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SUMMARY

An investigation of the performance of the J71-A2 (X-26) turbojet engine and control system was conducted in an NACA Lewis laboratory altitude test chamber. Data were obtained for a range of altitudes from 20,000 to 58,000 feet at a flight Mach number of 0.9 and for several flight Mach numbers at an altitude of 45,000 feet. Data approximating sea-level operation are also included. Engine component performance data are presented in addition to windmilling, exhaust-nozzle, and ejector performance.

INTRODUCTION

At the request of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of the Navy, an exploratory investigation of the performance of the J71-A2 turbojet engine was made in an altitude test chamber at the NACA Lewis laboratory. The data reported herein were obtained using an engine control system to control the fuel flow and exhaust-nozzle area.

The engine performance was obtained for a range of engine rotor speeds for a series of altitudes from 20,000 to 58,000 feet at a flight Mach number of 0.9 and at several flight Mach numbers at an altitude of 45,000. Engine performance was also obtained at conditions approximating sea-level operation. All operation was within the schedule of engine speeds and exhaust-gas temperatures imposed by the control system. Engine-component performance data are also presented in addition to windmilling, exhaust-nozzle, and ejector performance data.

APPARATUS AND PROCEDURE

Engine. - The J71-A2 (X-26) turbojet engine (fig. 1) has a bifurcated inlet, a 16-stage axial-flow compressor, a cannular-type combustor with 10 circular inner liners, a three-stage turbine, an afterburner, and a variable-area iris-type exhaust nozzle provided with an ejector. The engine has a military thrust rating (nonafterburning) of 10,200 pounds during operation at 6100 rpm and a turbine discharge gas temperature of 1210° F at sea-level, zero-ram conditions.

To facilitate acceleration in the engine-speed range below 85 percent of rated speed, the engine is equipped with two-position compressor inlet guide vanes and four air-bleed ports at the compressor discharge. The guide vanes are closed and the bleed ports are open up to 85 percent of rated rotor speed. At higher rotor speeds, the ports are closed and the guide vanes assume their normal position.

The engine is equipped with an ejector. The ejector inlet operated at altitude ambient pressure and no outside air flow was provided.

Instrumentation. - Instrumentation for measuring temperatures and pressures was installed at various stations throughout the engine as shown in figure 2. The table accompanying figure 2 indicates the number and type of measurements obtained. Air flow to the engine was measured by means of a 27-inch-throat-diameter venturi section upstream of the engine inlet.

Installation. - The engine was mounted on a thrust-measuring platform in an altitude test chamber. Engine-inlet temperatures and pressures were regulated to simulate altitude flight conditions and the engine exhaust operated at the simulated altitude pressure. A photograph of the engine installed in the test chamber is shown in figure 1.

Procedure. - Steady-state, nonafterburning engine performance was obtained at the following simulated flight conditions for a range of engine rotor speeds from 4200 to the maximum permitted by the J71-A2 (X-26) engine control system:

Altitude, ft	Flight Mach number
3,000	0.4
20,000	.9
35,000	.9
45,000	.9, 1.2, 1.3
50,000	.9
58,000	.9

The engine control system was used throughout this investigation to establish engine speed and exhaust-gas temperature. The control varied the engine speed through fuel-flow adjustment and the exhaust-gas temperature by exhaust-nozzle area adjustment according to a predetermined schedule established by the manufacturer.

The fuel used throughout this investigation conformed to the specifications for MIL-F-5624a, grade JP-4, and had a lower heating value of 18,700 Btu per pound and a hydrogen-carbon ratio of 0.171.

A list of the symbols used herein is contained in the appendix and a tabulation of the data obtained is presented in table I.

DATA PRESENTATION

Engine Performance

The engine performance characteristics of the J71-A2 (X-26) turbojet engine operating without the afterburner were determined for a range of altitudes from 20,000 to 58,000 feet at a flight Mach number of 0.9 and are presented in figure 3 as a function of engine rotor speed. Data obtained at conditions approximating sea-level operation (altitude of 3000 ft at a flight Mach number of 0.4) have been included for comparative purposes. Data are also shown for engine control throttle settings greater than standard (90°) in order to determine if the control will maintain engine operation at the 90° rated performance condition. These data have been adjusted to NACA standard altitude conditions of pressure and temperature for the flight conditions indicated to eliminate small deviations in setting test conditions. The use of the variable-area exhaust nozzle precluded generalization of these data at sea-level, static conditions, and the fact the the engine control operation was based on actual rotor speed made it desirable to consider the performance as a function of the actual rotor speed at altitude.

It will be noted that no engine performance data were obtained at rated speed and exhaust-gas temperature. The engine control system limited operation to the speeds and temperatures shown in the figures presenting performance data.

The effect of varying flight Mach number on the normal engine performance is shown in figure 4 for flight Mach numbers from 0.9 to 1.3 during operation at an altitude of 45,000 feet.

Component Performance

The performance of the major engine components is presented in figure 5 for a range of altitudes and a flight Mach number of 0.9. The

compressor and combustor performance have been corrected to sea-level conditions to permit generalization of the data. The turbine performance was corrected to standard pressure and temperature conditions at the turbine inlet.

The variation of the exhaust-nozzle area as governed by the engine control system is shown in figure 6. The engine configuration investigated included the afterburner (inoperative) and the ejector. No outside air flow was supplied to the ejector, but it was allowed to ingest air at the altitude ambient pressure conditions. The quantity of ejector air flow as determined during nonafterburning operation is shown in figure 7. The fraction of the compressor air flow that was diverted from the engine by the compressor discharge bleeds when the bleed ports were open (below rotor speeds of 5170 rpm) is shown in figure 8. The wind-milling speeds of the engine at each of several flight Mach numbers up to 1.0 are shown in figure 9 for three altitudes.

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APPENDIX - SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used on the table and the figures:

A	area, sq ft
F_j	jet thrust, lb
F_n	net thrust, lb
M	Mach number
N	engine rotor speed, rpm
P	total pressure, lb/sq ft
sfc	specific fuel consumption, lb/(hr)(lb)
T	total temperature, $^{\circ}$ R
W_a	air flow, lb/sec
W_f	fuel flow, lb/hr
W_g	weight flow, lb/sec
β	correction factor for variation of specific heats, $\frac{r^*}{r} \frac{\left(\frac{r+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{r}{r-1}}}{\left(\frac{r^*+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{r^*-1}{r^*}}}$
δ_a	ratio of total pressure to NACA standard static pressure at indicated flight condition
$\delta_{s.l.}$	ratio of total pressure to static sea-level pressure, P/2116
η	efficiency, percent
θ_a	ratio of total temperature to NACA standard static temperature at indicated flight condition
$\theta_{s.l.}$	ratio of total temperature to static sea-level temperature, T/519
γ	ratio of specific heats

Subscripts:

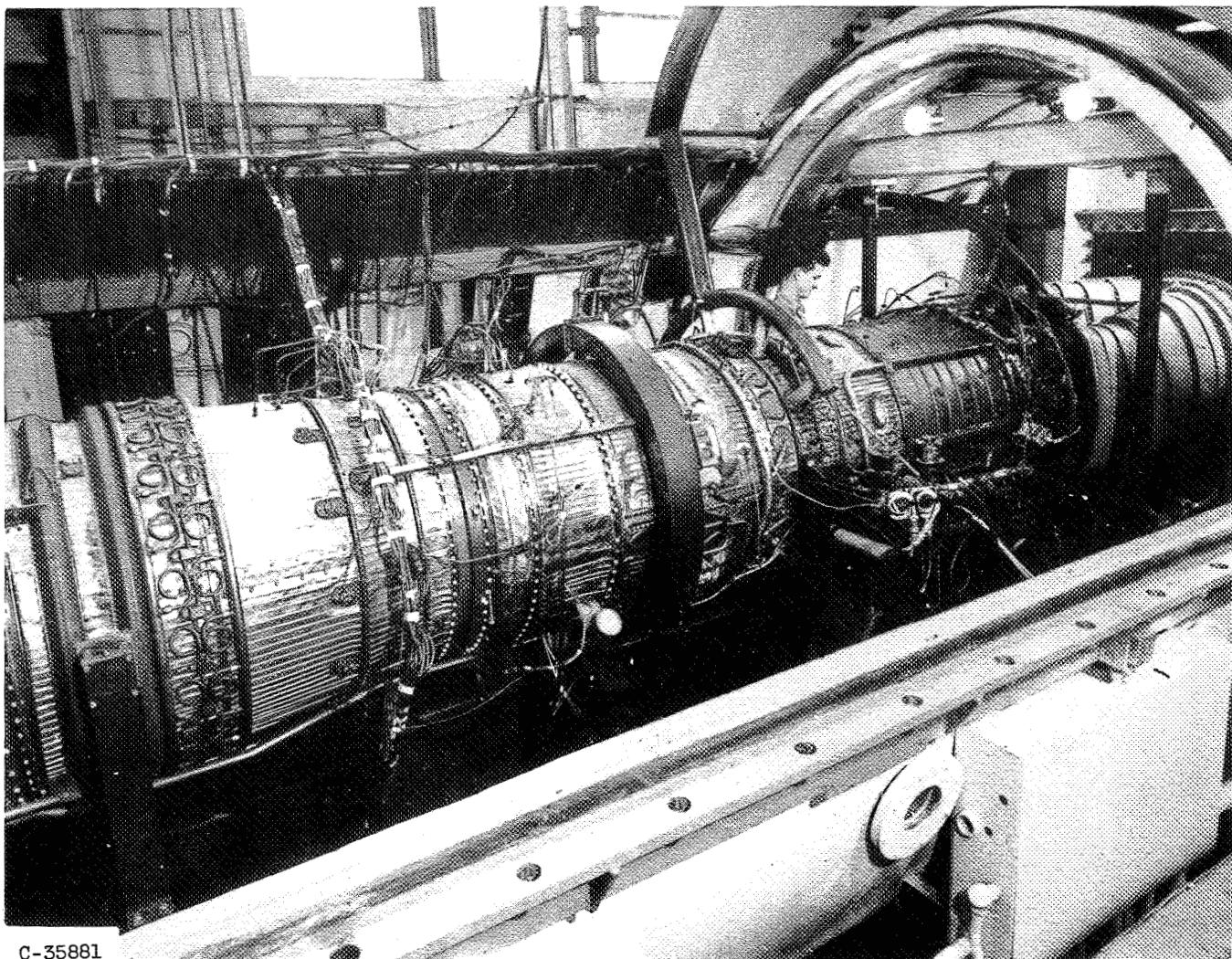
a altitude
b combustor
c compressor
s.l. sea level
t turbine
0 free stream
2 compressor inlet
3 compressor discharge
4 turbine inlet
5 turbine discharge
9 exhaust-nozzle inlet

Superscript:

* NACA standard sea-level condition

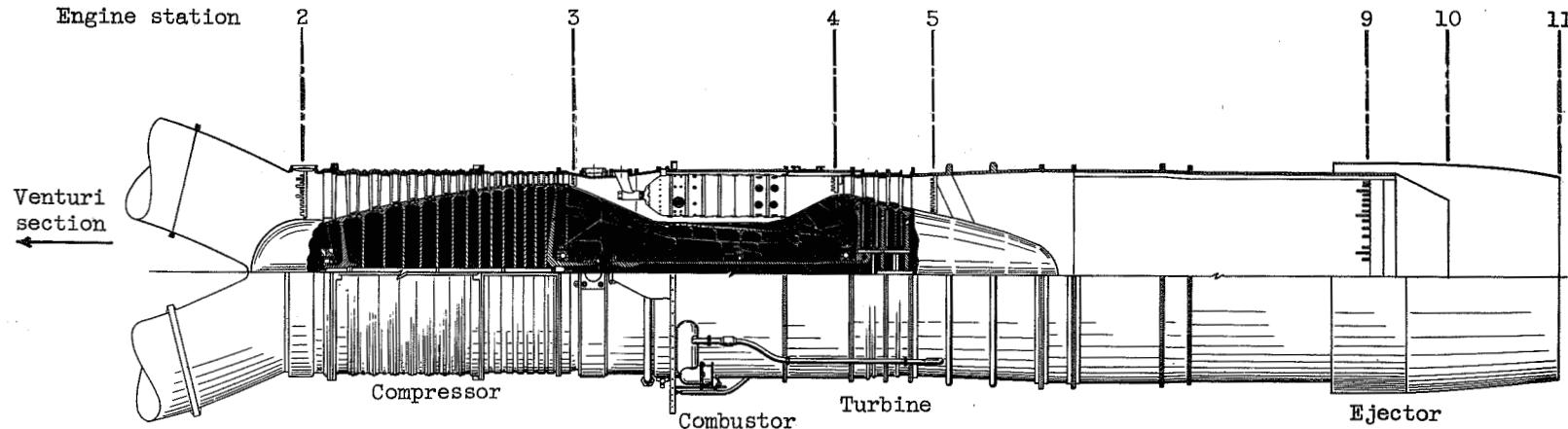
TABLE I. - PRELIMINARY ALTITUDE PERFORMANCE DATA OF J71-A-2 (X-26) TURBOJET ENGINE

Run	Altitude, ft	Flight Mach number, M_∞	Exhaust-nozzle area, sq ft	Engine speed, N, rpm	Throttle angle, deg	Engine-inlet total pressure, P_2 , lb/sq ft	Engine-outlet temperature, T_{out} , °R	Compressor-outlet total pressure, P_3 , lb/sq ft	Turbine-inlet total pressure, P_4 , lb/sq ft	Turbine-inlet temperature, T_4 , °R	Turbine-outlet total pressure, P_5 , lb/sq ft	Turbine-outlet temperature, T_5 , °R	Nozzle-outlet pressure, P_g , lb/sq ft	Nozzle-outlet temperature, T_g , °R	Engine air flow, W_a , lb/sec	Bleed air flow, W_b , lb/sec	Overboard air flow, W_a , overboard, lb/sec	Engine fuel flow, W_f , lb/hr	Jet thrust, F_j , lb	Net thrust, F_n , lb	Corrected engine speed, $N/\sqrt{g_\infty}$, rpm	Corrected air flow, $W_a/\sqrt{g_\infty}$, lb/sec	
1	3000	0.393	2.74	6045	97	2069	510	16,328	999	15,657	2042	4785	1657	4535	156.16	1.68	2.78	8150	9626	7591	6074	158.89	
2	3000	.387	2.74	5903	(a)	2079	510	15,592	981	14,842	1939	4507	1574	4285	151.70	1.65	2.75	7455	8787	6791	5931	153.89	
3	3000	.391	2.85	5729		2094	511	14,347	954	13,717	1765	3987	1416	3761	1388	0	2.69	6100	7600	5656	5751	147.89	
4	3000	.378	3.19	5551		2087	511	12,980	923	12,541	1568	3321	1202	3095	1175	139.97	1.68	2.58	4500	5546	3739	5578	141.25
5	3000	.376	3.73	5319		2083	512	11,407	890	10,854	1368	2785	1052	2560	129.94	0	2.34	3265	3700	2032	5340	131.50	
6	3000	0.374	4.42	5314	(a)	2088	512	9698	848	9170	1417	2337	1090	2148	1046	121.86	13.77	2.04	3000	1793	241	5335	122.86
7	3000	.372	4.42	5002		2089	513	8626	821	8159	1332	2247	1037	2102	1001	110.98	12.61	1.87	2563	1496	89	5022	111.88
8	3000	.376	4.42	4643		2092	513	7344	784	6950	1289	2160	1033	2051	994	96.79	10.80	1.69	2159	1001	-242	4661	97.47
9	3000	.376	4.42	4260		2089	514	6139	747	5834	1263	2083	1049	2010	1012	82.32	9.19	1.47	1846	794	-261	4277	82.65
10	3000	.391	4.42	3563		2103	515	4443	692	4267	1178	2022	1059	1971	1008	53.26	0	1.11	1261	466	-224	3573	55.42
11	25,000	0.899	2.85	6102	107	1491	537	11,209	1028	----	----	3033	1585	2659	1533	107.79	0	2.18	5280	7257	4042	5976	156.17
12	21,700	.890	2.84	6013	104	1496	523	11,390	1008	10,889	1979	3243	1591	3057	1551	109.72	0	1.92	5500	7593	4418	5971	156.23
13	21,800	.897	2.91	5889	(a)	1502	523	10,757	990	10,245	1861	2945	1476	2756	1440	106.87	0	2.01	4720	6950	3834	5848	151.63
14	22,200	.908	2.76	5885		1498	514	11,108	985	10,619	1918	3169	1540	2979	1499	108.66	0	1.86	5180	7408	4235	5891	153.35
15	21,750	.886	3.025	5707		1499	515	931	9327	1639	2554	1268	2366	1239	104.44	0	1.65	3640	5900	2914	5707	147.47	
16	21,800	0.897	3.12	5703	(a)	1502	524	9689	957	9227	1643	2446	1270	2261	1241	101.84	0	2.13	3545	5627	2663	5658	144.36
17	21,900	.893	3.505	5530		1501	515	9011	921	8549	1454	2073	1083	1819	1068	99.85	0	1.50	2630	4538	1668	5538	140.66
18	25,000	.896	4.42	5198		1507	544	8923	896	6557	----	1461	919	1174	889	80.34	.78	1.58	1456	1853	-528	5066	115.75
19	25,000	.894	4.42	5122		1505	503	8039	885	5935	1253	1505	915	1157	86.85	1.48	1.48	1445	1845	-121	5030	105.42	
20	21,900	.896	4.47	5060		1508	518	827	5786	1231	1530	903	1103	889	81.03	0.76	1.16	1431	1580	-772	5070	114.26	
21	21,900	0.900	4.47	4980	(a)	1513	514	5946	818	5581	1200	1288	884	1083	871	80.17	8.04	1.37	1329	1411	-906	4994	111.87
22	21,950	.902	4.47	4622		1514	515	4929	778	4611	1083	1142	796	1016	791	69.92	6.88	1.04	897	1024	-1002	4651	97.56
23	21,900	.902	4.47	4635		1515	514	4422	742	3976	1026	1170	743	1035	735	61.35	5.92	1.35	454	112	43	453	85.71
24	34,800	.894	2.76	6036		850	460	7104	943	6816	1554	2022	1577	1205	1543	88.97	0	1.59	3620	4913	3051	6377	164.71
25	34,900	.897	2.76	5980	104	851	452	7134	924	6849	1918	2052	1576	1843	1505	68.91	0	1.16	3640	4925	3065	6373	164.62
26	34,800	0.897	2.85	5894	(a)	830	458	6764	917	6489	1807	1841	1441	1725	1411	67.75	0	1.41	3128	4567	2720	6247	162.94
27	34,800	.904	2.84	5854		830	458	6209	910	5937	1307	1457	1457	1677	1405	68.30	0	1.15	3810	4760	2010	6218	182.74
28	34,800	.897	3.04	5709		834	458	6398	881	6235	1536	1841	1720	1709	1579	61.35	0	1.41	2930	3819	2184	6264	156.49
29	34,800	.894	4.42	5085		835	458	6816	792	5891	1600	1558	1256	1435	1218	85.35	0	1.36	2404	3798	2017	6016	157.68
30	34,900	.895	5.46	5533		831	460	5476	861	5476	1454	1311	1092	1150	1074	63.60	0	1.29	3116	5852	3008	5882	155.08
31	34,800	0.896	4.35	5125	(a)	835	457	4991	613	4741	1248	1668	921	808	614	59.39	0	1.16	1298	2042	427	5518	141.49
32	34,800	.893	4.46	5184		837	460	4080	777	3827	1181	844	828	655	915	51.65	5.56	1.35	1128	2227	-175	5494	125.32
33	34,800	.899	4.46	5089		838	465	3937	776	3896	1150	827	888	652	882	52.34	5.04	1.62	1005	1128	-309	5365	125.40
34	34,800	.896	4.46	4983		838	455	3860	751	3581	1108	787	868	634	860	51.45	5.25	1.93	973	1036	-357	5311	121.89
35	35,000	.911	4.42	4962		837	457	4010	761	3781	1046	837	763	372	750	50.78	0	1.50	580	756	1262	5276	120.72
36	34,800	0.896	4.46	4728	(a)	840	460	3361	733	3165	1038	712	693	597	804	47.23	4.69	0.84	760	842	412	5011	112.29
37	35,000	.904	4.46	4227		841	451	2540	702	2376	915	605	700	553	696	39.95	3.64	1.65	447	482	-575	4530	91.45
38	45,300	.910	2.81	6039	102	509	457	4425	940	4250	1971	231	1592	1153	1549	42.17	0	1.93	2303	3070	1923	6401	165.39
39	45,000	.907	2.85	6019	99	515	462	4396	949	4216	1986	1207	1601	1131	1559	42.10	0	1.74	2281	3042	1788	6352	163.93
40	44,300	.872	2.79	5998	104	514	456	4454	940	4273	2000	1266	1634	1196	1573	42.16	0	1.83	2393	3000	1671	6371	163.40
41	45,300	0.910	2.74	5892	---	510	456	4331	924	4163	1854	1827	1502	1156	1542	41.67	0	0.97	2270	3022	1891	6259	162.76
42	45,300	.907	2.74	5712	(a)	509	455	3966	892	3807	1700	1026	1348	947	1304	40.59	0	0.91	1720	2550	1434	6074	159.07
43	45,200	.904	3.48	5225		508	454	3601	858	3431	1489	814	1136	715	1107	39.34	0	0.85	1251	1989	895	5861	153.94
44	45,300	.908	4.33	5179		511	453	3092	811	2940	1281	639	949	481	936	56.69	0	0.76	854	1272	267	5525	142.41
45	45,200	.915	4.47	5182		513	455	2517	770	2378	1285	530	965	405	942	53.51	3.47	0.64	765	753	-169	5313	126.92
46	45,100	1.107	2.79	5887	(a)	739	511	5855	988	5349	1964	1610	1600	1514	1542	53.52	0	1.01	2765	4098	2122	5910	152.63
47	45,100	1.206	2.91	5798		741	511	5288	970	5089	1825	1434	1457	1334	1412	52.77	0	0.95	2331	3780	1843	5819	150.12
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49	44,250	1.178	3.51	5223		743	510	4940	921	4311	1504	1039	1129	908	1111	49.77	0	0.85	1417	2785	996	5565	144.92
50	44,250	1.178	4.33	5172		746	510	3787	872	3580	1273	791	935	588	923	44.62	0	0.69	877</				



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Figure 1. - J71-A2 turbojet engine installed in altitude test chamber.



