8.1	.143 .170 .108	.519 .363 .904	-7.4 -5.2 -12.9	-9.7 -9.0 -13.8	.005	.524 .368 .911	8.73 6.11 15.19	.0053	.0311 .03090310	.249 .256 .260	.0466 .0483 .0488	.321 .278 .448	.037	.002	.282
	16 17 18	31.1 31.2 31.1	32.4 32.6 32.6	7.5	.100	.919 .911 .920	-13.2 -13.0 -13.2	-14.2 -14.0 -14.2	.008 .008	.918	15.44 15.30 15.46	.0046 .0059 .0061	.0269 .0342 .0356	.219 .306 .301	.0472 .0520 .0492	.468 .456 .422	.022	.002	.444 .432 .398

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ROTOR DRAG-LIFT RATIOS AND RELATED PARAMETERS

DERIVED FROM LEVEL-FLIGHT DATA

Flight	Run	V _c (mph)	V (mph)	Θ _M	μ	(CL)uncor	Δaf	ar _c	ΔCL	$c_{ m L}$	C _L	c_{T}	2C _T	c _p × 103	$\frac{c_P}{c_T}$	P L	$\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{pf}$	$\left(\frac{D}{L}\right)_{pt}$	$\left(\frac{\mathbb{D}}{\mathbb{L}}\right)_{\mathbf{r}}$
5	1 2 3	71.5 60.4 49.2	74.7 63.1 51.4	10.3 9.1 8.2	0.238 .204 .166	0.177 .245 .361	-2.5 -3.5 -5.2	-9.0 -8.7 -8.5	0.004	0.182 .250 .365	3.02 4.15 6.07	0.0051 .0052 .0052	0.0298 .0302 .0300	0.352 .298 .246	0.0685 .0574 .0477	0.281 .277 .282	0.104	0.004	0.173
	456	42.0 32.2 33.6	43.9 33.6 35.0	8.1 8.2 7.9	.142	.503 .873 .770	-7.2 -12.5 -11.0	-9.6 -13.6 -12.0	.005	.508 .880 .776	8.47 14.67 12.75	.0051 .0052 .0050	.0299	.241 .263 .244	.0470 .0511 .0483	.325 .461 .422	.038	.002	.285
	8 9 10	36.4 51.4 65.1	3 8.0 53.6 68.0	8.2 8.7 9.6	.124	.667 .338 .212	-9.6 -4.8 -3.0	-11.2 -8.9 -9.5	.006	.673	11.20 5.70 3.62	.0052 .0051 .0053	.0300 .0298 .0306	.262 .280 .331	.0507 .0547 .0629	.400 .310 .279	.030	.002	.370 .253 .187
9	1 2 3	74.8 74.4 71.4	77.0 76.9 74.0	9.6 9.7 12.2	.230 .231 .258	.165 .167 .183	-2.4	-10.7 -10.9 -10.4	.005	.170 .173 .188	2.84 2.88 3.14	.0045 .0046 .0063	.0262 .0269 .0365	.298 .307 .428	.0662 .0664 .0682	.281 .280 .256	.114	.004	.163 .163 .149
	456	72.1 70.5 71.0	74.7 73.1 73.6	12.2 12.2 11.7	.260 .254 .247	.181 .192 .190	-2.8	-10.4 -10.4 -10.3	.005	.186 .197 .195	3.10 3.29 3.26	.0063	.0366 .0370 .0346	.431 .440 .408	.0685 .0692 .0684	.254 .260 .265	.103	.005	.146
	7 8 9	70.1 71.7 72.8	73.0 74.5 75.8	11.7 11.2 11.2	.246 .242 .248	.191 .183 .177	-2.6	-10.5 -10.9 -11.1	.005	.196 .188 .183	3.27 3.13 3.05	.0059 .0055 .0056	.0345 .0320 .0327	.405 .376 .382	.0683	.267 .272 .262	.099	.004	.164 .164 .150
	10 11 12	71.4 75.2 74.0	74.2 78.0 76.8	11.2 10.6 10.6	.243 .245 .240	.184 .166 .171	-2.4	-11.0 -11.6 -11.6	.006 .006	.190 .172 .177	3.16 2.87 2.95	.0056	.0325	.381 .345 .343	.0682 .0667 .0674	.269 .262 .270	.103	.005	.162 .143 .154
	13 14 15	74.0 76.3 76.0	76.8 78.9 78.8	10.6 10.1 10.1	.240 .241 .237	.170 :160 .161	-2.3	-11.6 -11.8 -11.9	.006	.176 .166 .167	2.93 2.76 2.78	.0051 .0048 .0047	.0294	.343 .322 .315	.0678 .0668 .0670	.272 .267 .273	.112	.005	.156 .143 .150
	16 17 18	72.8 69.0 69.3	75.4 71.5 71.8	10.7 10.6 10.6	.238 .233 .241	.178 .192 .189	-2.8	-11.8 -10.8 -10.9	.006 .006	.184 .198 .195	3.06 3.31 3.24	.0052 .0054 .0057	.0303 .0314 .0330	·355 ·347 ·366	.0681 .0644 .0647	.274 .268 .261	.107 .098 .100	.004	.162 .166 .157
	19 20 21	68.6 68.3 62.8	71.0 70.6 64.7	9.6 9.6 9.1	.223	.195	-2.8	-10.9 -10.9 -10.0	.006 .006 .005	.201 .200 .230	3.34 3.32 3.85	.0050 .0049 .0050	.0290 .0286 .0290	.302 .296 .277	.0605 .0602 .0555	.262 .264 .263	.097 .098 .084	.004	.161 .163 .176
	22 23 24 25	66.0 67.0 66.0 67.0	68.2 69.2 68.2 69.3	9.0 9.0 10.2 10.1	.215 .217 .220 .228	.209 .202 .210 .202	-2.9	-10.8 -10.7 -10.9 -11.0	.006 .005 .006	.214 .207 .216 .208	3.57 3.47 3.59 3.45	.0050 .0049 .0052 .0054	.0288 .0284 .0304 .0313	.276 .271 .318 .327	.0556 .0553 .0609 .0606	.251 .247 .269 .258	.091 .094 .091 .094	.003 .004 .004	.157 .150 .175 .160



