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ABSTRACT: The results of an investigation in the 40 x 40 cm Aeroballistics Tunnel Number 1 to determine pitch, yaw, and rolling moment data for the RS-9 Meteor are presented in this report. The data were obtained at Mach number 2.87.

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This investigation was performed at the request of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reference (a). The wind-tunnel data were obtained 14 through 17 November 1951 inclusive. The investigation was performed under task NOL-Rexa-1-52.

The purpose of this investigation was to obtain pitch, yaw, and rolling moment data at Mach number 2.87 which are needed for an analysis of the stability and control characteristics of the RS-9 Meteor.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The RS-9 Meteor is an air-to-air missile being designed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the Bureau of Ordnance. The missile is of the interdigitated canard-wing type designed to operate in a Mach number range from 1.25 to 3.00. Previous investigations have been conducted on the RS-9 configuration in the NOL 40 x 40 cm Aeroballistics Tunnel Number 1 at Mach number 1.57 (Reference b), and in the MIT tunnel at Mach numbers 2.0 and 2.5.

2. In order to determine more completely the stability and control characteristics of the Meteor for its range of design Mach numbers, a 1/9th scale model was tested in the NOL 40 x 40 Aeroballistics Tunnel Number 1. Five component force data comprising pitch, yaw, and roll were obtained in this test at Mach number 2.87. Control effectiveness characteristics of the RS-9 missile were determined with the control surfaces of the horizontal and vertical canards fixed at  $8^\circ$ ,  $16^\circ$ , and  $24^\circ$ . The rollerons on the wings had fixed deflections of  $8^\circ$ ,  $16^\circ$ , and  $24^\circ$ .

SYMBOLS

A = maximum cross-sectional area (0.660 sq. in.)

$C_z$  = normal force coefficient =  $\frac{F_z}{qA}$

$C_\theta$  = pitching moment coefficient (referred to the center of gravity of the missile: 47.4%  $l$  from base, or 6.323 in. from base of model) =  $\frac{M_\theta}{qAd}$

$C_y$  = lateral force coefficient =  $\frac{F_y}{qA}$

$C_\psi$  = yawing moment coefficient (referred to center of gravity) =  $\frac{M_\psi}{qAd}$

$C_\phi$  = rolling moment coefficient =  $\frac{M_\phi}{qAd}$

$C_{\phi_c}$  = rolling moment coefficient corrected for pitch and yaw interactions

$d$  = maximum body diameter (0.917 in.)

$l$  = model length (13.333 in.)

M = Mach number (2.87)

$q$  = dynamic pressure (2.78 psi)

R = Reynolds number based on model length in feet ( $2.89 \times 10^6$ )

$\alpha$  = angle of attack

$\psi$  = angle of yaw

$\phi$  = roll angle of model on balance

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MISSILE NOTATION

B Body-alone  
W Wings with antennae on two surfaces (see Figure 1)  
W<sup>0</sup> Wings with no antennae  
C<sub>H</sub> Horizontal Canards with control surfaces at 0° deflection  
C<sub>V</sub> Vertical Canards with control surfaces at 0° deflection  
C<sub>Hx</sub> Horizontal Canards with control surfaces at x deflection

Positive pitching moment is designated as an overturning moment when the missile is at a positive angle of attack. The sign convention for yaw is similar to that for pitch.

Positive roll is designated as clockwise when looking forward from the base of the missile.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL AND BALANCE

3. A sketch of the full-scale missile configuration is shown in Figure 1. A 1/9th scale model designed and constructed by missile project personnel at MIT was used for the tunnel tests. In all runs except run 41, the model was oriented in the wind tunnel so that a pair of canards was located in the plane of yaw (as shown in Figure 1). In run 41 the model was rolled -45°, to the orientation shown in Figure 1.

4. Control surfaces on the horizontal and vertical canards were deflected so as to produce positive forces in the pitch and yaw planes respectively. The rollerons, differentially deflected, were set to produce negative rolling moment.

5. The internal, five component strain gage balance used to measure normal and lateral forces, pitch, yaw, and rolling moments was designed and constructed at MIT. A yaw device was incorporated into the design of the sting in the form of a sliding cartridge at the base of the sting that was adjustable from -15° to 15° yaw.

DATA REDUCTION AND CORRECTIONS

7. Corrections to the angle of attack were computed from the following formula:

$$\Delta \alpha = AC_z + BC_\theta$$

Similarly, yaw angles were corrected using the formula:

$$\Delta \psi = EC_y + FC_\psi$$

The constants A, B, E, and F were determined by statically loading the model in pitch and yaw at several locations.

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8. The pitch and yaw gages were alined to normal planes by electrical shunting. The effects of pitch and yaw forces on the roll gage were substantially reduced by this method; the remaining interactions, however, were removed by the following formula:

$$C_{\phi C} = C_{\phi} + T_1 C_n + T_2 C_e + T_3 C_y + T_4 C_{\psi}$$

where:

$T_1$  = correction due to normal force (-.000694)

$T_2$  = correction due to pitching moment (-.001005)

$T_3$  = correction due to lateral force (+.000917)

$T_4$  = correction due to yawing moment (-.000612)

The interaction constants,  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$ , and  $T_4$  were obtained from static calibration of the balance. It can be seen from the values given above that the corrections to the roll moment coefficient were very small.

9. The accuracy of the recording instruments was  $\pm 2.4$  helipot divisions (ohms) in a range from 0 to 500 divisions, corresponding to an error in the coefficients of the order of  $\pm 1\%$ .

### RESULTS

10. The data are plotted in coefficient form versus angle of attack in Figures 2 through 37.

11. The values of angle of attack used for the plotted data are the indicated sector angles corrected for sting deflection. In plotting angles of yaw, however, only the angles indicated on the yaw device were used. The corrected yaw angles are given in Table I.

12. The pitching moment curve for the body-wing configuration in zero roll attitude (Figure 6) is linear to approximately  $4^\circ$  angle of attack. At higher angles, however, there is a decrease in wing effectiveness. The same configuration rolled  $-45^\circ$  (so that the wing antennae are in the plane of yaw) produces a more stable pitch curve with no noticeable decrease in wing effectiveness up to  $18^\circ$ . The non-linearity of the former pitch curve can then most probably be attributed to the non-symmetrical disposition of the antennae on the wings.

13. The magnitude of the roll data for runs 9 through 42 and run 44 is not compatible with data taken more recently, and should be used with discretion.

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14. At Mach 2.87 the standard Meteor configuration is neutrally stable at small angles, becoming unstable at approximately  $14^{\circ}$  angle of attack, Run 7, Figure 8. A comparison of runs 7 and 40 reveals that the wing antennae have a negligible effect on the stability. This is to be expected because the wings themselves are comparatively ineffective. The canard antennae\*, on the other hand, while contributing very little (5% at most) to the total normal force of the missile, have a decidedly destabilizing effect for the following reasons:

- (1) the forces on the canard antennae act through greater distances to the center of gravity of the missile.
- (2) the canards and their antennae are efficient lifting surfaces.

15. The most important reason however, especially with regard to the lower angles of attack is that the addition of antennae to the canards results in stronger tip vortices that create a downwash on the wings and decrease their effectiveness.

16. Tests of the RS-9 configuration at Mach 1.57 show that there is a sharp increase in stability occurring between  $9^{\circ}$  and  $10^{\circ}$  angle of attack, reference (b). This break in the pitch curve corresponds to the point at which the vortices from the horizontal canard tips cross over the upper wing surfaces. The same tendency is evidenced (but to a lesser extent) at higher Mach numbers. It is very probable that removal of the antennae from the canards will result in a more stable, and nearly linear pitching moment curve.

\* Since the standard missile orientation in the wind tunnel places a pair of canards in the plane of yaw, it is these horizontal antennae to which the following discussion relates.

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TABLE I  
List of Runs

| Run | Conf.                             | $\psi$ corr | $\phi$ | Figure  |            | Remarks                              |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|------------|--------------------------------------|
|     |                                   |             |        | Pitch   | Yaw & Roll |                                      |
| 1   | B                                 | 0           | 0      | 3       | 4          | Model Rolled 180°<br>Balance Upright |
| 2   | BC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V</sub>    | 0           | 0      | 3       | 4          |                                      |
| 3   | BC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>V</sub>   | 0           | 0      | 5       | 6          |                                      |
| 4   | BC <sub>H16</sub> C <sub>V</sub>  | 0           | 0      | 5       | 6          |                                      |
| 5   | BC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>V</sub>  | 0           | 0      | 5       | 6          |                                      |
| 6   | BW                                | 0           | 0      | 7       | 8          |                                      |
| 7   | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V</sub>   | 0           | 0      | 9,23,37 | 10,24,38   |                                      |
| 8   | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V</sub>   | 0           | 180°   | 37      | 38         |                                      |
| 9   | BWC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>V</sub>  | 0           | 0      | 11      | 12         |                                      |
| 10  | BWC <sub>H16</sub> C <sub>V</sub> | 0           | 0      | 11      | 12         |                                      |
| 11  | BWC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>V</sub> | 0           | 0      | 11      | 12         |                                      |
| 12  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V16</sub> | 0.05        | 0      | 23      | 24         |                                      |
| 13  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V16</sub> | 5.18        | 0      | 25      | 26         |                                      |
| 14  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V</sub>   | 5.12        | 0      | 25      | 26         |                                      |
| 15  | BWC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>V</sub>  | 5.12        | 0      | 13      | 14         |                                      |
| 16  | BWC <sub>H16</sub> C <sub>V</sub> | 5.12        | 0      | 13      | 14         |                                      |
| 17  | BWC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>V</sub> | 5.12        | 0      | 13      | 14         |                                      |
| 18  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>V</sub>   | 10.27       | 0      | 27      | 28         |                                      |
| 19  | BWC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>V</sub>  | 10.26       | 0      | 15      | 16         |                                      |

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TABLE I (continued)

List of Runs

| Run | Conf.                                          | $\psi$ corr | $\phi$ | Figure |            | Remarks |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|---------|
|     |                                                |             |        | Pitch  | Yaw & Roll |         |
| 20  | BWC <sub>H16</sub> C <sub>v</sub>              | 10.26       | 0      | 15     | 16         |         |
| 21  | BWC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>v</sub>              | 10.26       | 0      | 15     | 16         |         |
| 22  | BWC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>v</sub> 16           | 10.33       | 0      | 29     | 30         |         |
| 23  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> 16             | 10.33       | 0      | 27,29  | 28,30      |         |
| 24  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> 16             | 15.53       | 0      | 31     | 32         |         |
| 25  | BWC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>                | 15.45       | 0      | 31     | 32         |         |
| 26  | BWC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>v</sub>               | 15.45       | 0      | 17     | 18         |         |
| 27  | BWC <sub>P16</sub> C <sub>v</sub>              | 15.45       | 0      | 17     | 18         |         |
| 28  | BWC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>v</sub>              | 15.43       | 0      | 17     | 18         |         |
| 29  | BW                                             | 15.18       | 0      | 19     | 20         |         |
| 30  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>  | 15.44       | 0      | 35     | 36         |         |
| 31  | BW <sub>16</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> | 15.45       | 0      | 35     | 36         |         |
| 32  | BW <sub>24</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> | 15.44       | 0      | 35     | 36         |         |
| 33  | BC <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>                 | 15.49       | 0      | 19     | 20         |         |
| 34  | BC <sub>H8</sub> C <sub>v</sub>                | 15.48       | 0      | 21     | 22         |         |
| 35  | BC <sub>H16</sub> C <sub>v</sub>               | 15.48       | 0      | 21     | 22         |         |
| 36  | BC <sub>H24</sub> C <sub>v</sub>               | 15.48       | 0      | 21     | 22         |         |
| 37  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>  | 0           | 0      | 33     | 34         |         |
| 38  | BW <sub>16</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> | 0           | 0      | 33     | 34         |         |



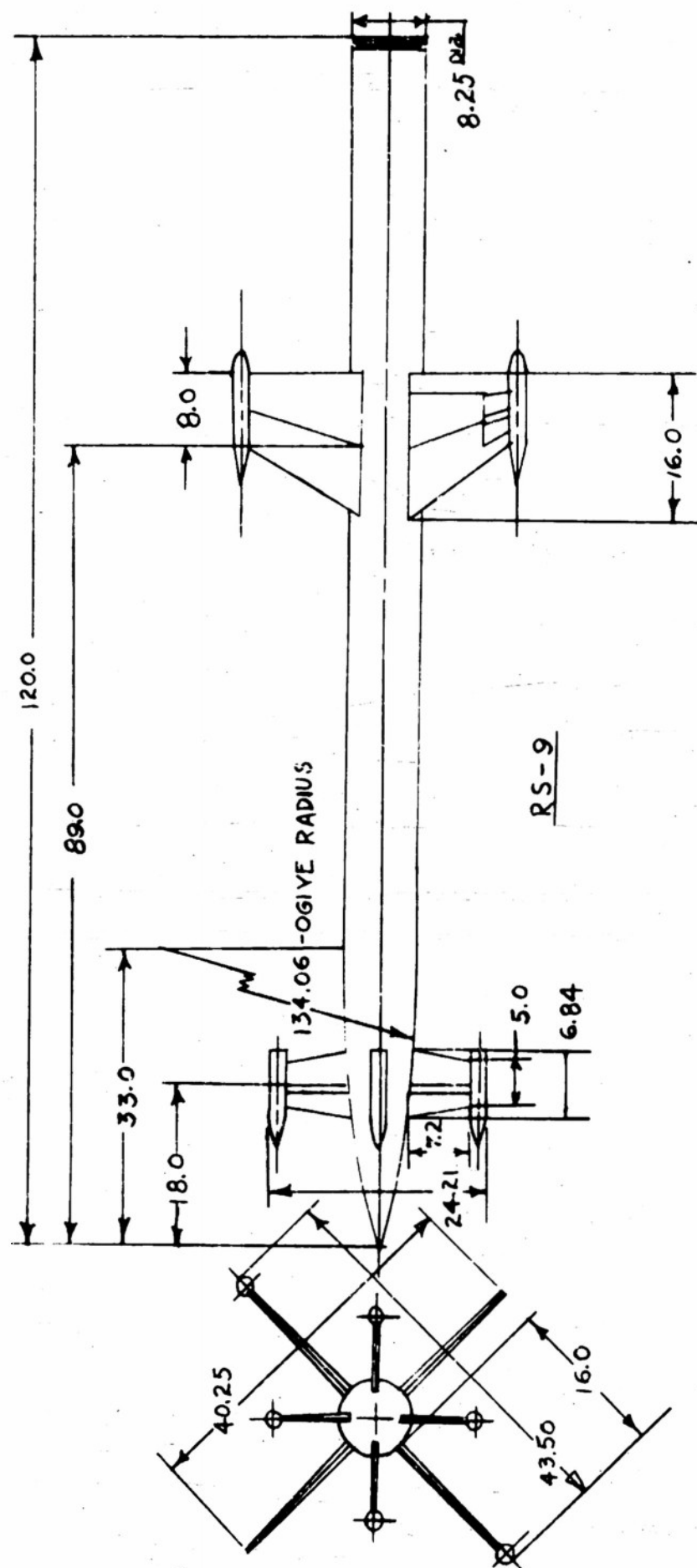
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List of Runs

| Run | Conf.                                            | $\psi$ corr | $\phi$ | Figure |            | Remarks                 |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|------------|-------------------------|
|     |                                                  |             |        | Pitch  | Yaw & Roll |                         |
| 39  | BW <sub>24</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>   | 0           | 0      | 33     | 34         |                         |
| 40  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>    | 0           | 0      | 9      | 10         |                         |
| 41  | BW                                               | 0           | -45°   | 7      | 8          |                         |
| 42  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>    | 0           | 0      | 37     | 38         | Balance Rotated 180°    |
| 43  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub>    | 0           | 0      | --     | --         | Repeat Run(not plotted) |
| 44  | BW <sub>8</sub> C <sub>H</sub> C <sub>v</sub> 16 | 5.17        | 0      | --     | --         | Repeat Run(not Plotted) |