Station	Total pressures	Static pressures	Temperatures
Venturi	12	4	12
2	38	4	-
3	8	2	20
4	20	-	5
5	25	-	37a
9	18b	3b	17c
10	-	4	-
11	-	4	-

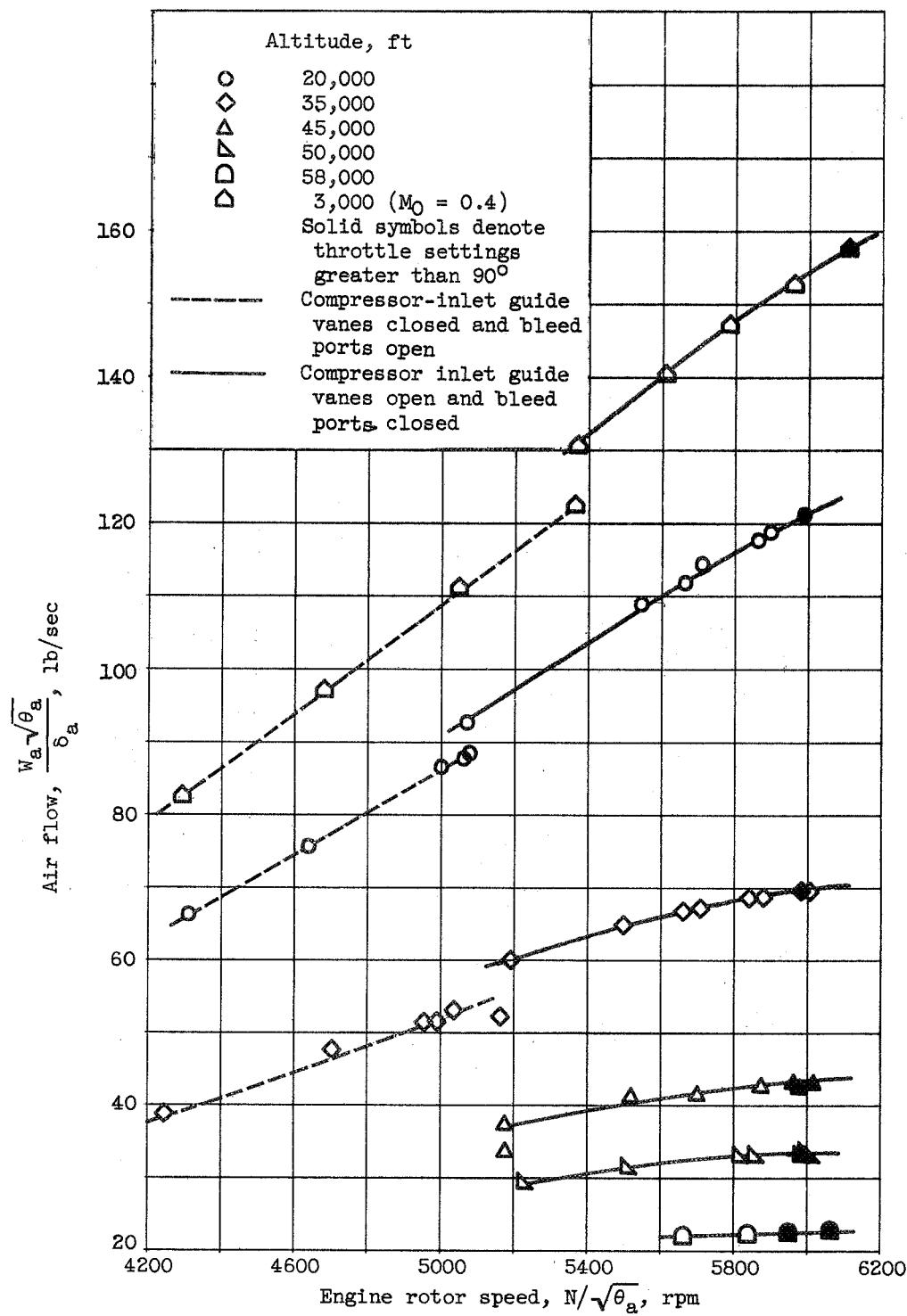
a - 12 Allison and 25 NACA thermocouples.

b - 9 Total- and 3 static-pressure probes in ejector passage.

c - 14 In primary passage and 3 in ejector.

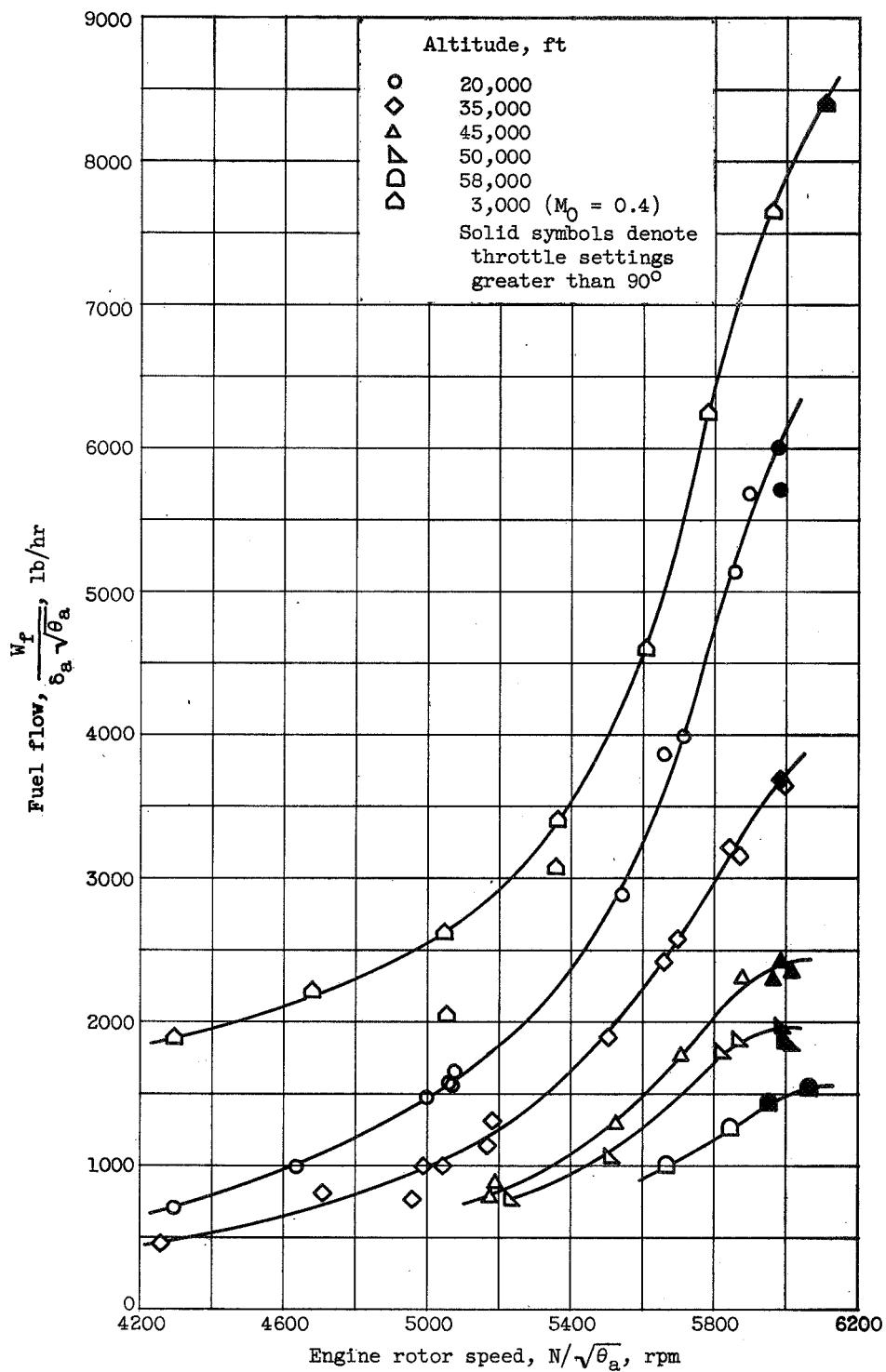
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Figure 2. - Schematic diagram of J71-A2 turbojet engine showing instrumentation stations.



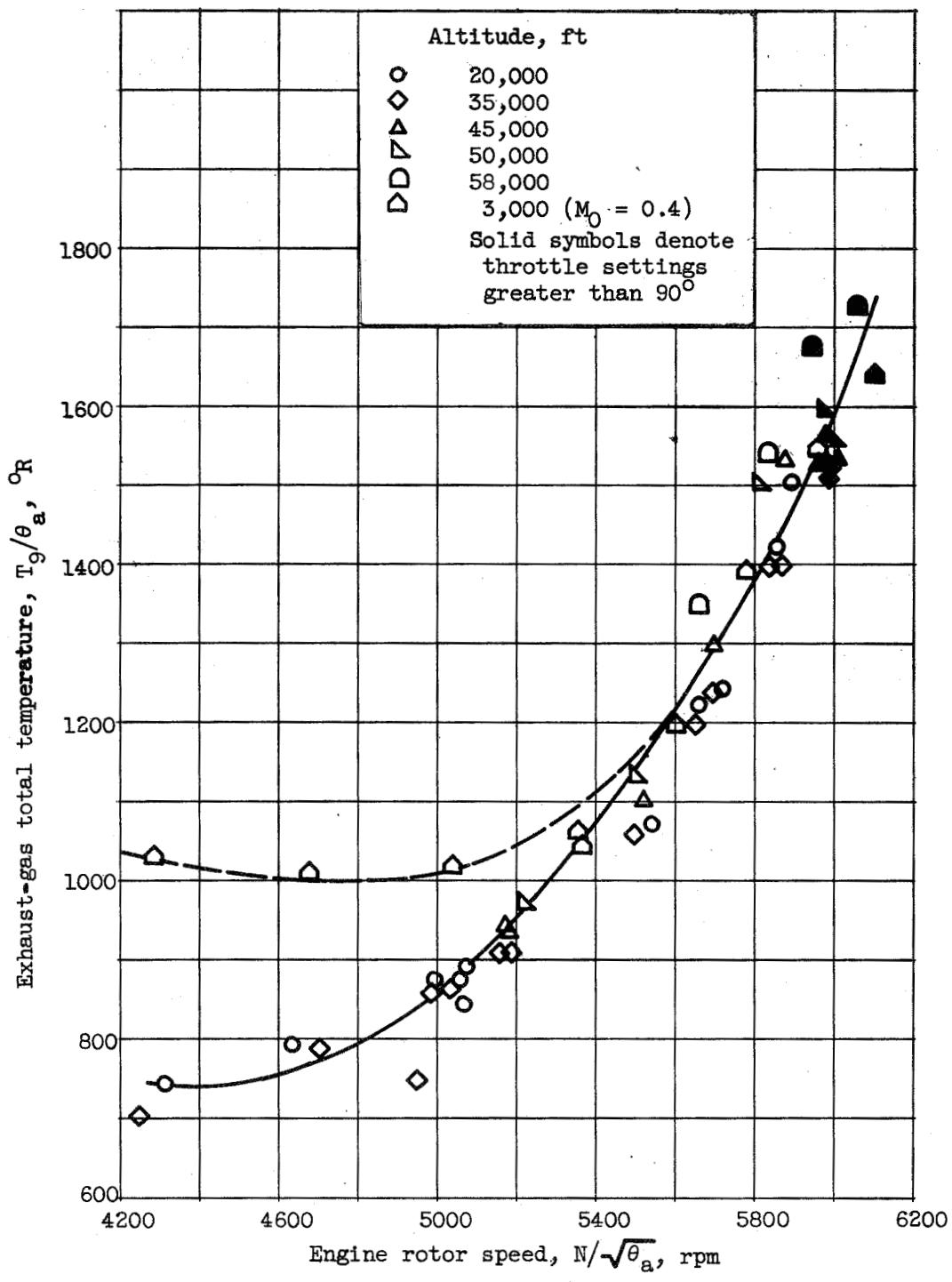
(a) Air flow.