Figure 1.- HNS-1 helicopter, side view.

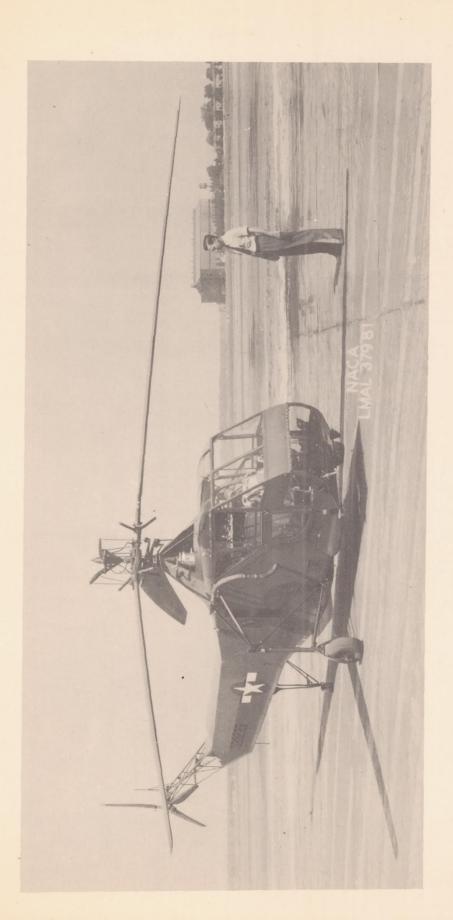


Figure 2. - HNS-1 helicopter, front three-quarter view.