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SUPERSONIC TUNNEL MODEL ~1/9 SCALE  
DIMENSIONS SHOWN-FULL SCALE  
ALL DIMENSIONS IN INCHES

FIGURE I

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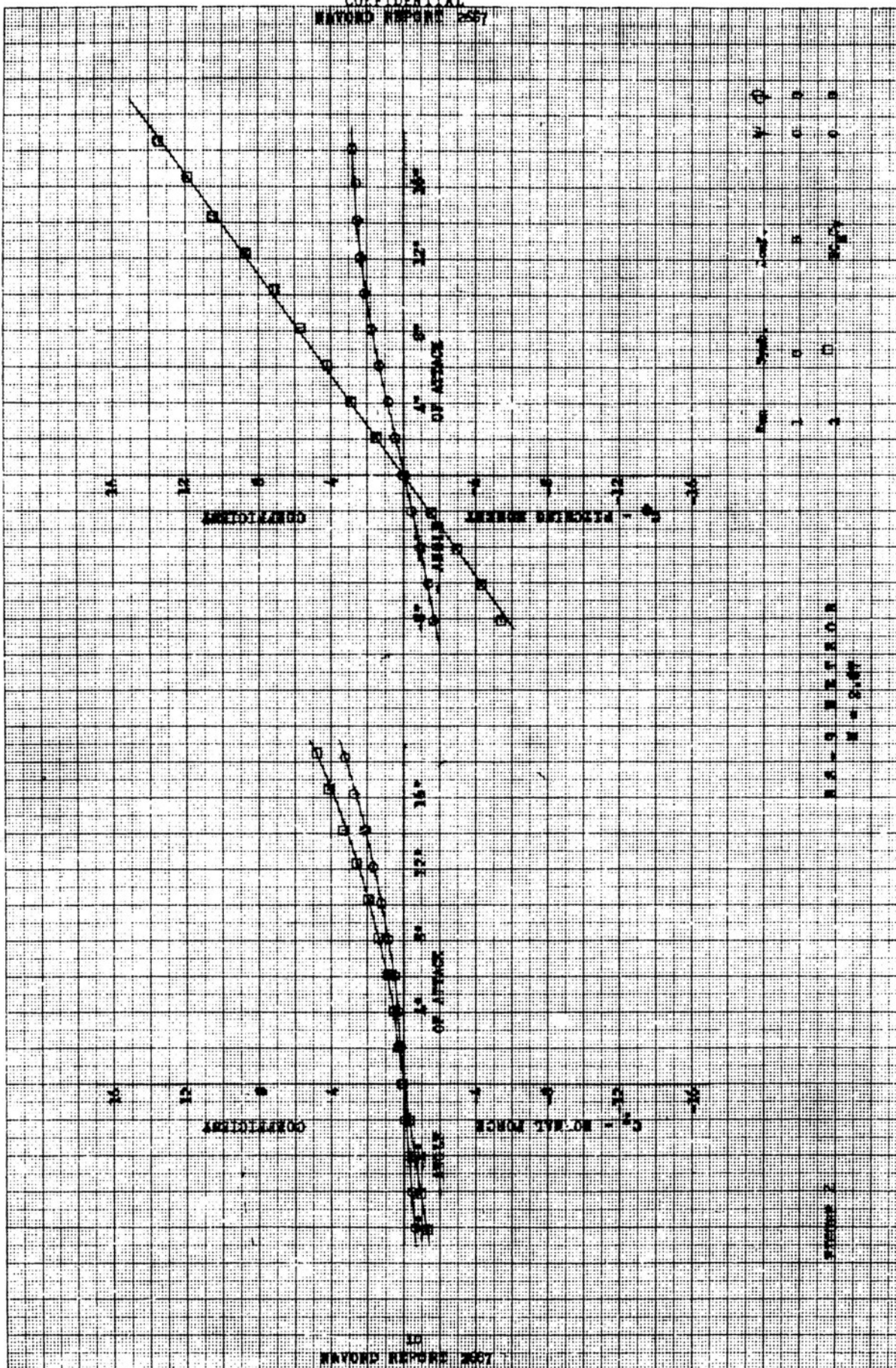