Figure 3. - Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.



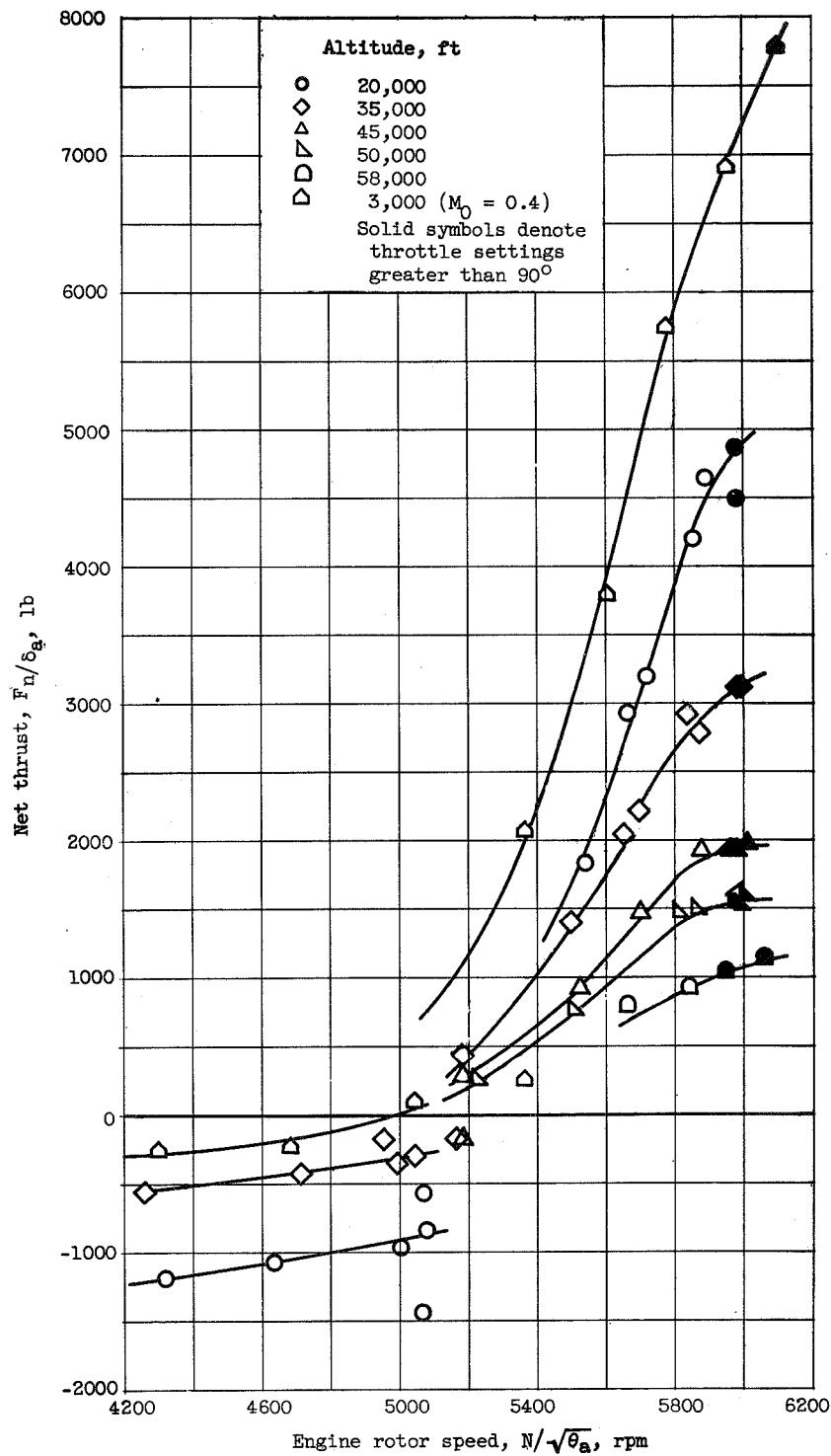
(b) Fuel flow.

Figure 3. - Continued. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.



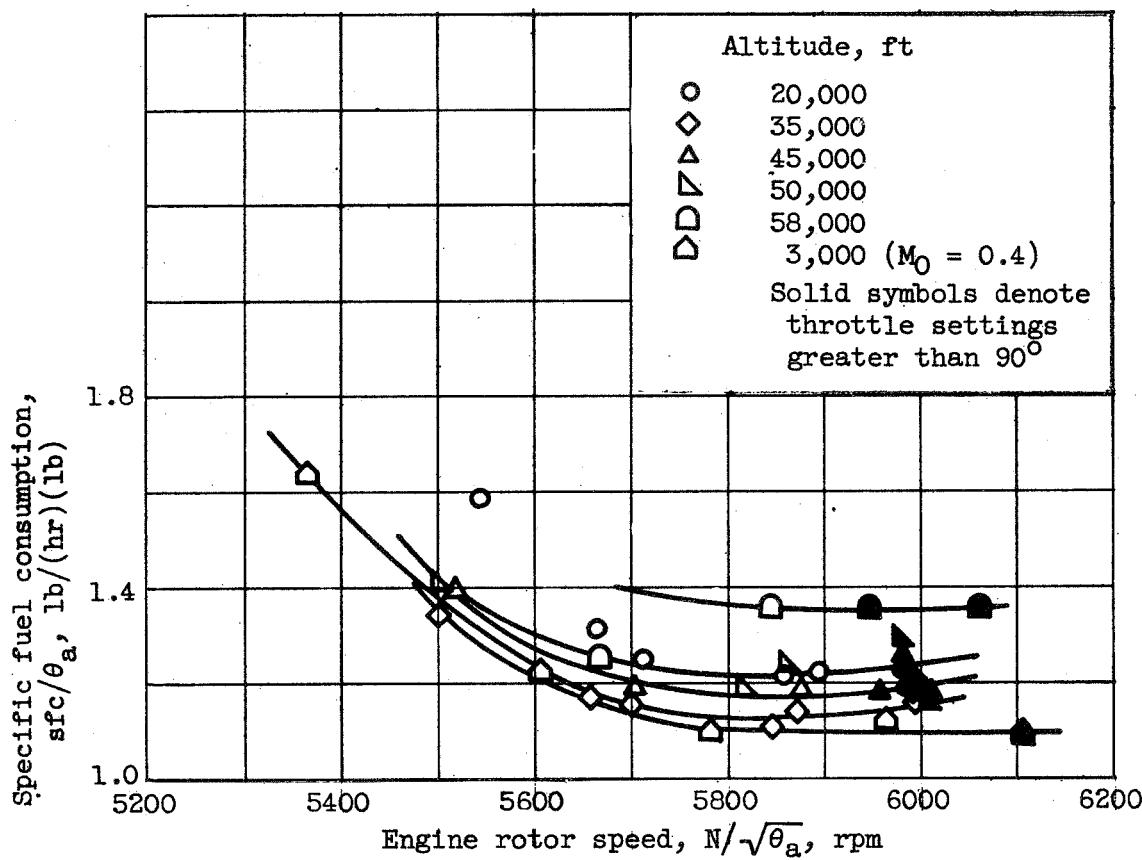
(c) Exhuast-gas temperature.

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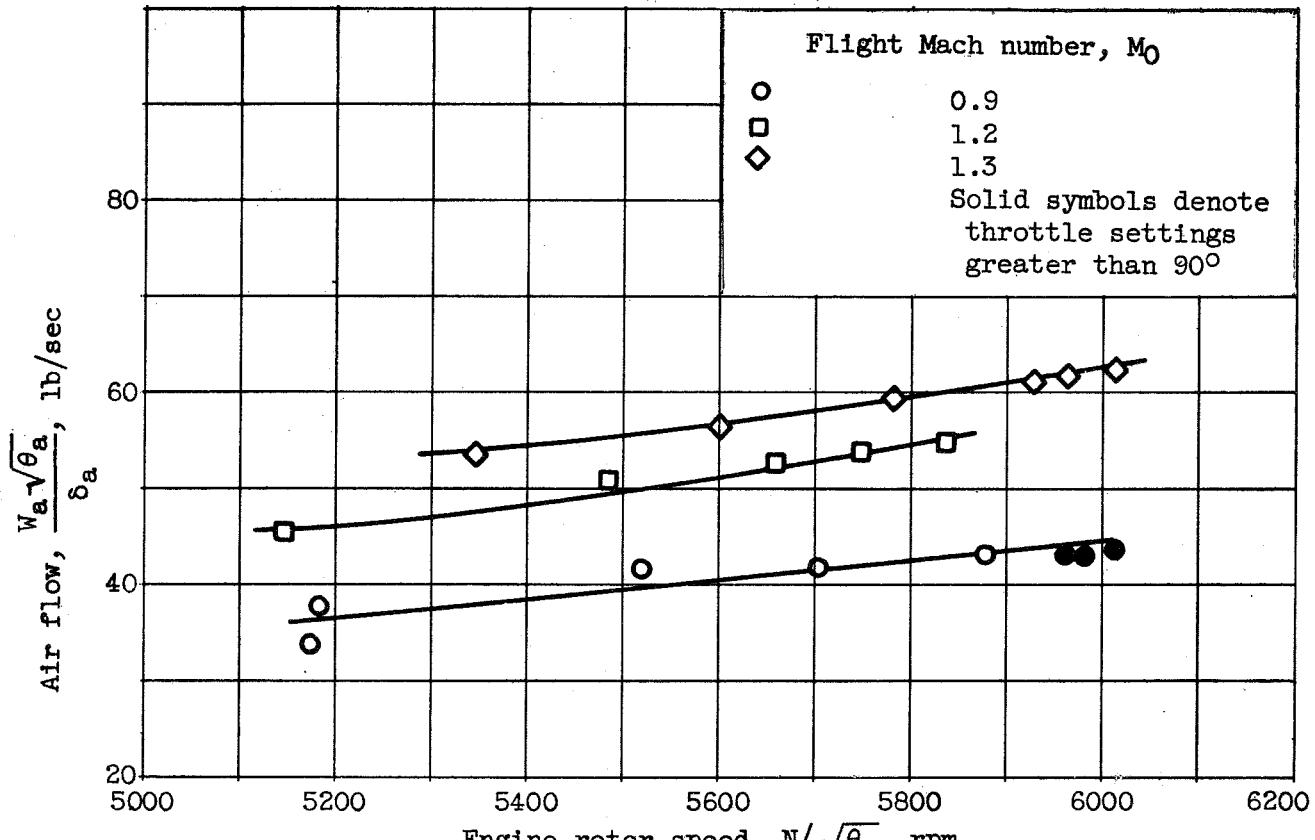
(d) Net thrust.