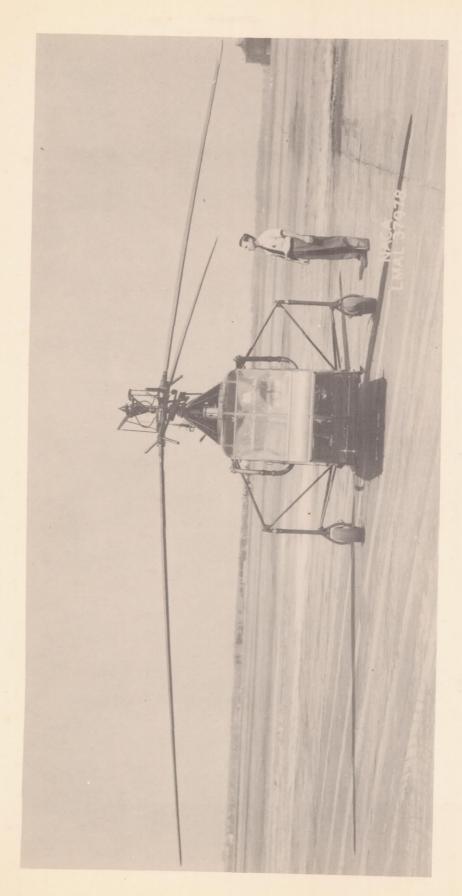


Figure 3.- HNS-1 helicopter, front view.

All dimensions given in inches scale: 1" = 24"

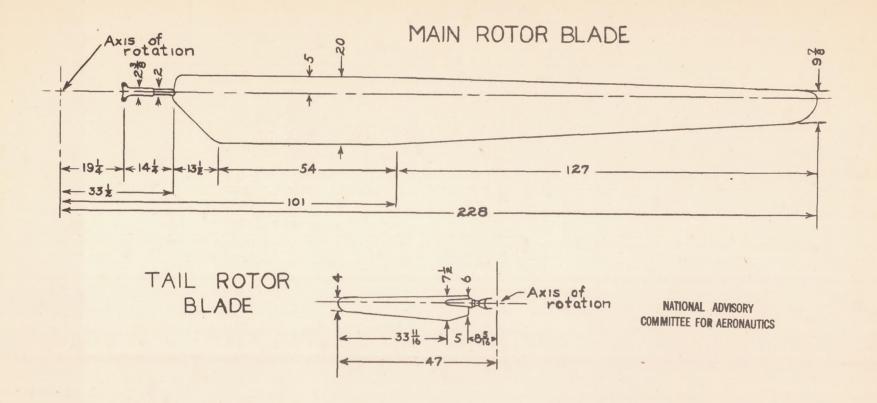
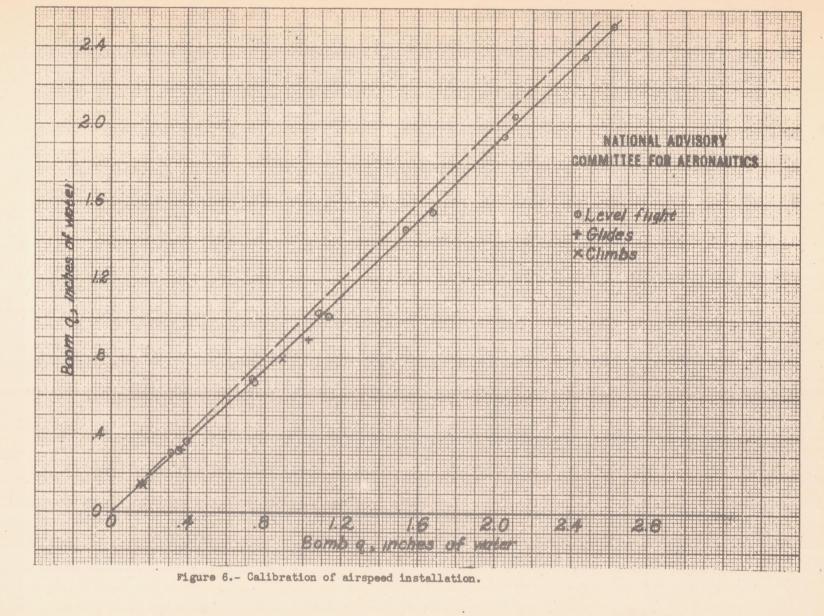


Figure 4.- Planform dimensions of YR-4B main- and tail-rotor blades.





Figure 5.- Airspeed boom and details of pitot-static and flow-angle pressure-tube installations.