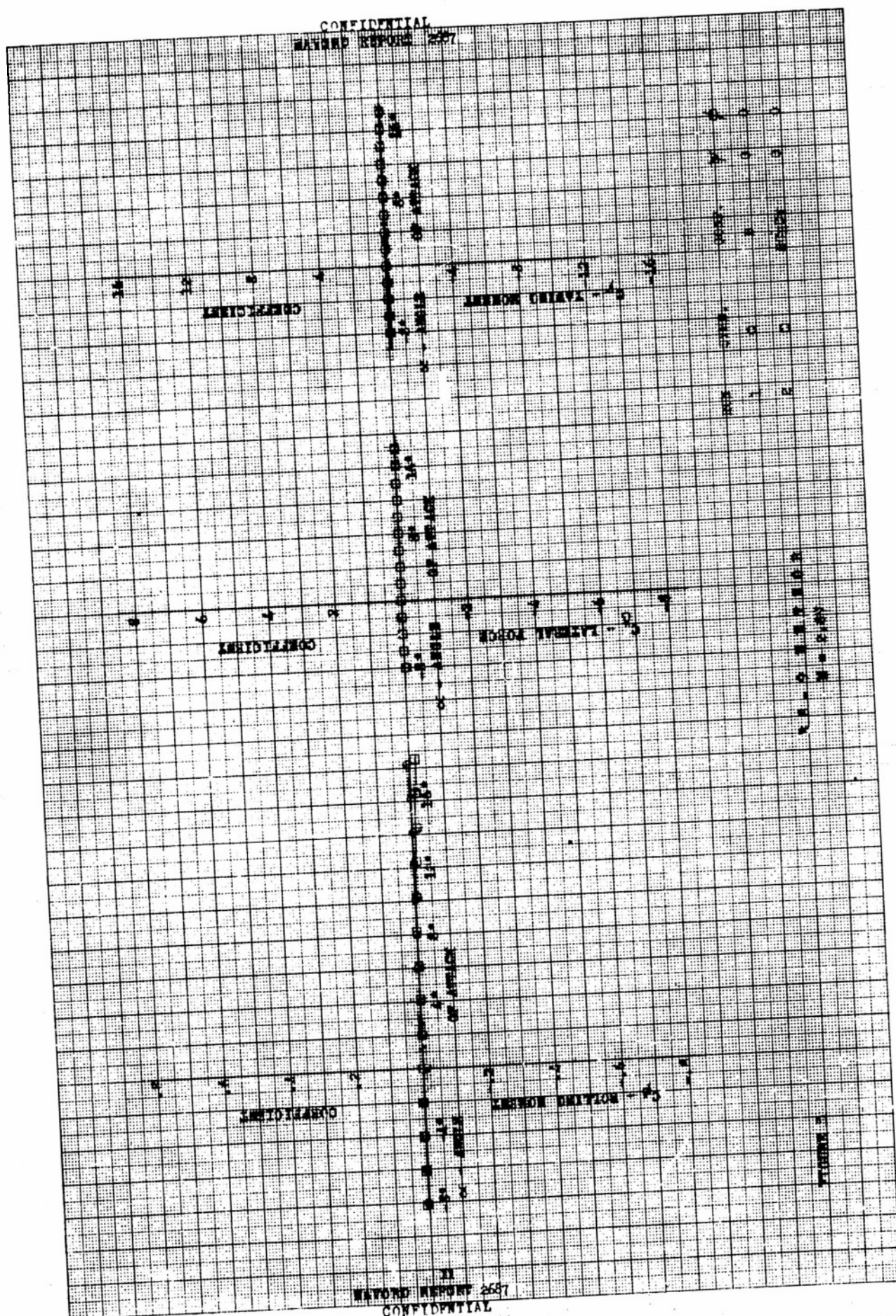
FIGURE 2

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M = 2.0

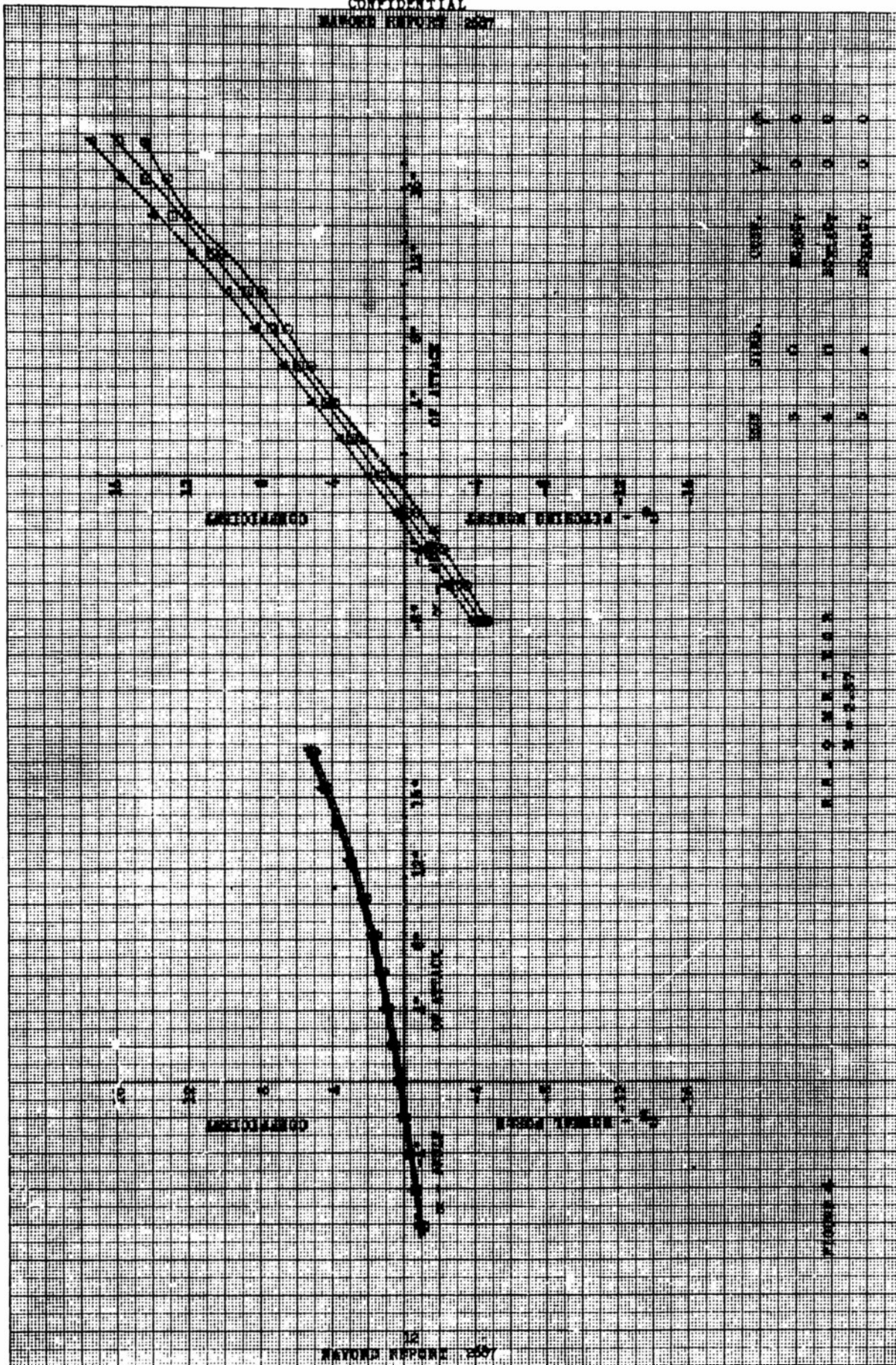
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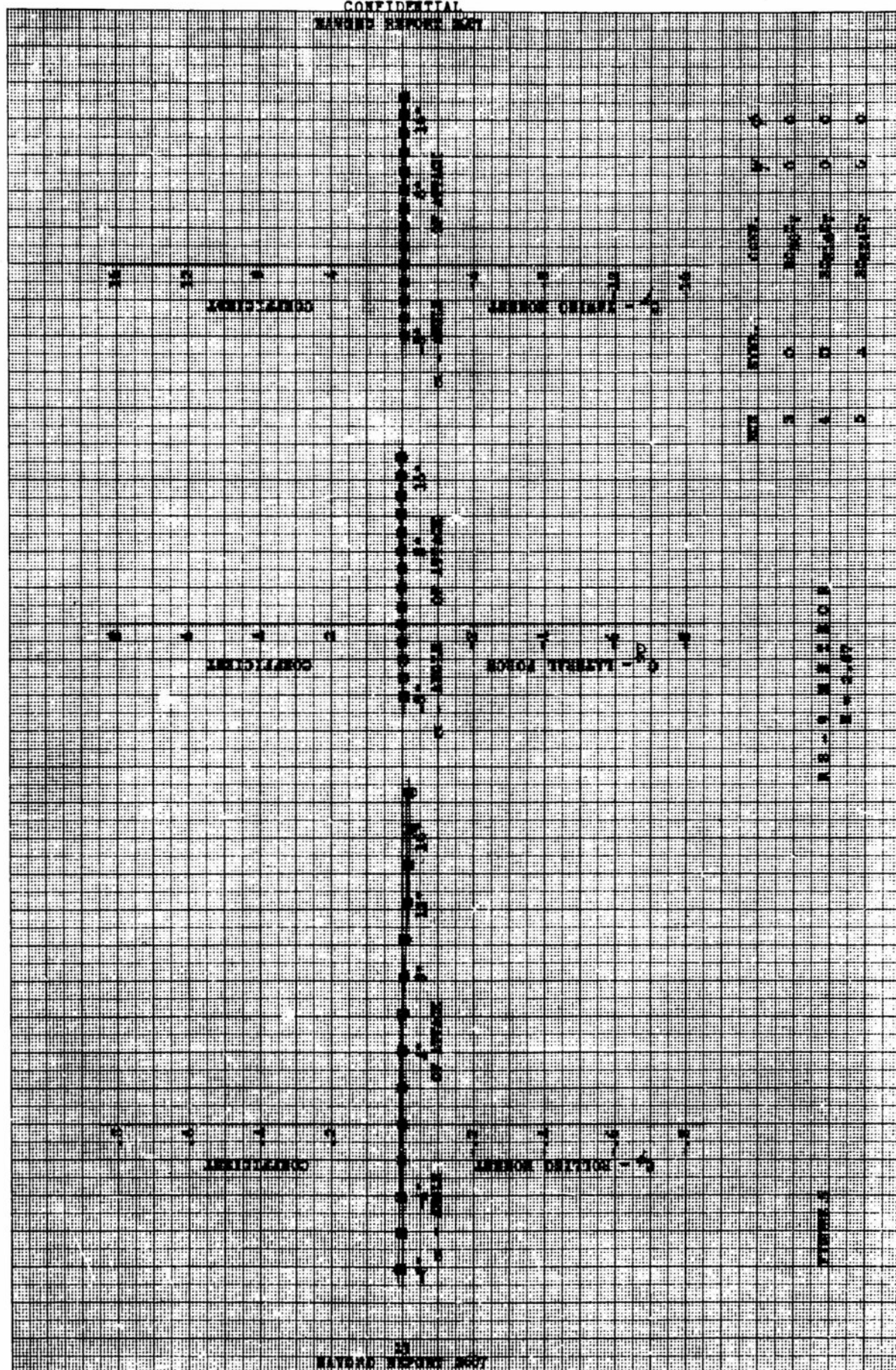
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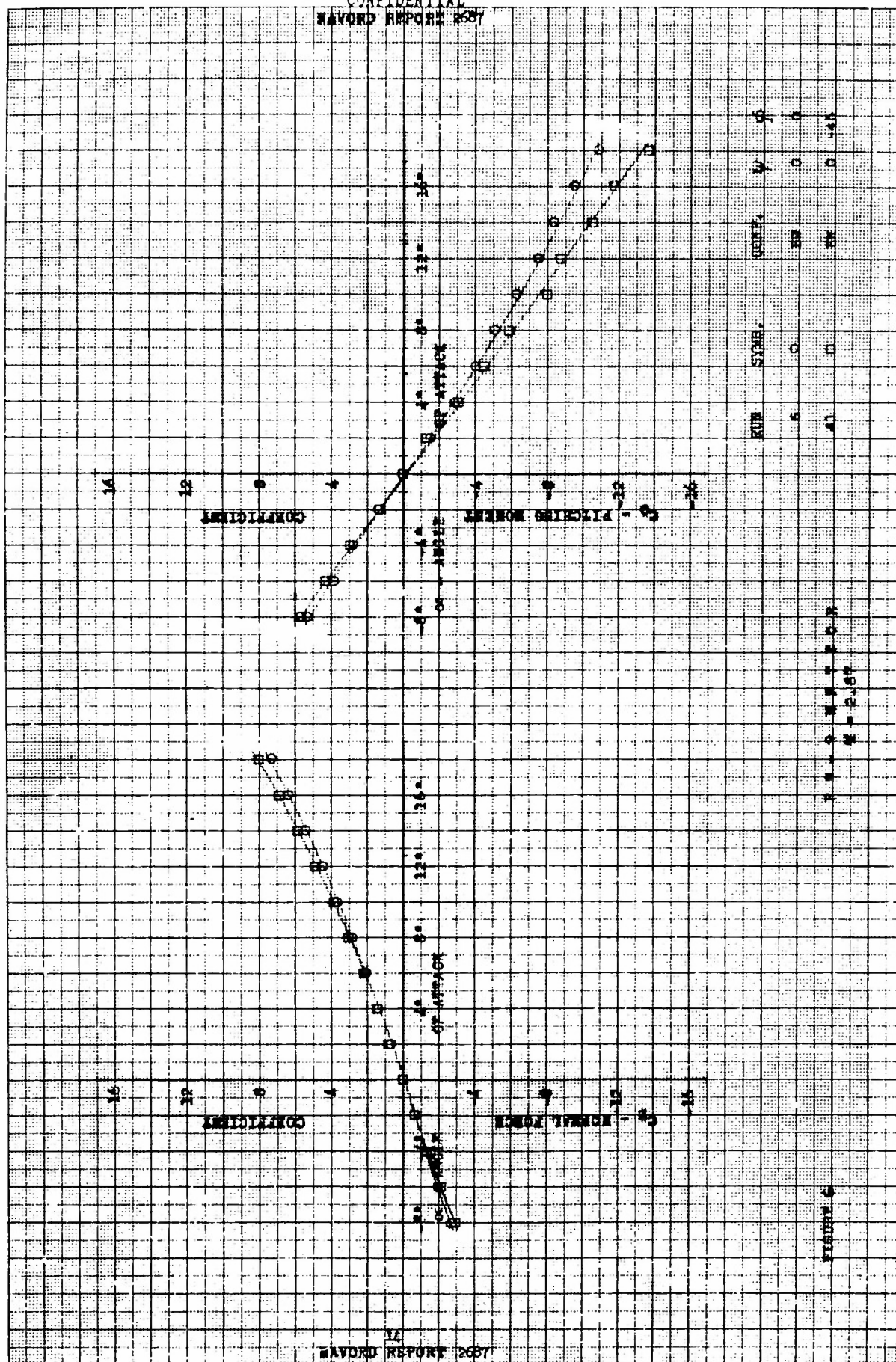


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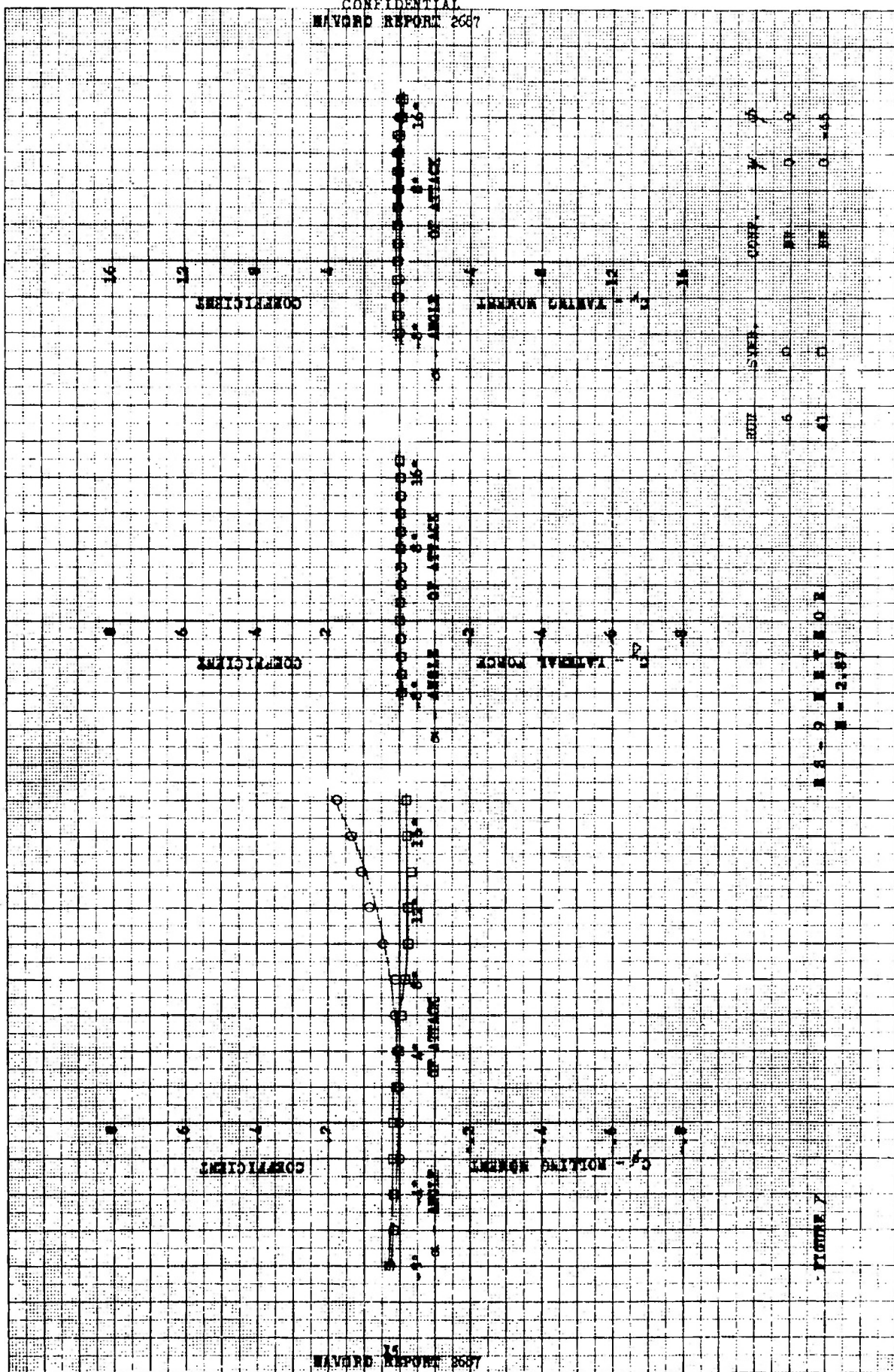
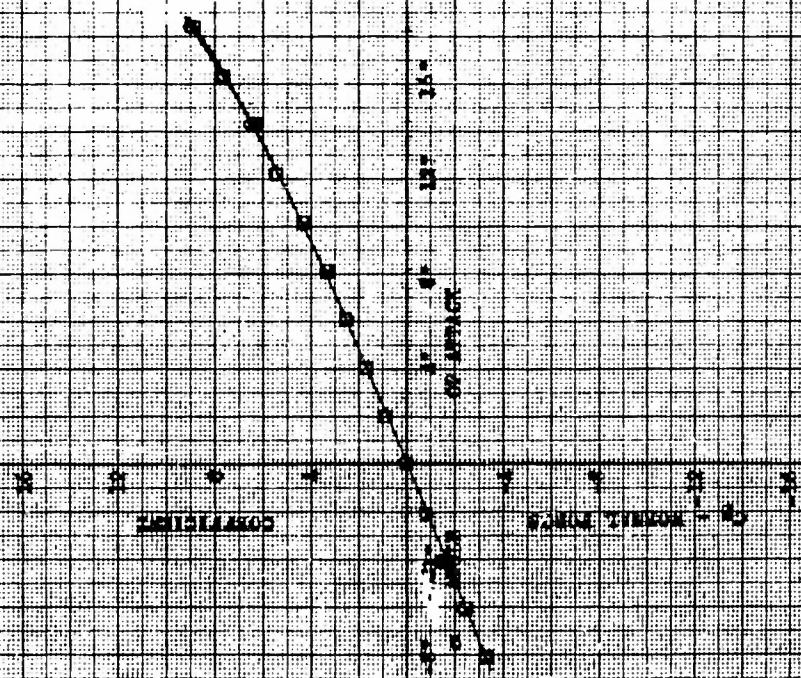
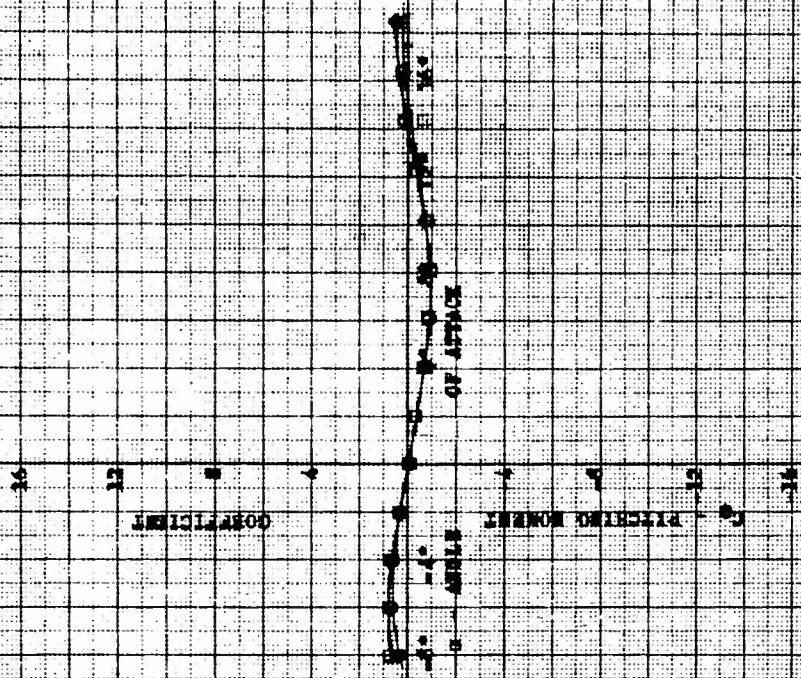