Figure 3. - Continued. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.



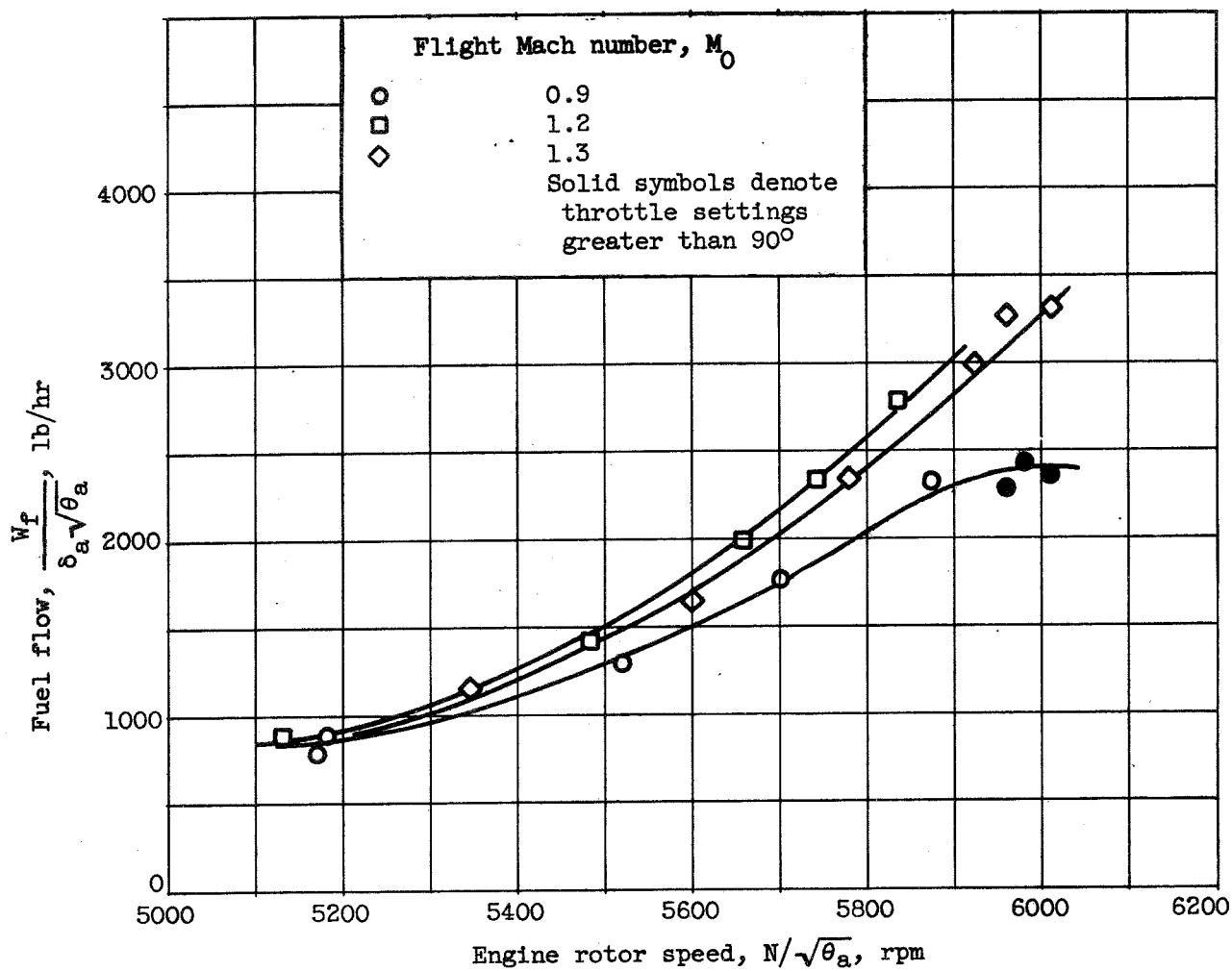
(e) Specific fuel consumption.

Figure 3. - Concluded. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.



(a) Air flow.

Figure 4. - Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of flight Mach numbers. Altitude, 45,000 feet.



(b) Fuel flow.

Figure 4. - Continued. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of flight Mach numbers. Altitude, 45,000 feet.

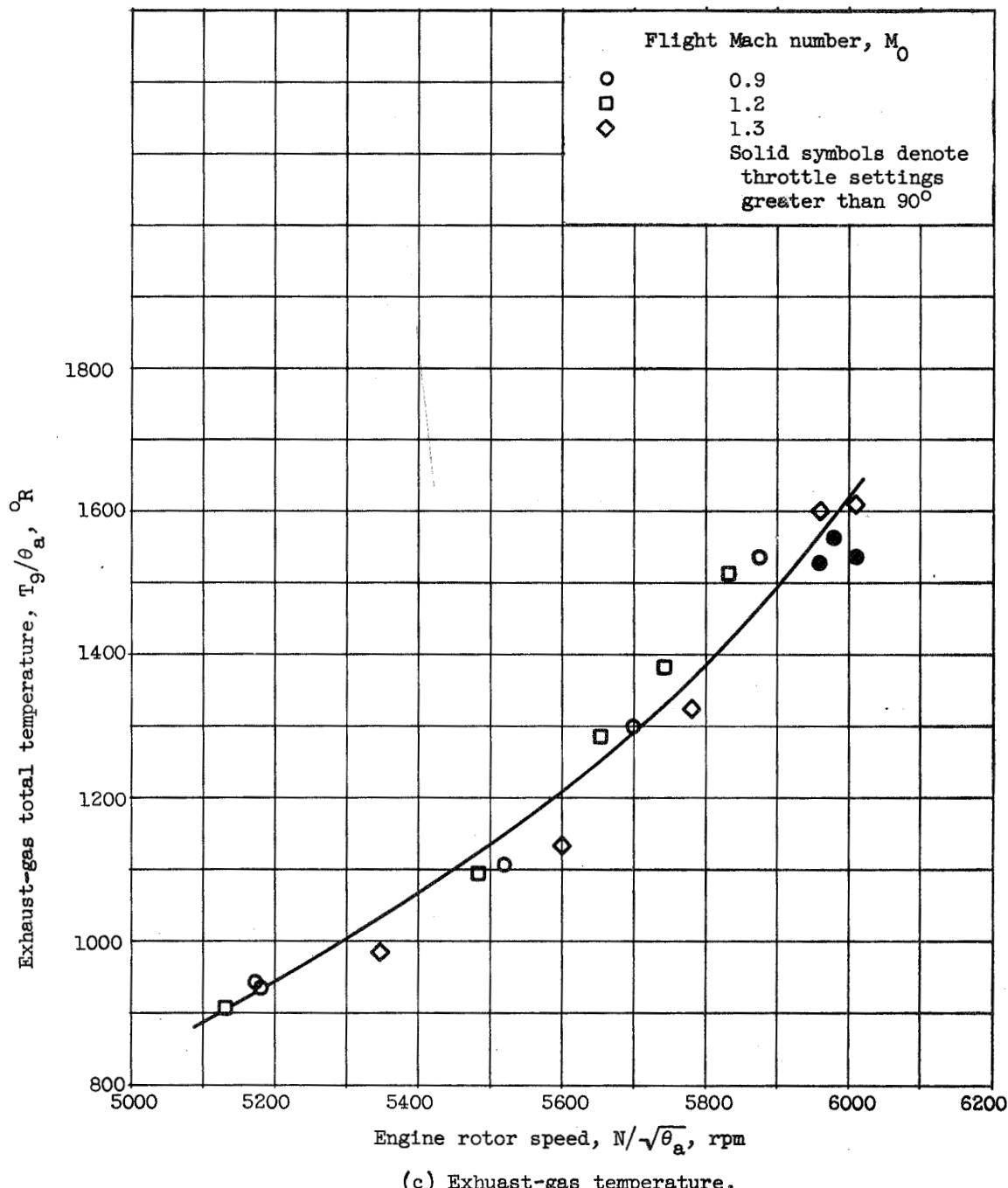
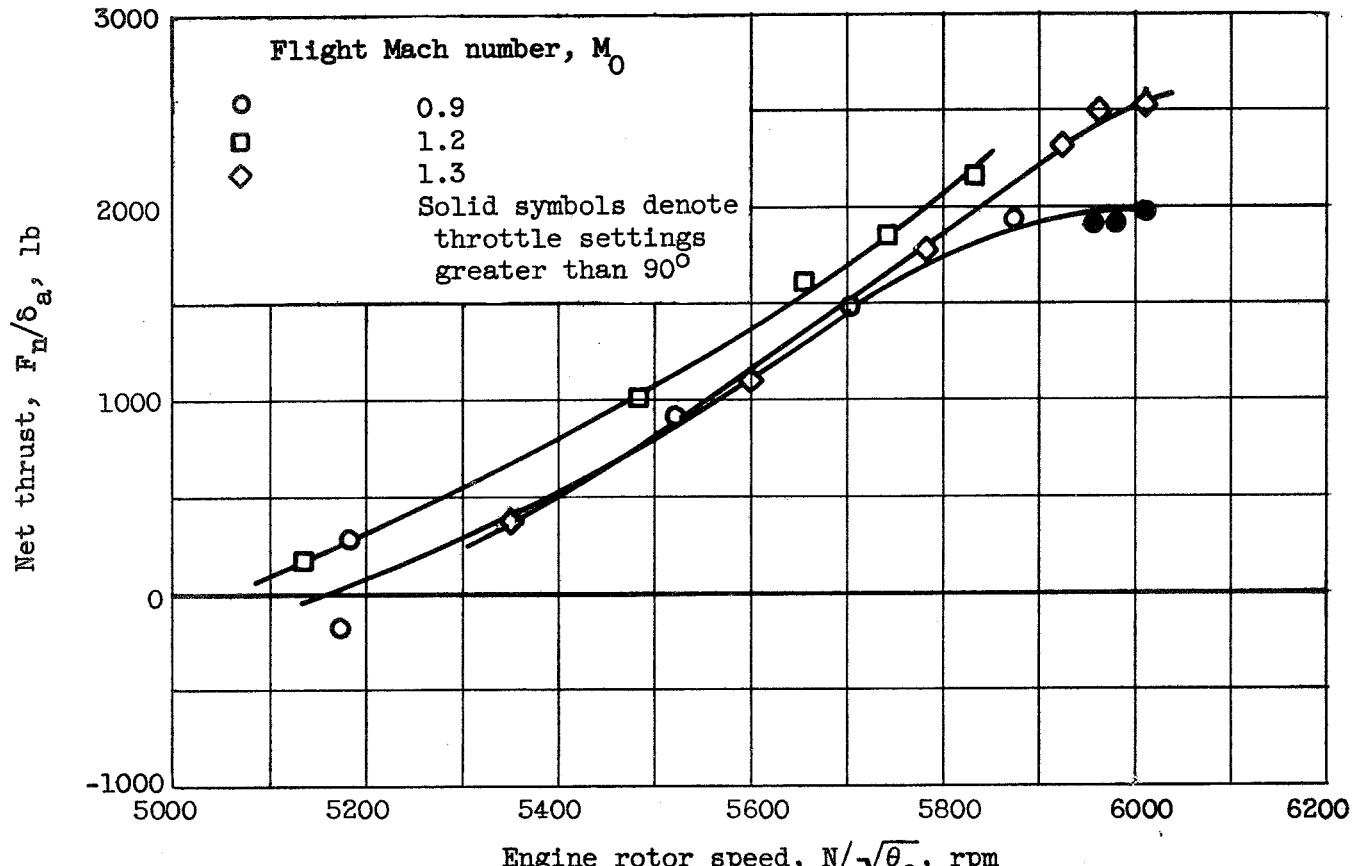