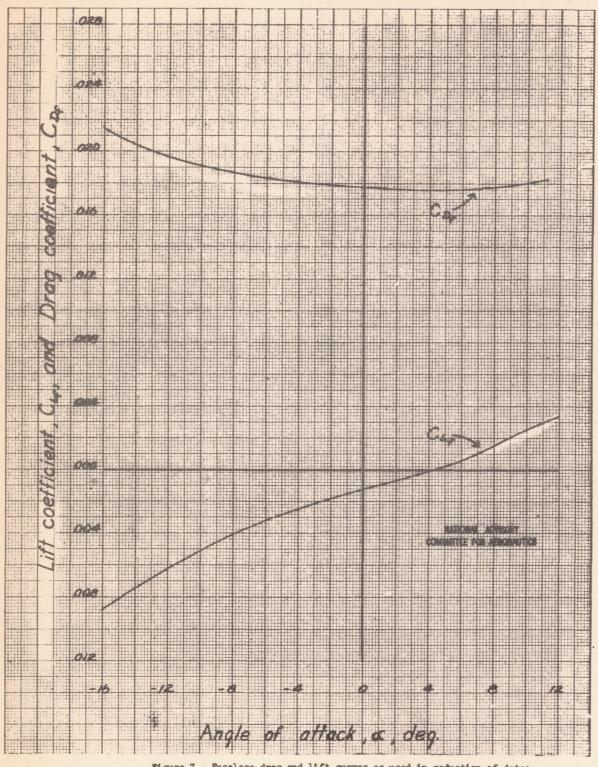


Figure 7.- Fuselage drag and lift curves as used in reduction of data;

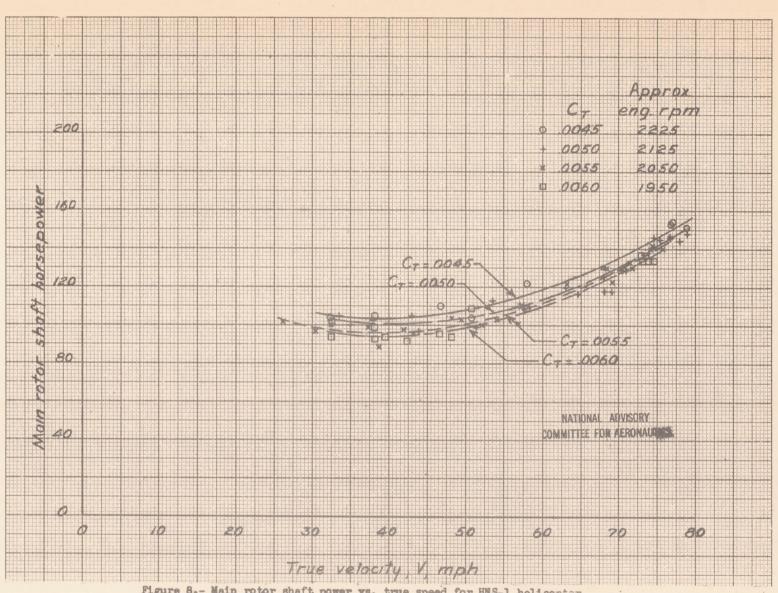


Figure 8.- Main rotor shaft power vs. true speed for HNS-1 helicopter in level flight. Gross weight as flown, 2560 pounds ±2 percent; density ratio C/C, , .924 ±1.5 percent.