FIGURE 7



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| Angle of Attack (°) | Pitching Moment | Coefficient |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 0                   | 0               | 0           |
| 2                   | 1               | 2           |
| 4                   | 2               | 4           |
| 6                   | 3               | 6           |
| 8                   | 4               | 8           |
| 10                  | 5               | 10          |
| 12                  | 6               | 12          |
| 14                  | 7               | 14          |
| 16                  | 8               | 16          |

ANGLE OF ATTACK  
0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16

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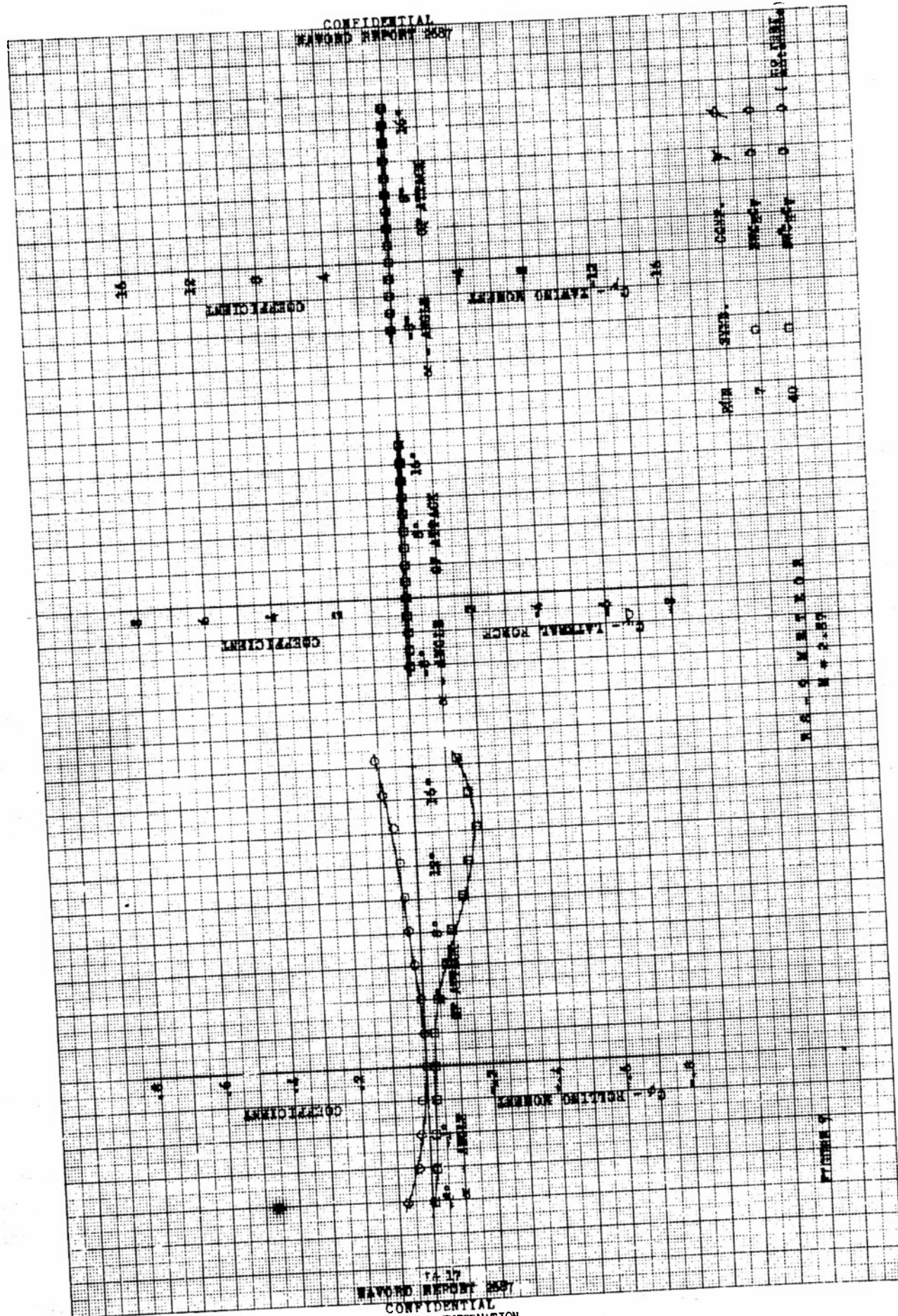
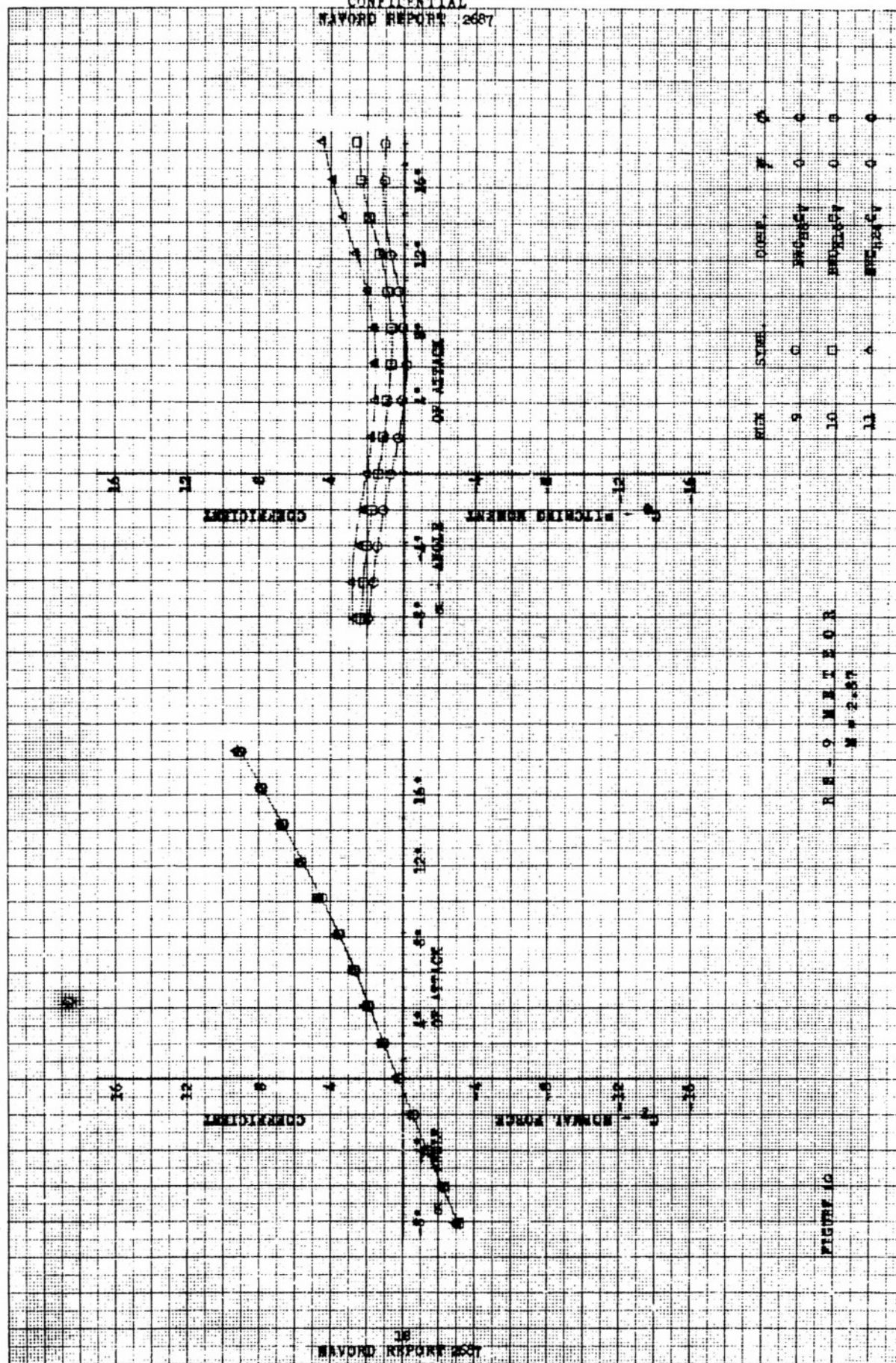


FIGURE 2  
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M + 2.50

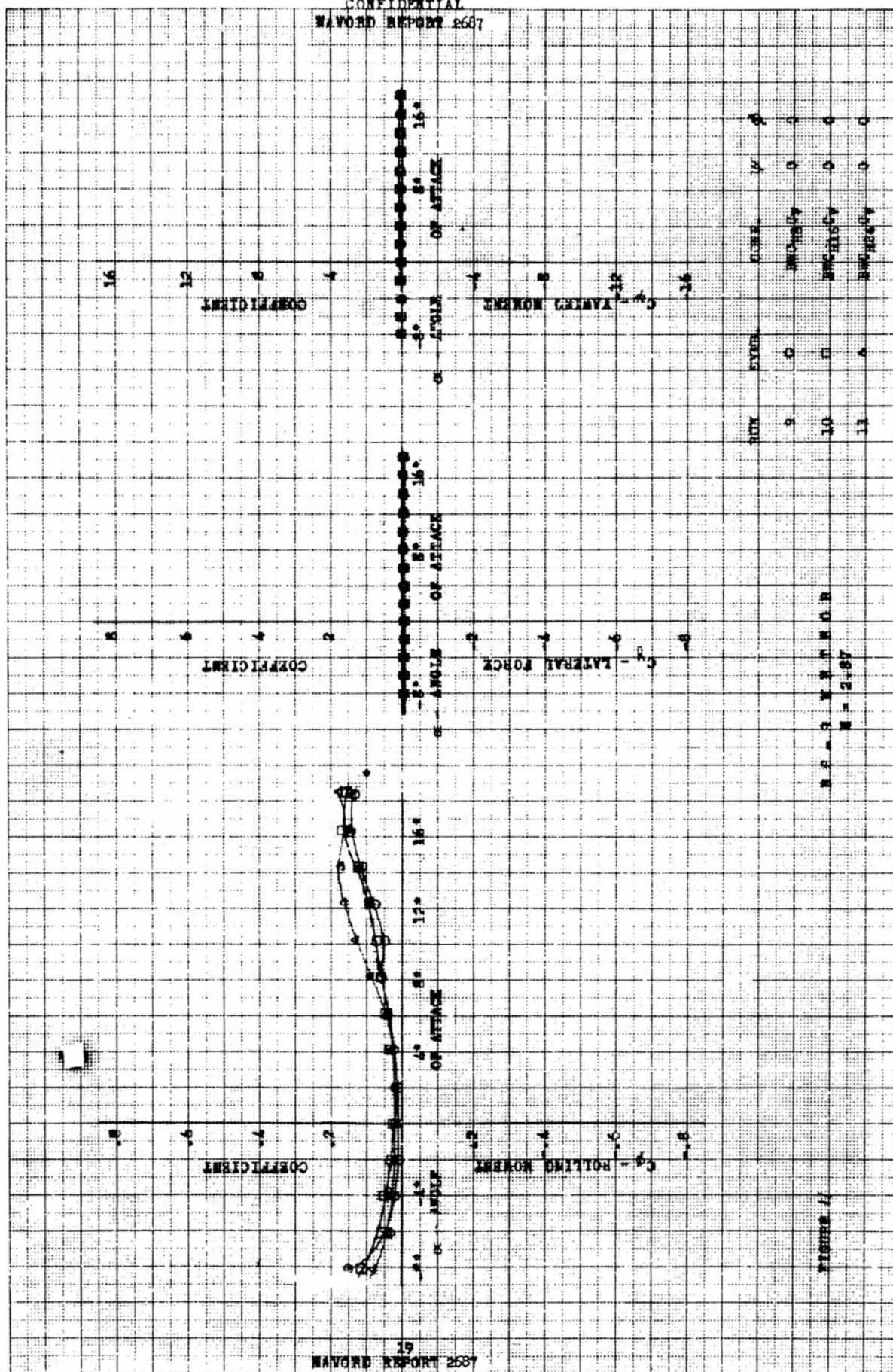
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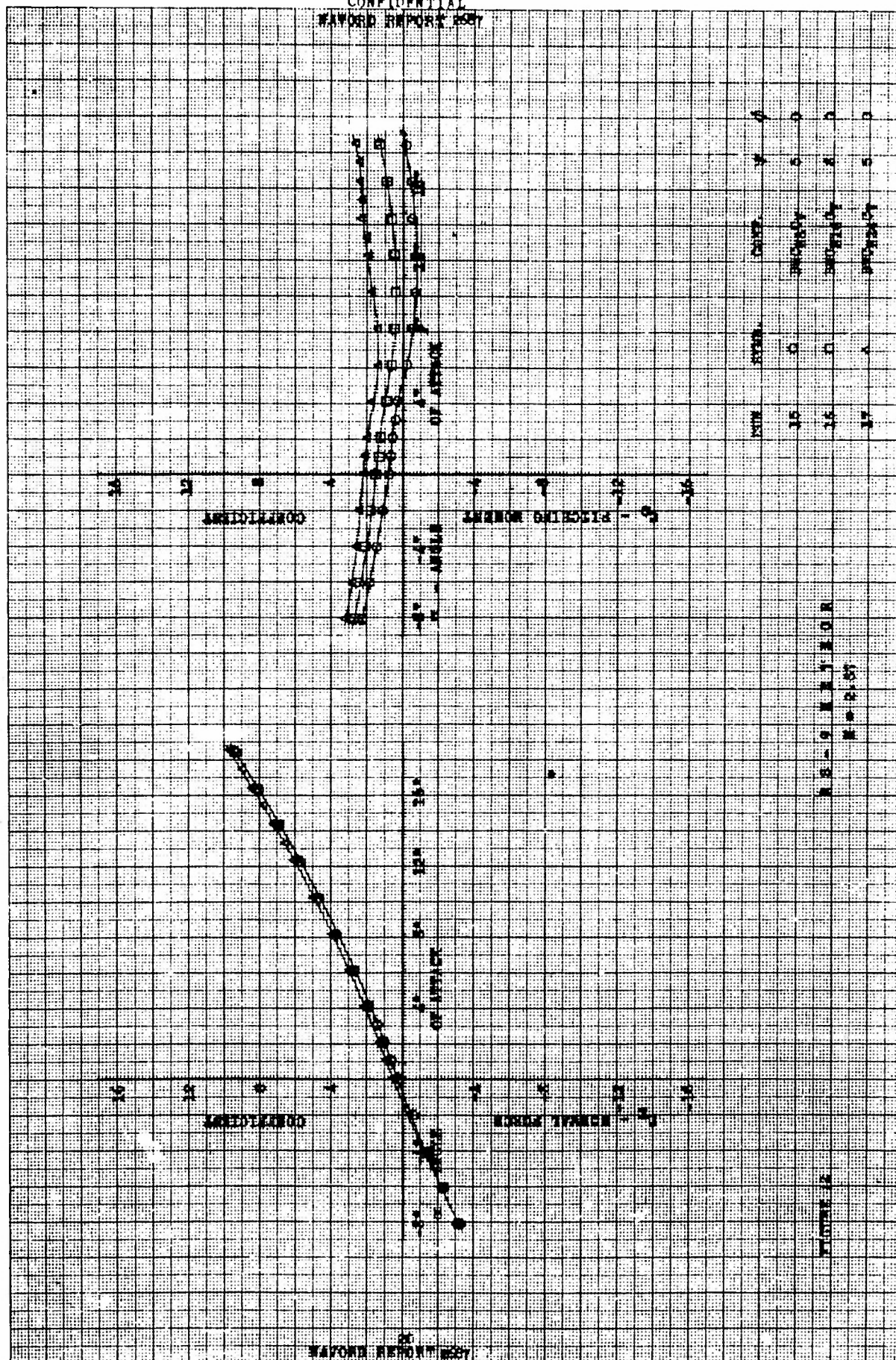
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FIGURE 10