Figure 4. - Continued. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of flight Mach numbers. Altitude, 45,000 feet.



(d) Net thrust.

Figure 4. - Continued. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of flight Mach numbers. Altitude, 45,000 feet.

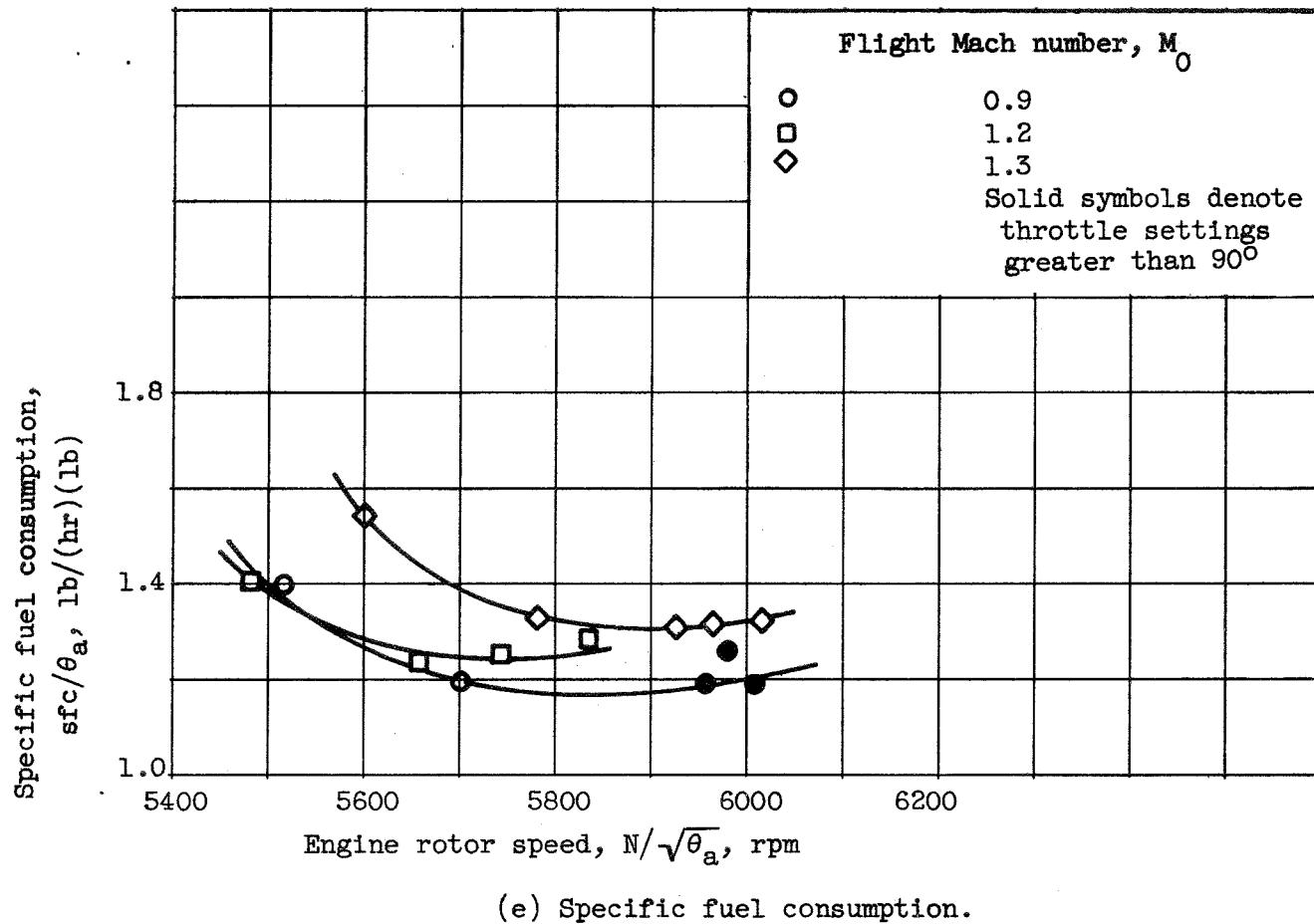
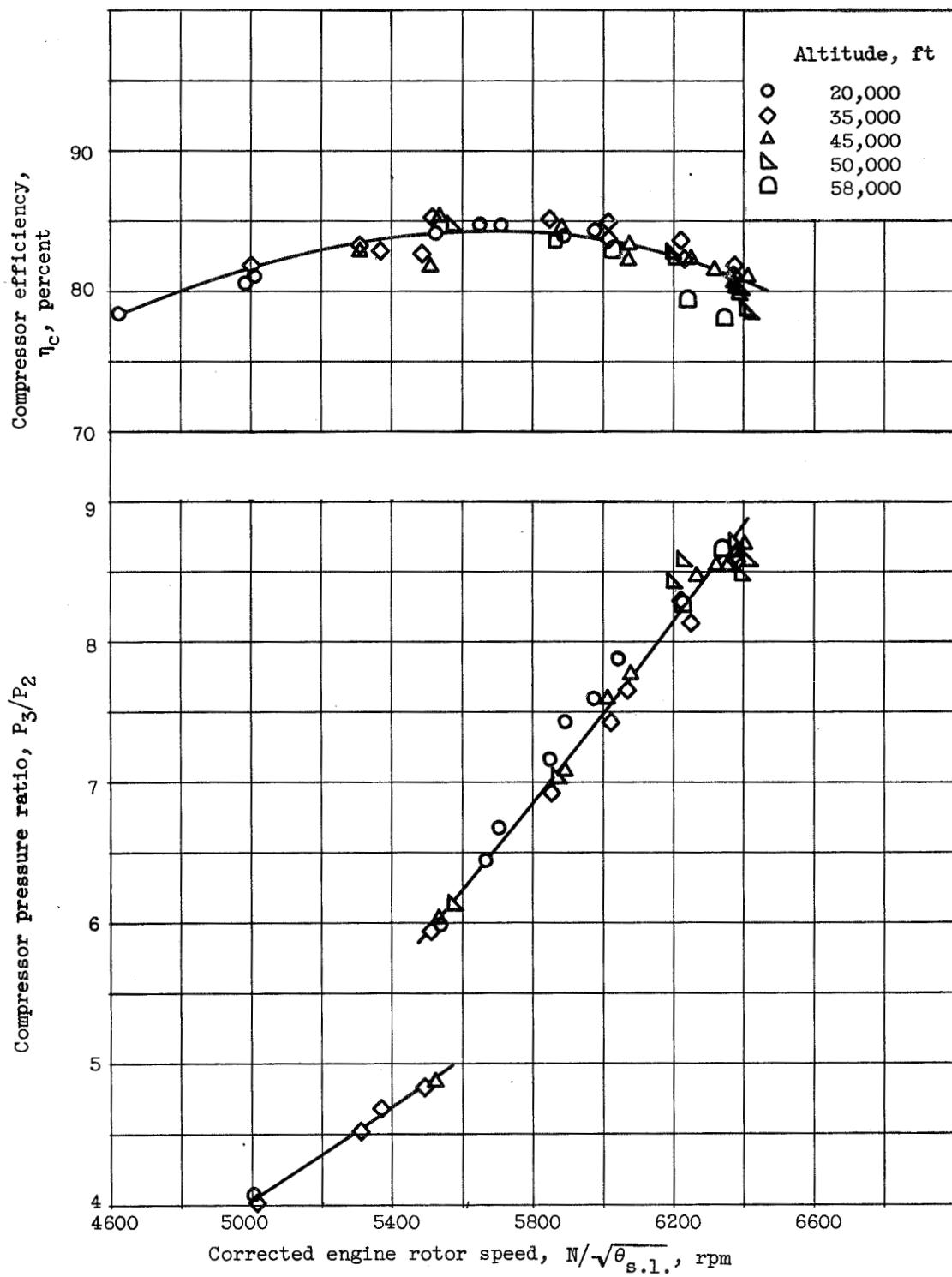
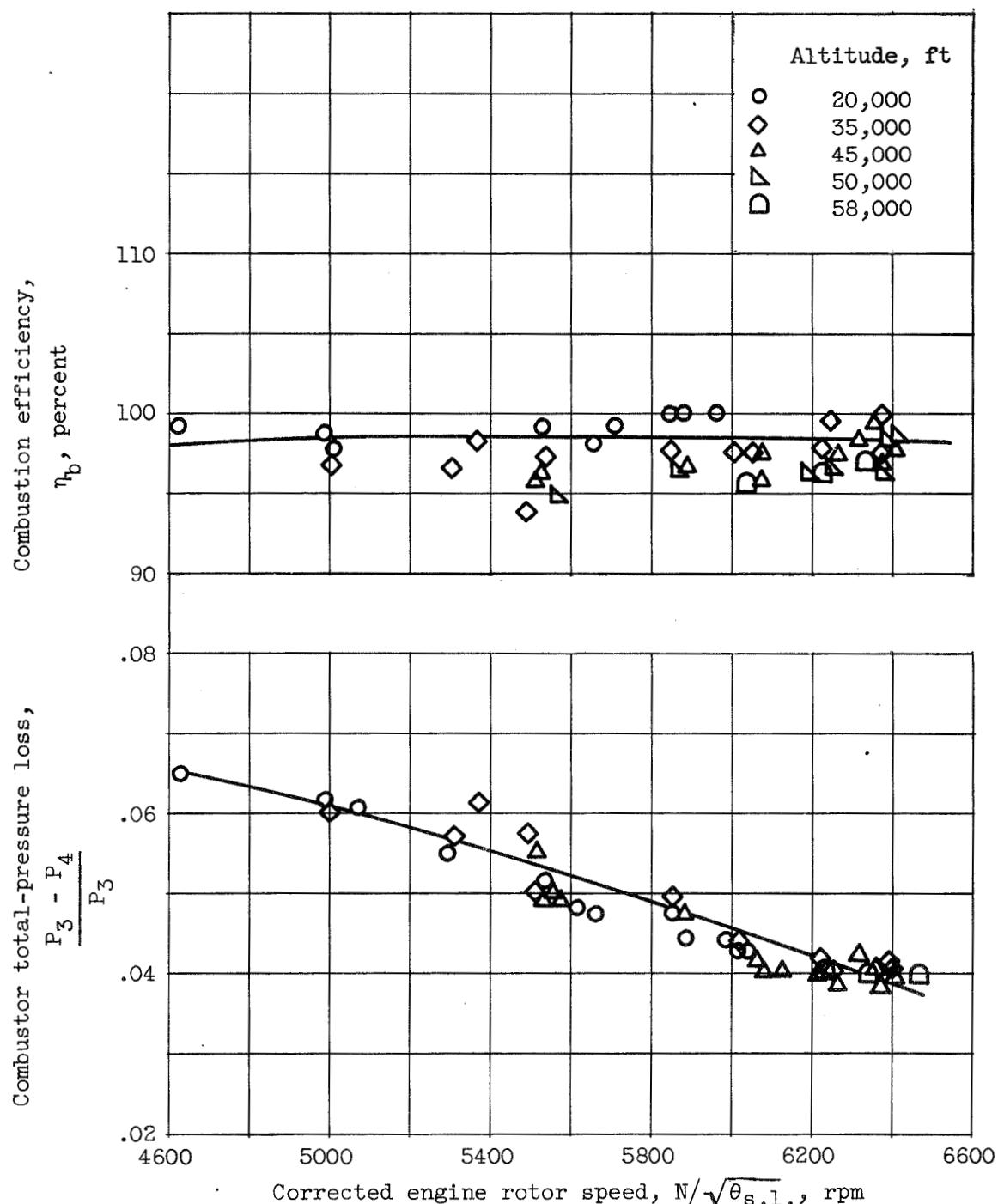