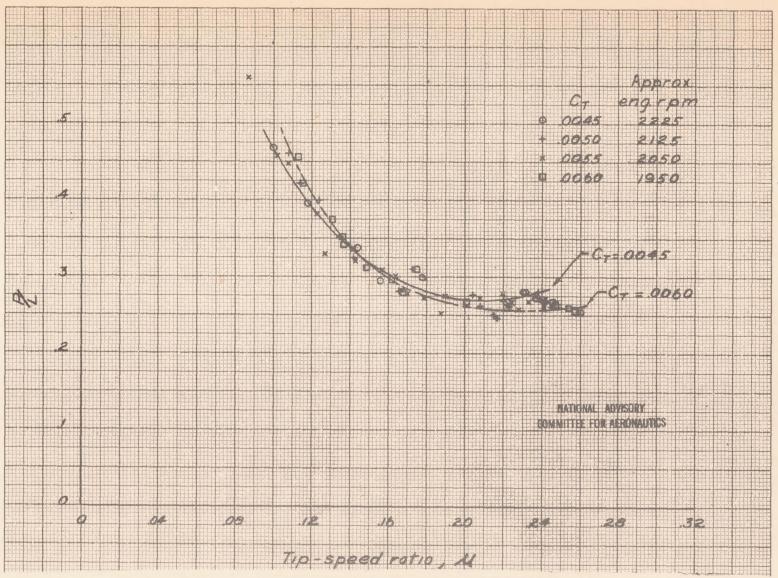


Figure 9.- Ratio of equivalent drag P to lift L for the main rotor; HNS-l helicopter in horizontal flight.

Figure 10.- Drag-lift ratio (D/L), for the main rotor of the HNS-1 helicopter in horizontal flight. The drag of the hub structure and the cylindrical blade shanks has been charged to fuselage parasite values.

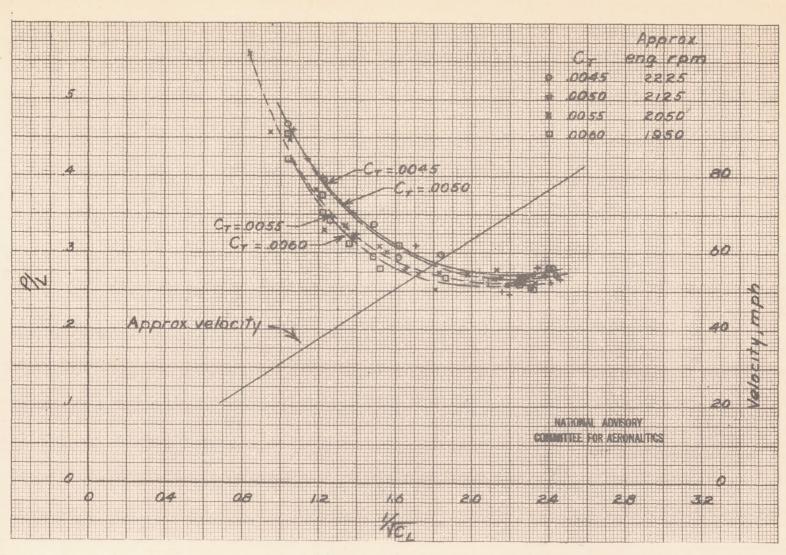


Figure 11.- Equivalent main rotor drag-lift ratio, P/L, vs. the velocity parameter 1/√0L; HMS-1 helicopter in herizontal flight.

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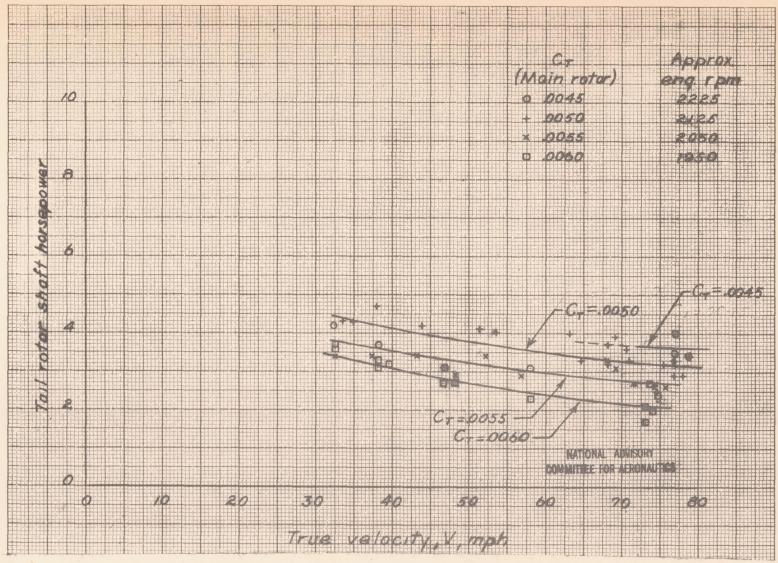


Figure 12.- Tail-rotor shaft power vs. true speed for the HNS-1 helicopter in horizontal flight.