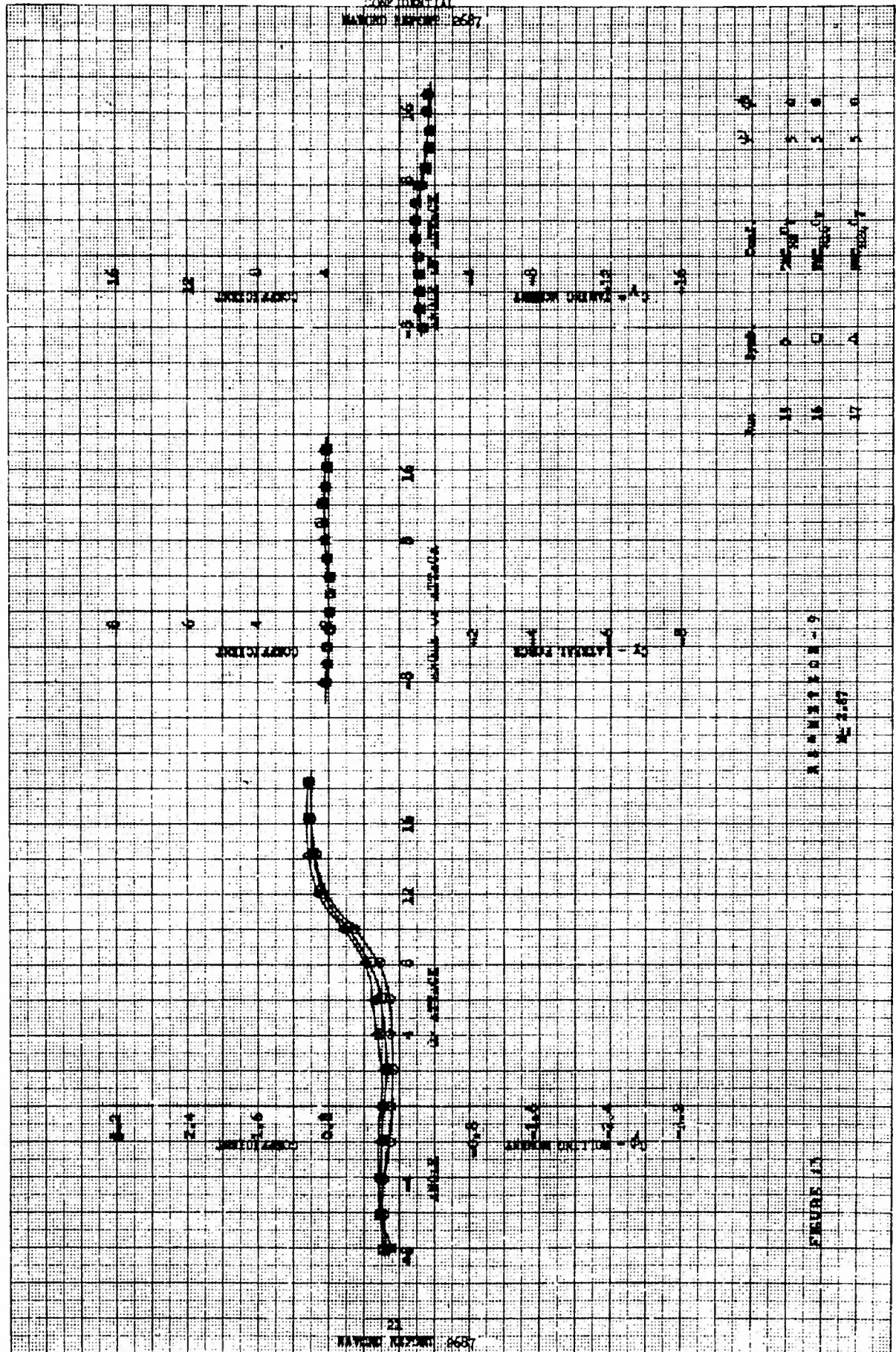
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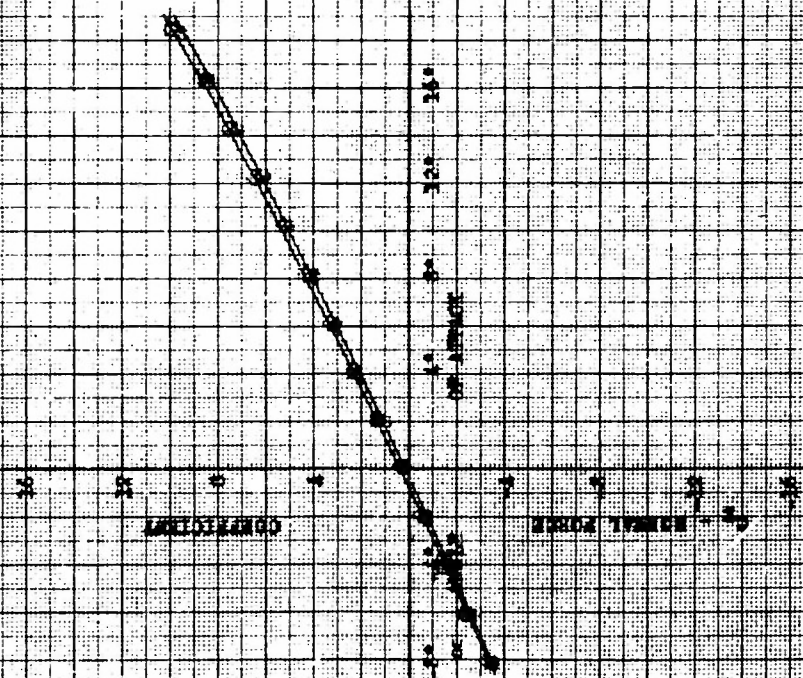
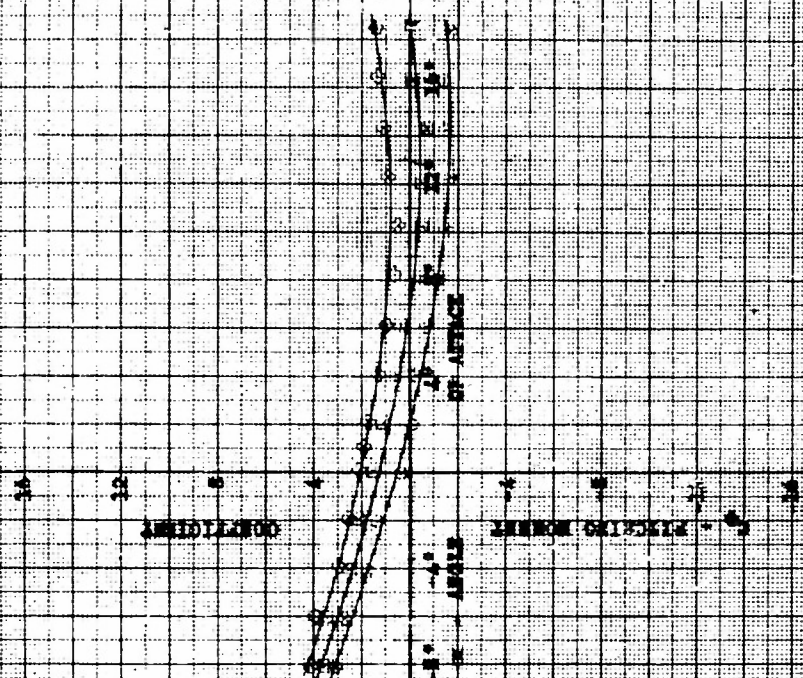


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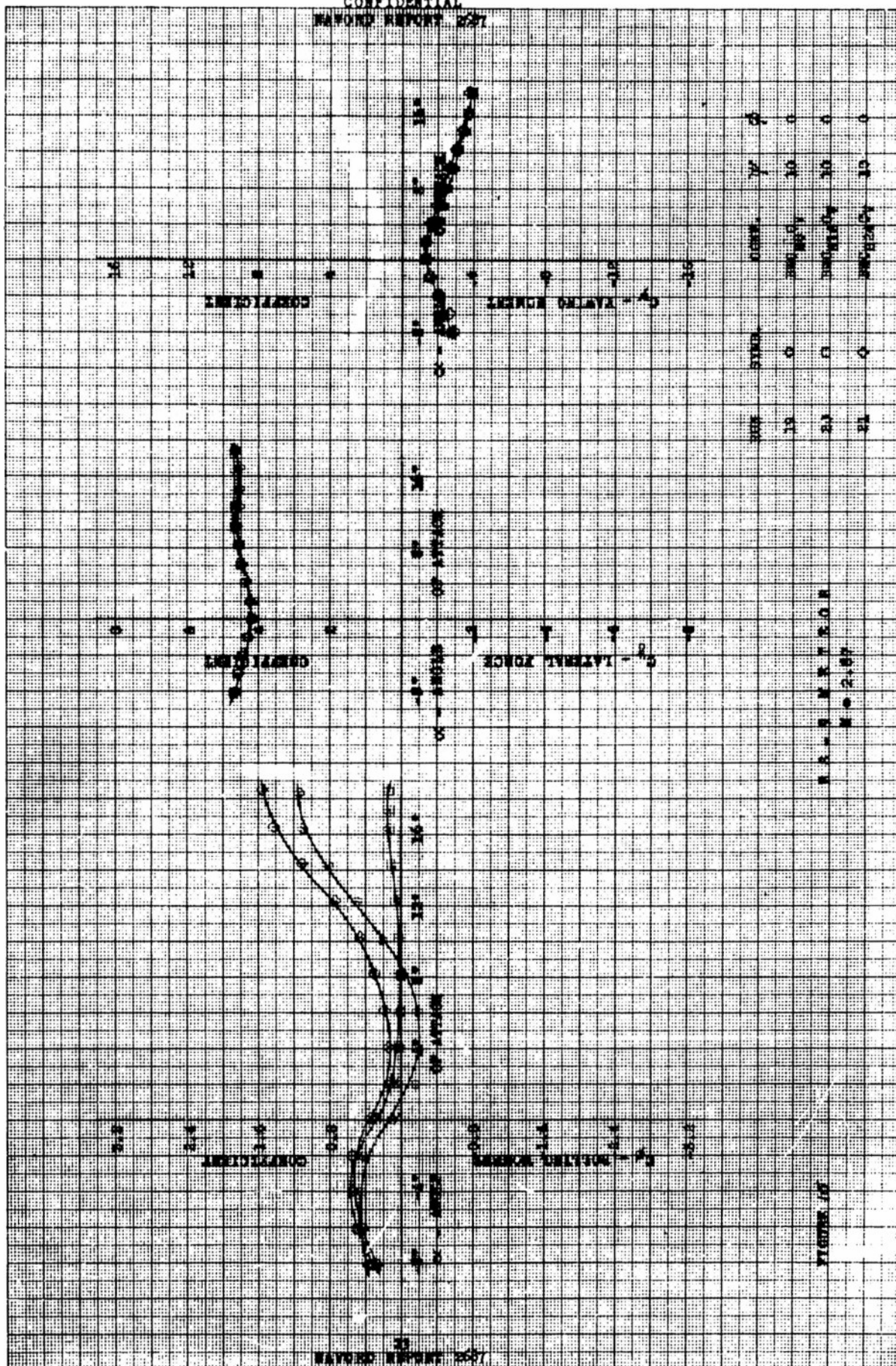