Figure 4. - Concluded. Variation of engine parameters with rotor speed for a range of flight Mach numbers. Altitude, 45,000 feet.



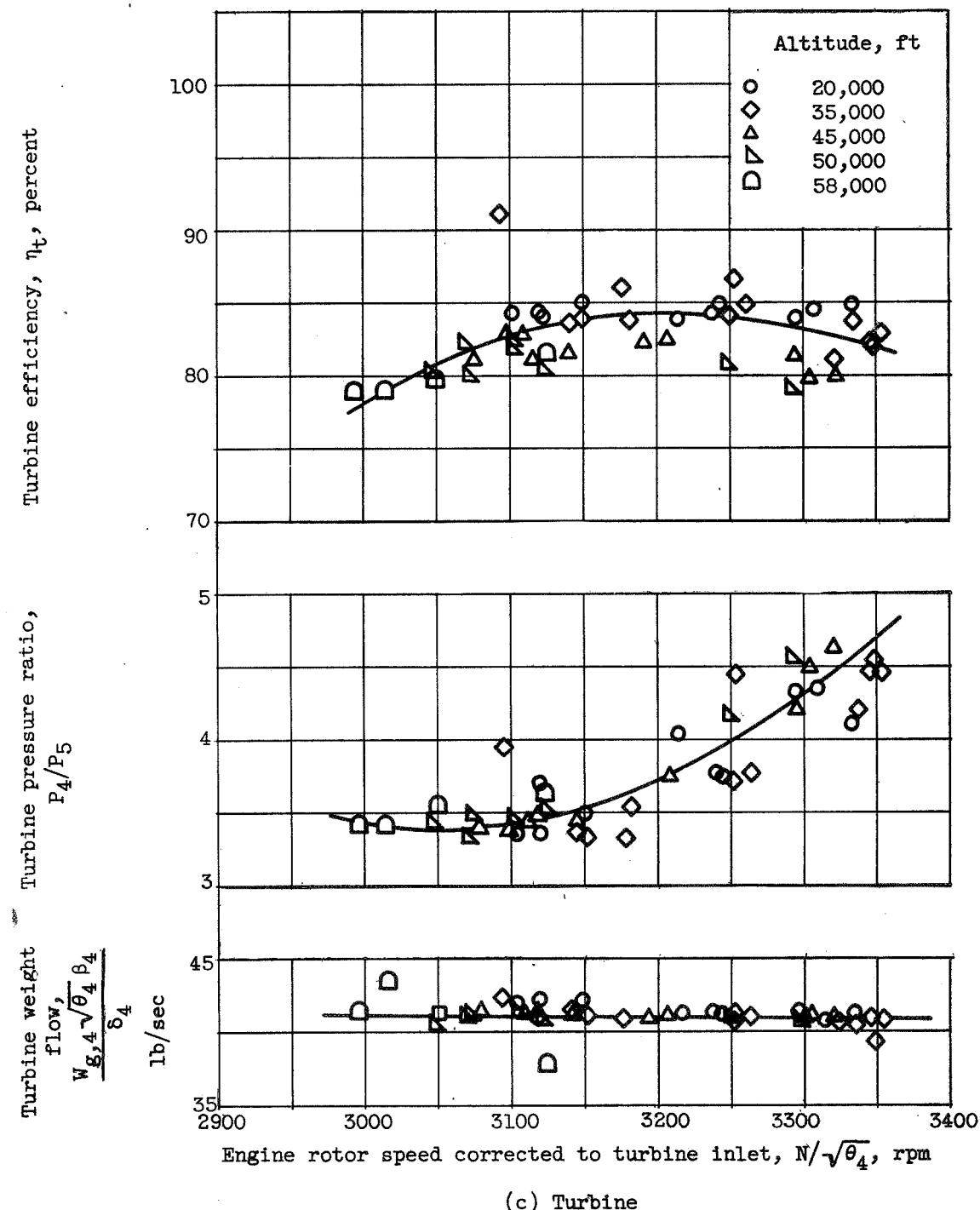
(a) Compressor.

Figure 5. - Component performance characteristics for a range of corrected rotor speeds and altitude flight conditions. Flight Mach number, 0.9.



(b) Engine combustor.

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(c) Turbine

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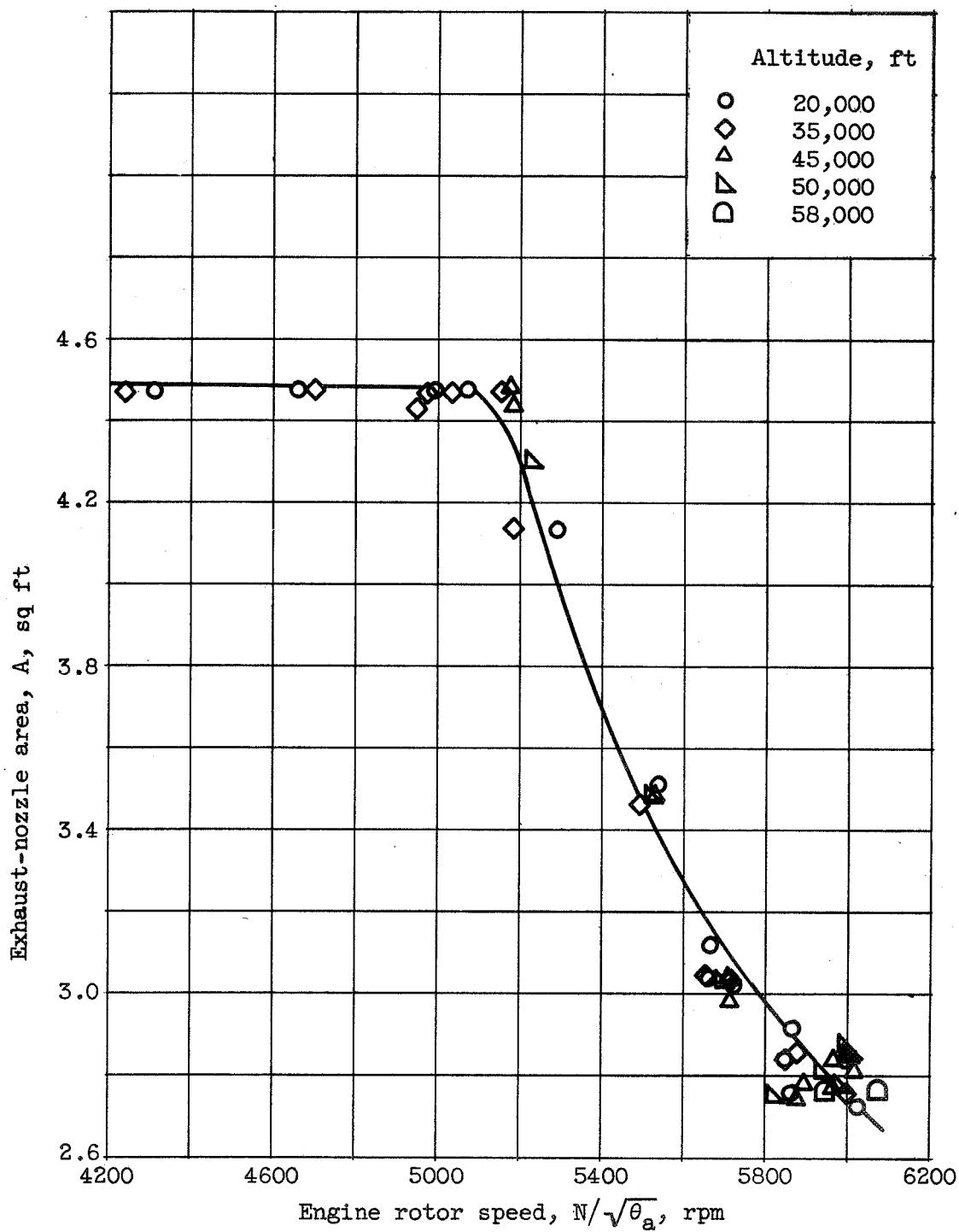


Figure 6. - Variation of exhaust-nozzle area with rotor speed as governed by X-26 engine control system for range of altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.