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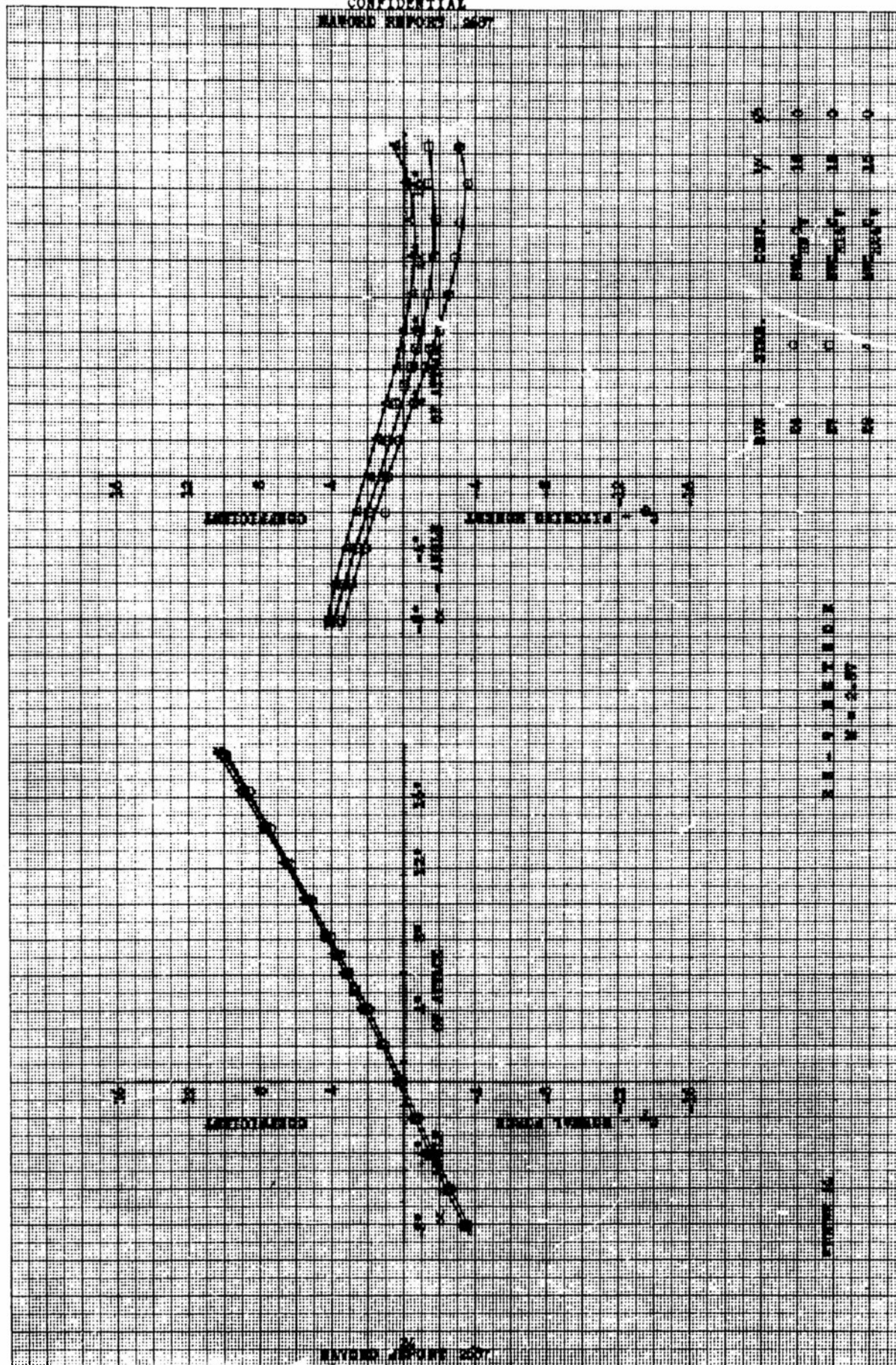
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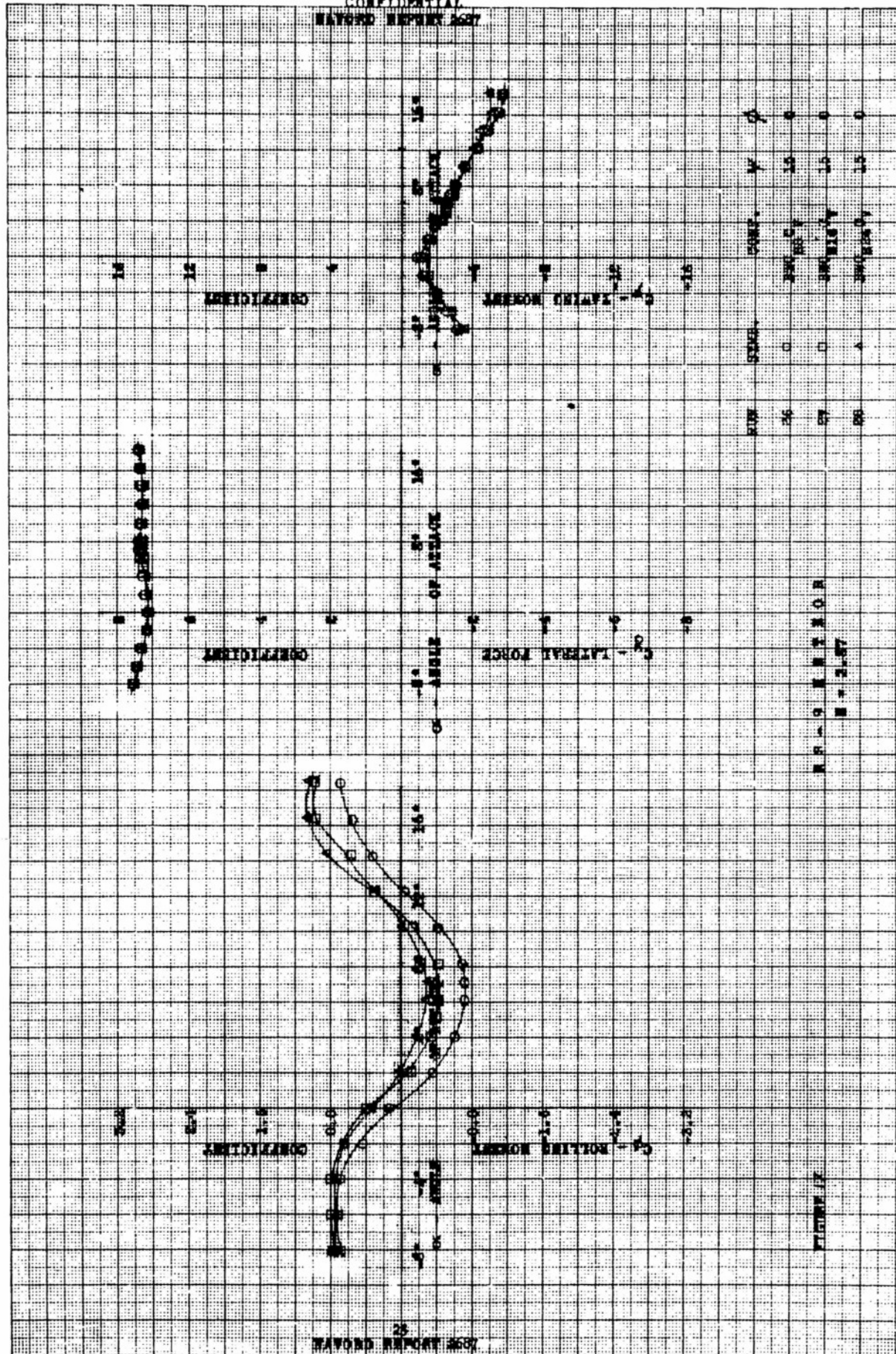
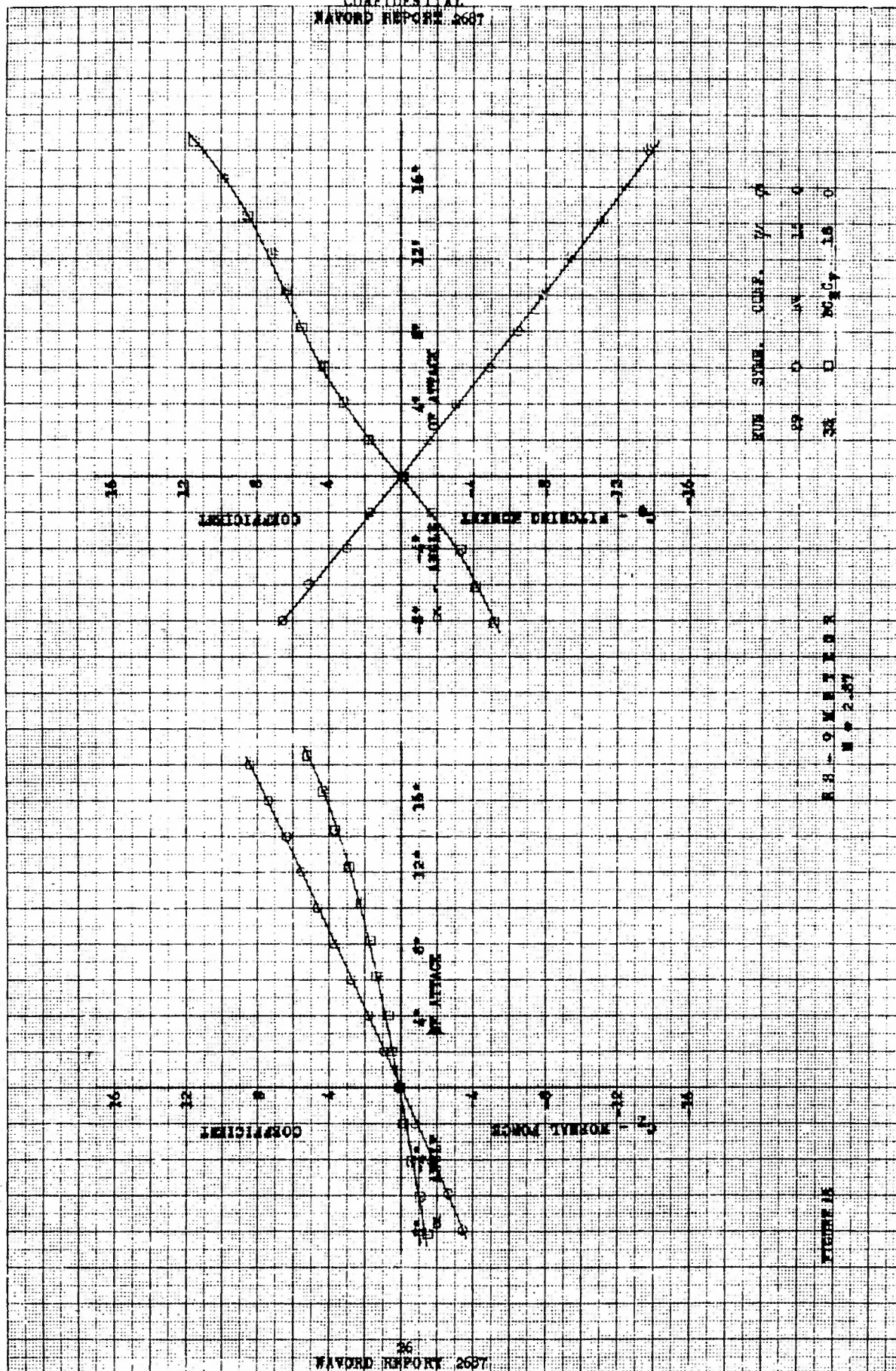
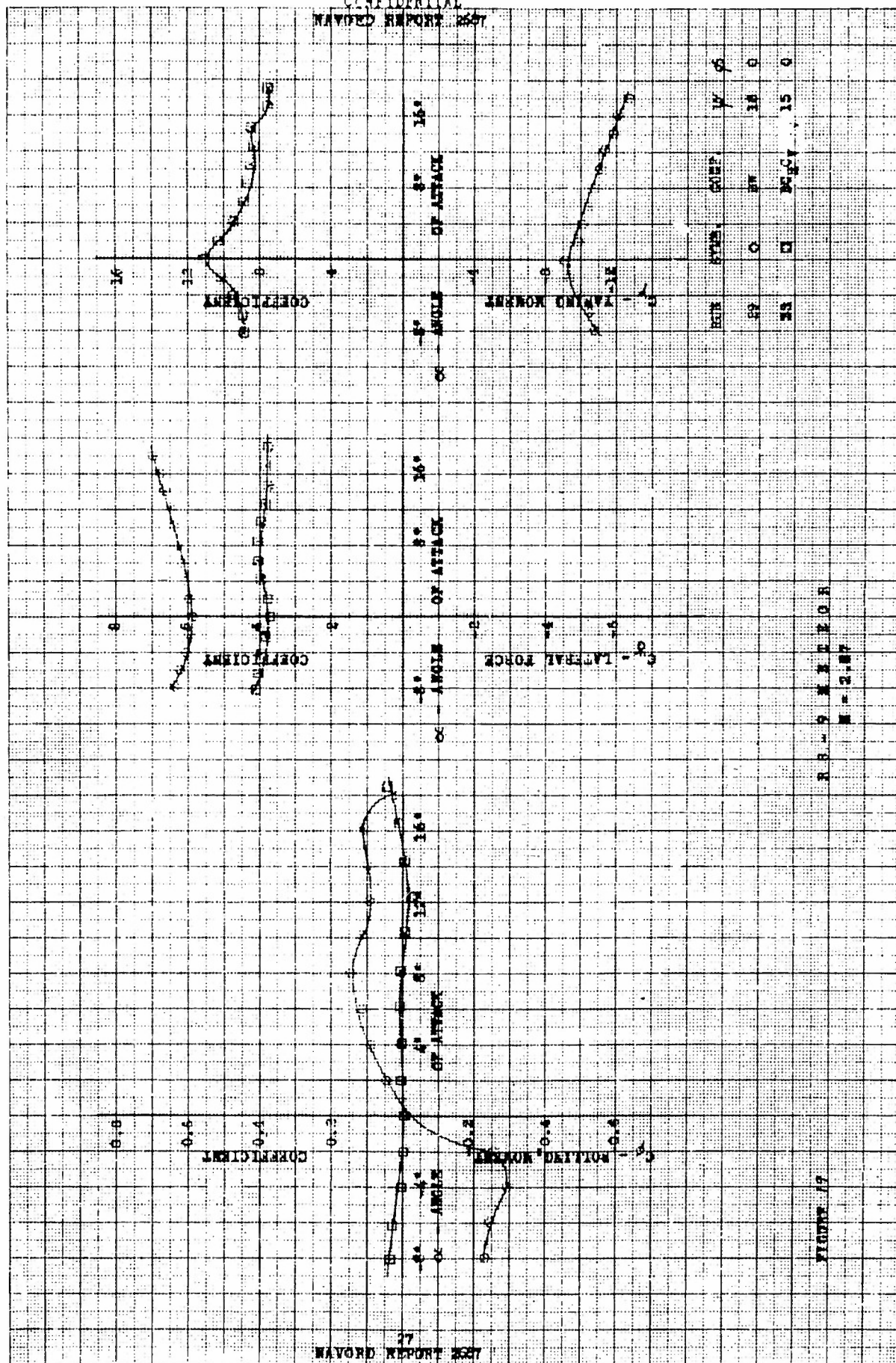
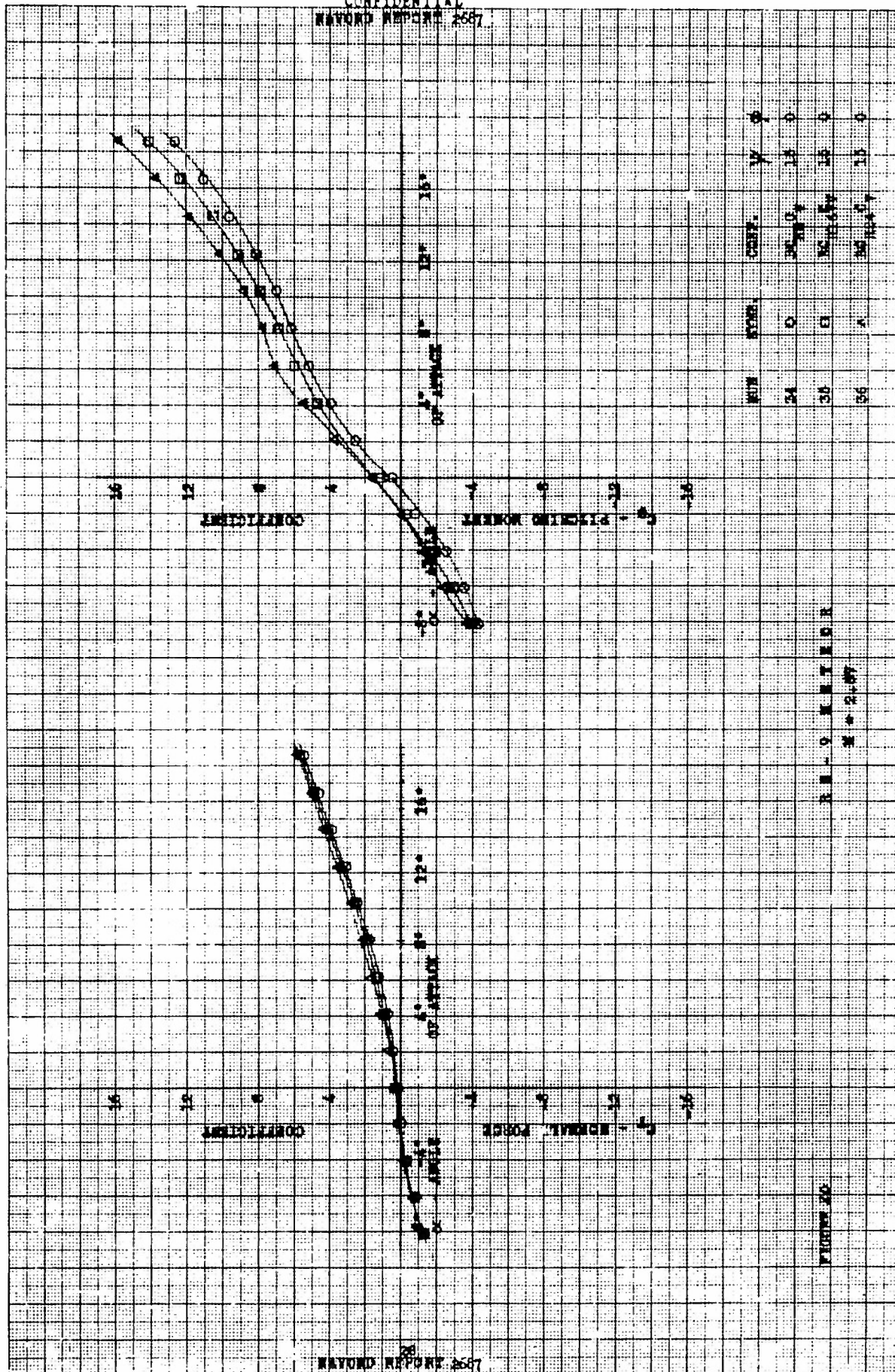


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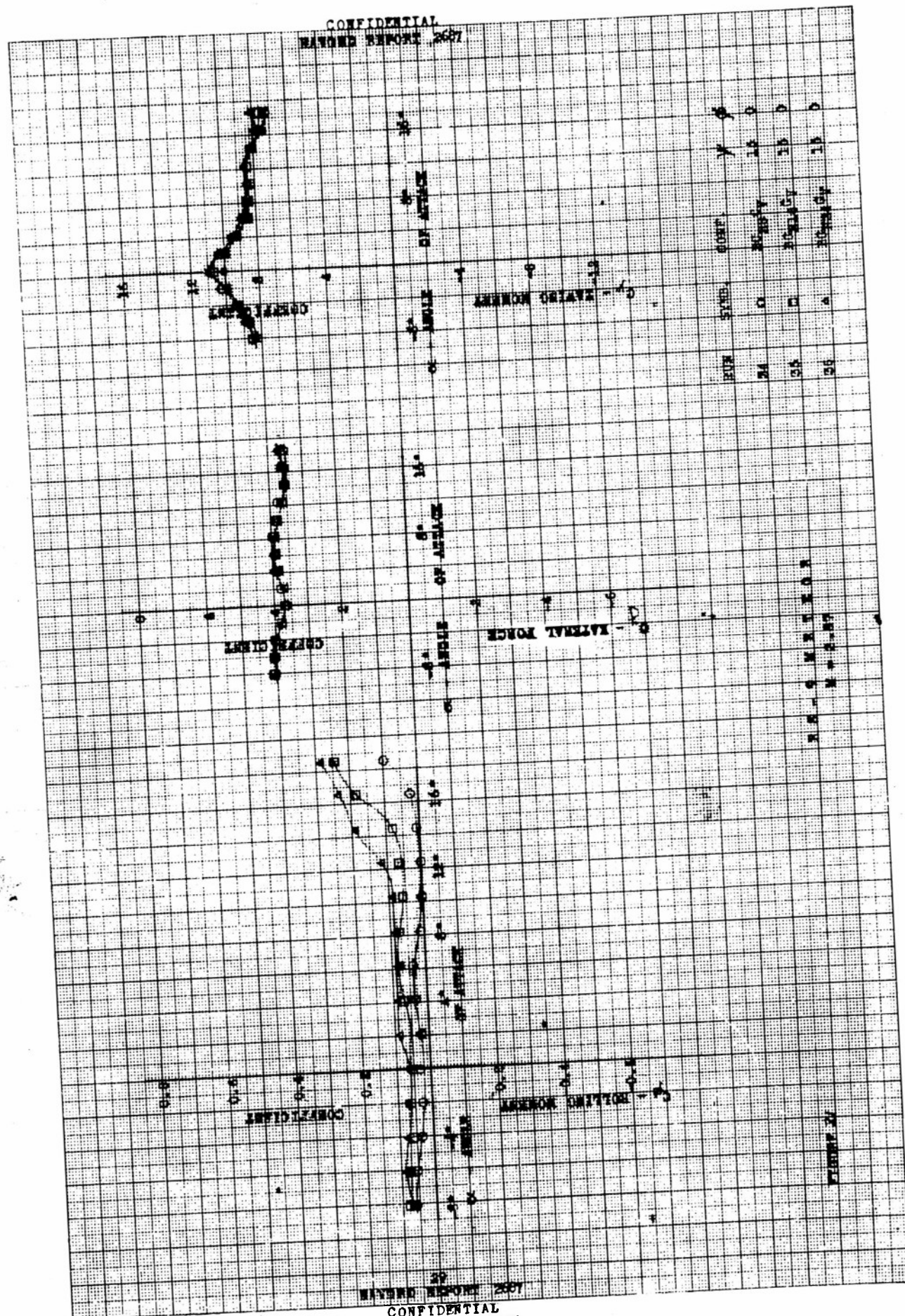






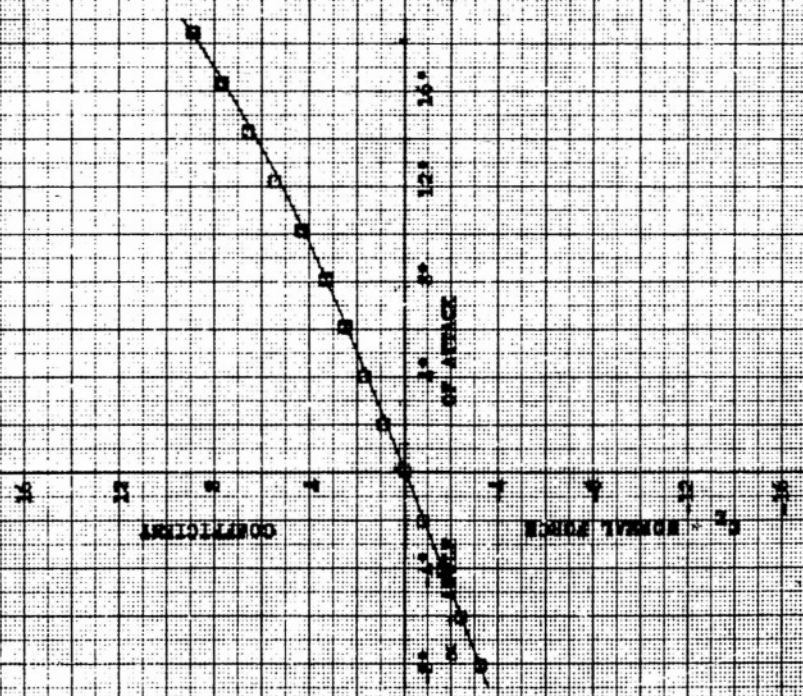
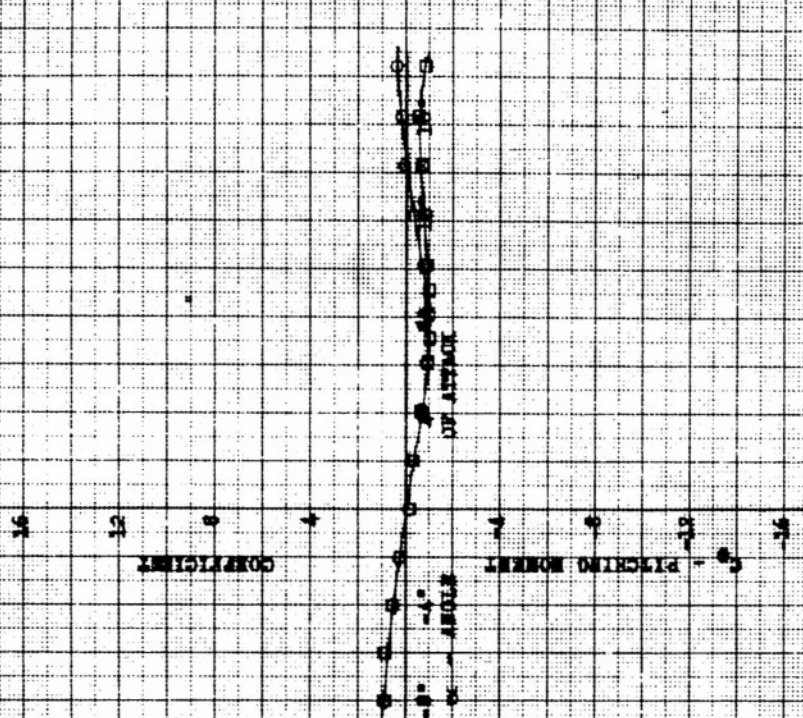