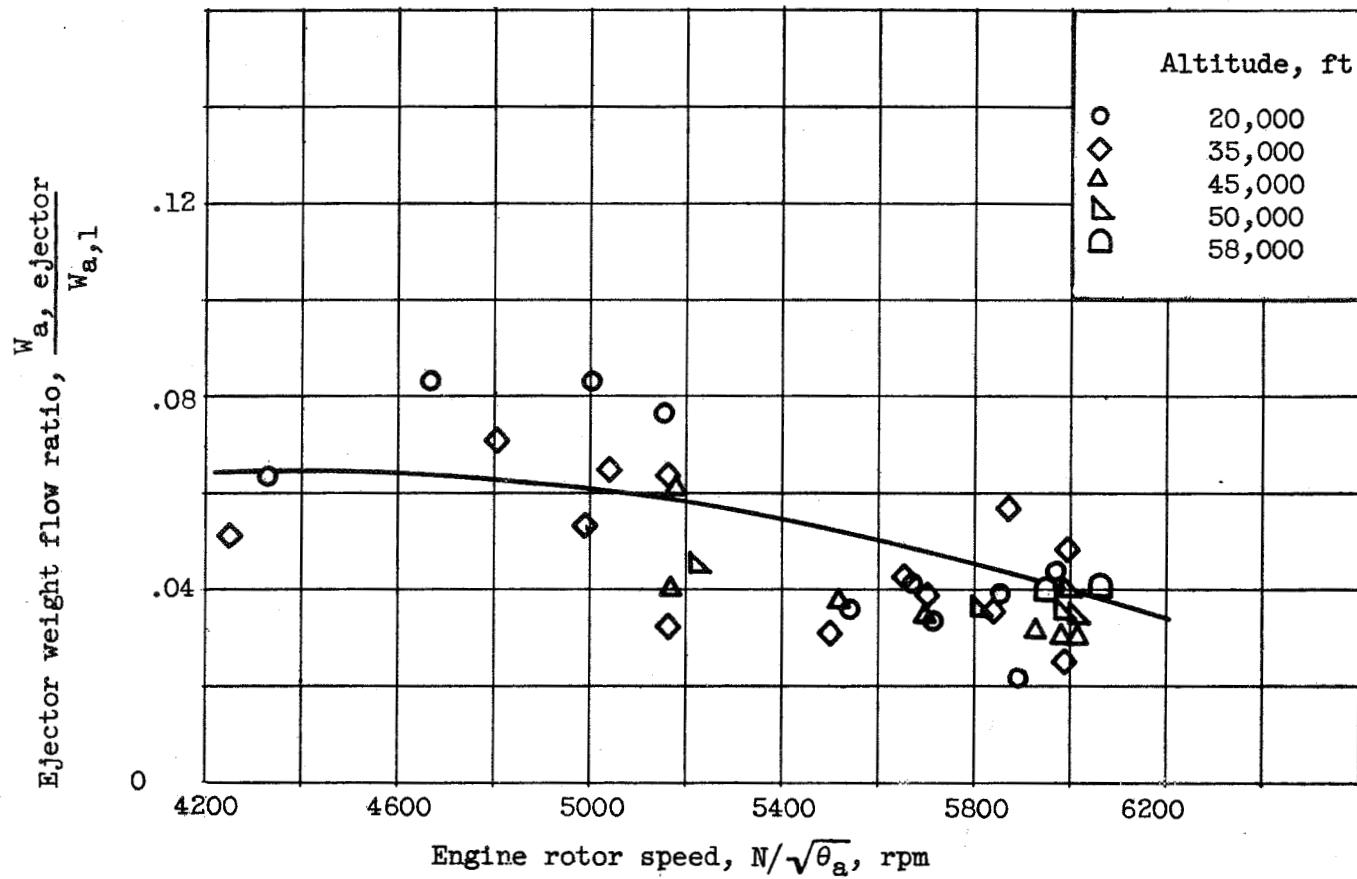


Figure 7. - Ratio of ejector inducted air flow to engine air flow during nonafterburning operation of engine at various altitudes. Flight Mach number, 0.9.

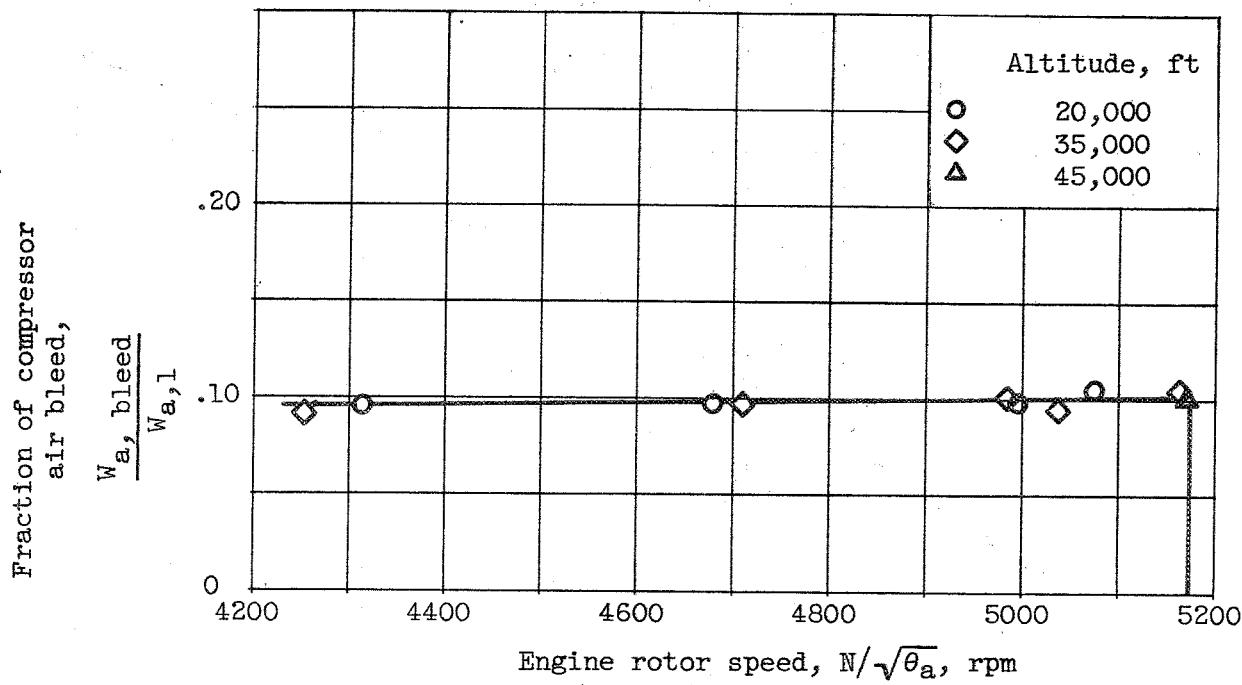


Figure 8. - Ratio of compressor air flow bled from compressor with variation of rotor speed. Flight Mach number, 0.9.

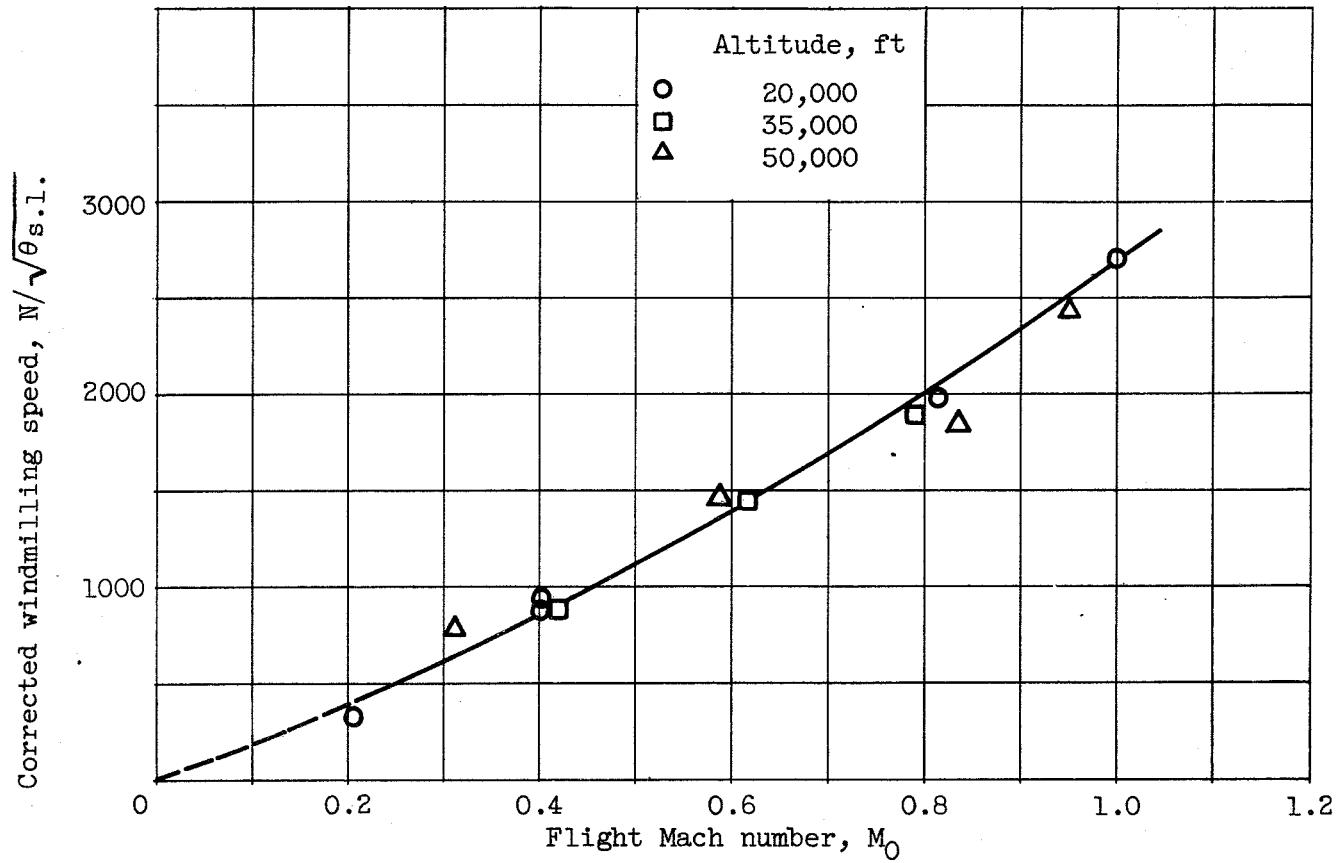
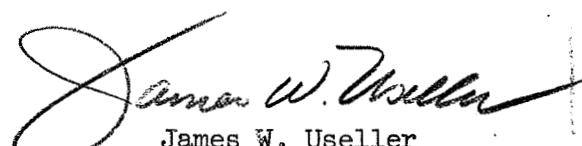


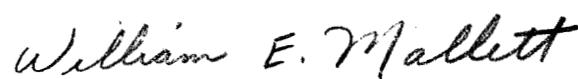
Figure 9. - Corrected engine windmilling speed for a range of flight Mach numbers and altitudes.

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Abstract

Data were obtained in an altitude test chamber for a range of altitudes from 20,000 to 58,000 feet at a flight Mach number of 0.9, and for several flight Mach numbers at an altitude of 45,000 feet. Data approximating sea-level operation are also included. Engine component performance data are presented in addition to windmilling, exhaust-nozzle, and ejector performance.

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