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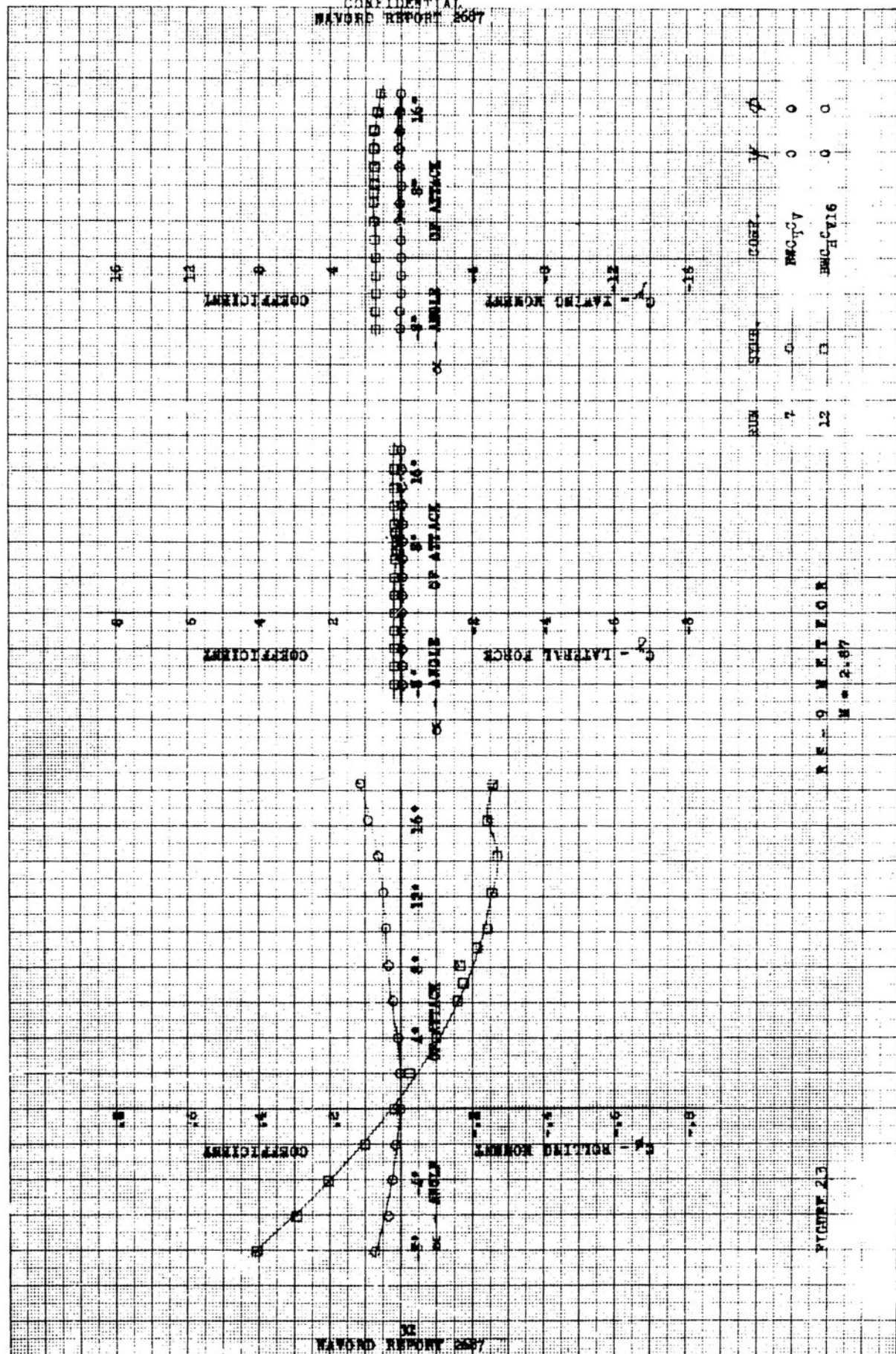
| Run | Step | Comp.  | W | Q |
|-----|------|--------|---|---|
| 7   | 0    | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |
| 12  | 0    | 0.0000 | 0 | 0 |

RM - 9.000000  
N = 2.00

FIGURE 12



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| RUN | TYPE | CONF      | W | Q |
|-----|------|-----------|---|---|
| 7   | 0    | MAC 0.7   | 0 | 0 |
| 12  | 13   | MAC 0.716 | 0 | 0 |

REF - 9 M E T L O R  
M = 2.87

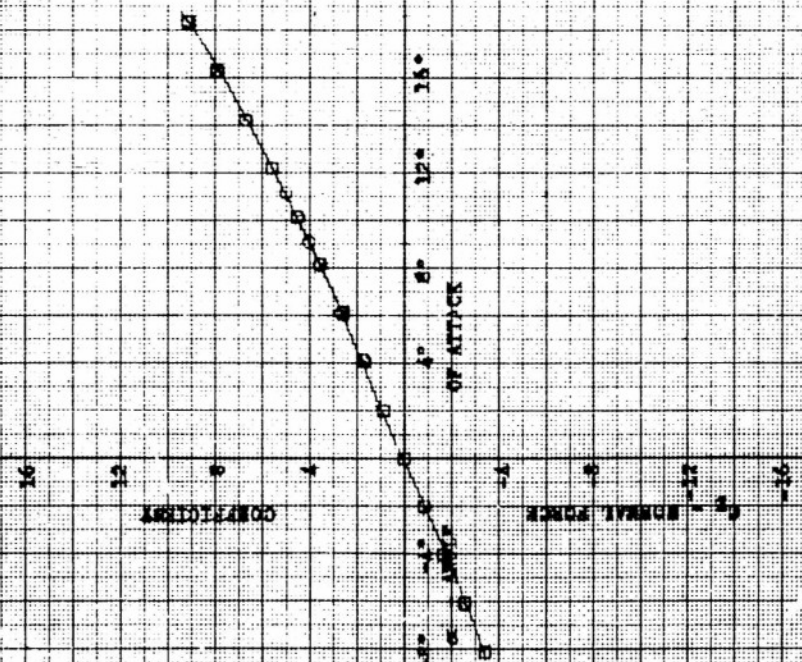
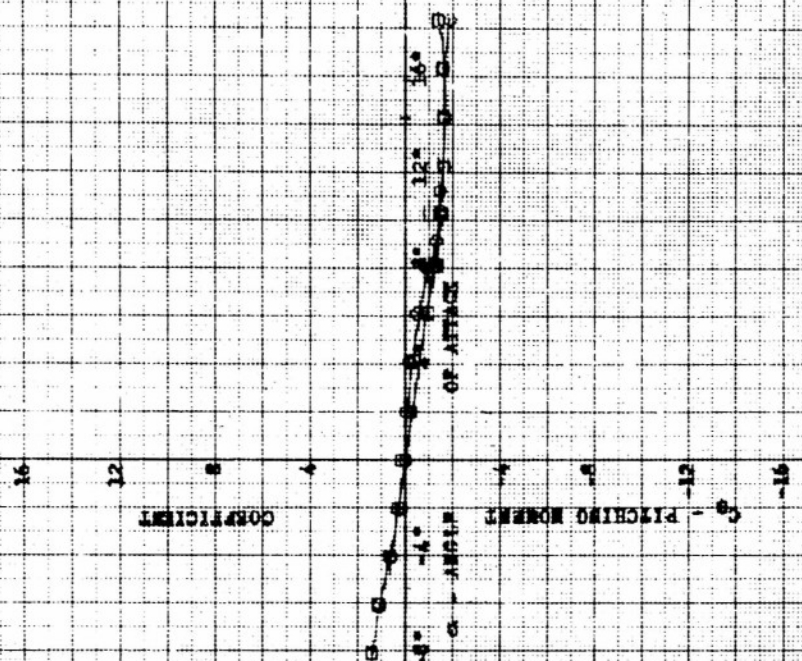
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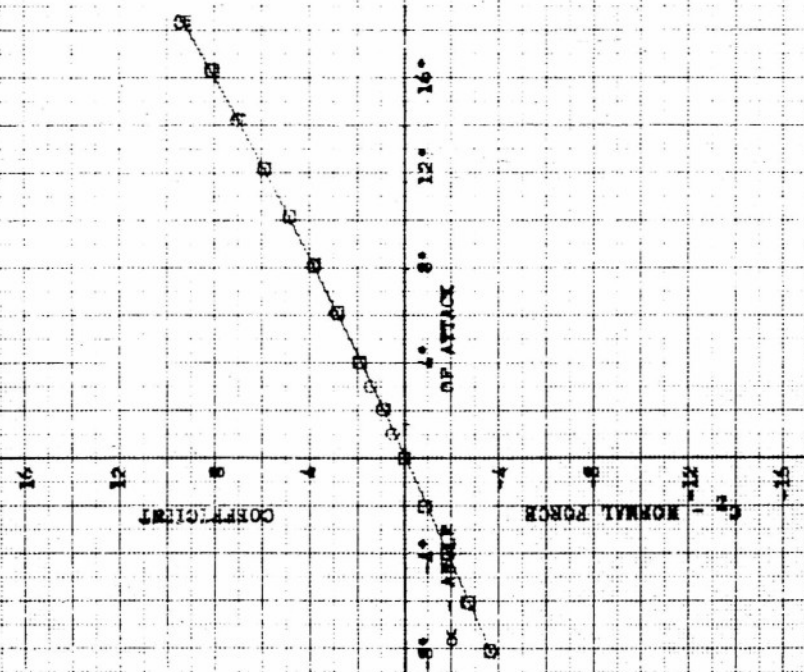
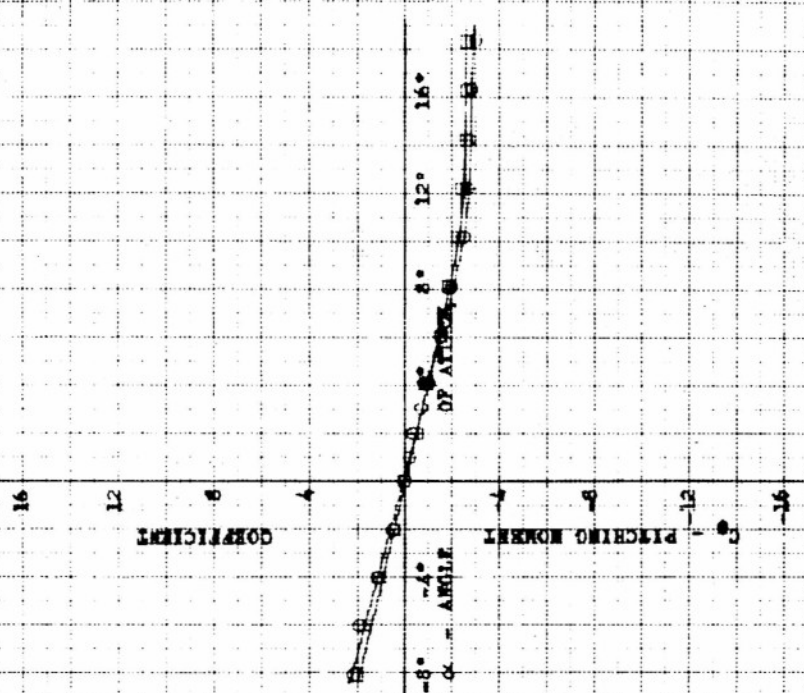
| Run | Symbol | Curve          | Y | δ |
|-----|--------|----------------|---|---|
| 1B  | ○      | Rolling Moment | 0 | 0 |
| 1A  | □      | Rolling Moment | 5 | 0 |

R 1 - 9 MENT 8.0 R  
M = 2.87

P 111111 24







| MAN | SYMB. | GRF.   | Y  | Φ |
|-----|-------|--------|----|---|
| 18  | 0     | STC/04 | 10 | 0 |
| 22  | 0     | STC/04 | 10 | 0 |

RS-9 METEOR  
M = 2.87

FIGURE 26



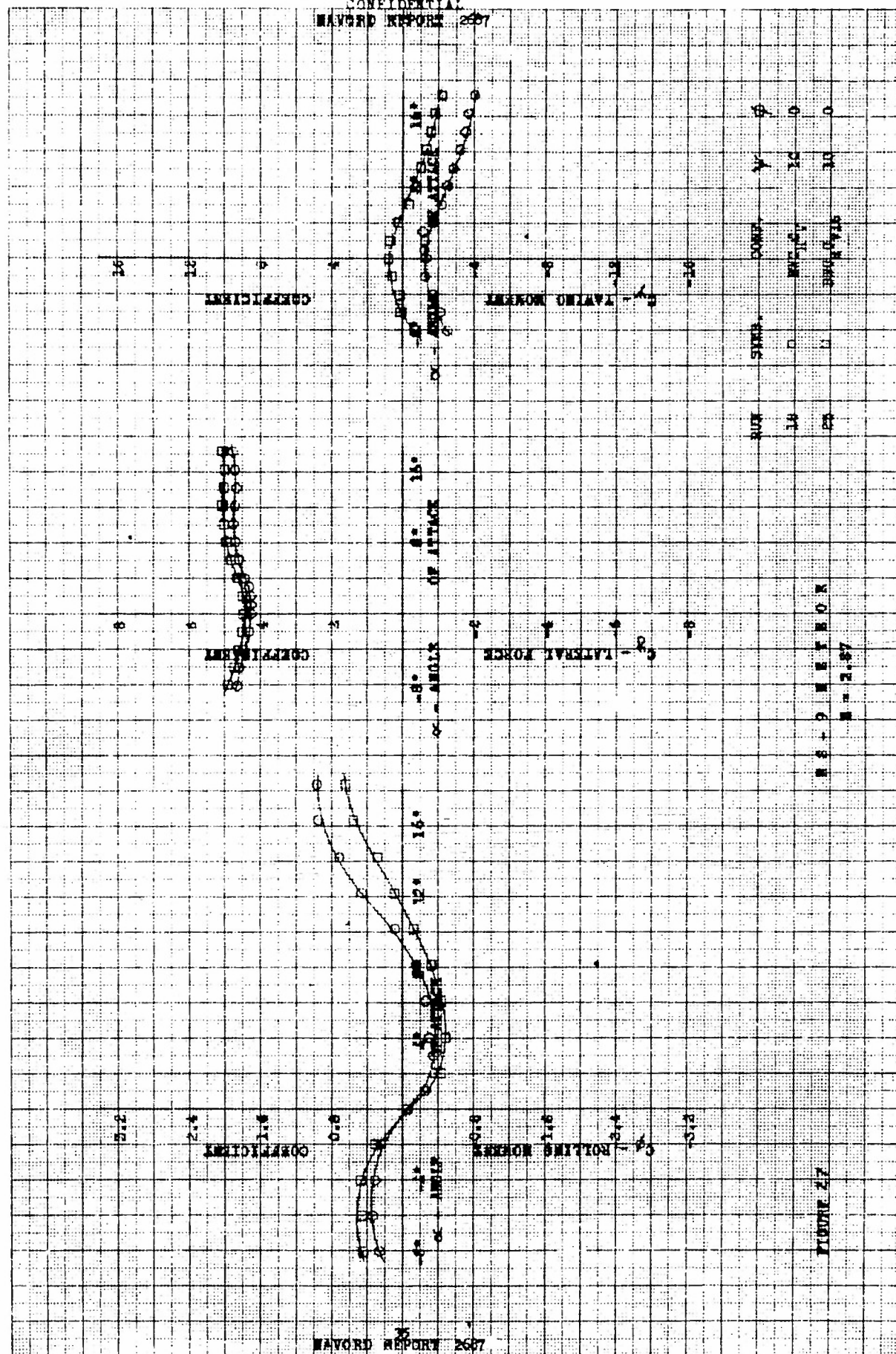
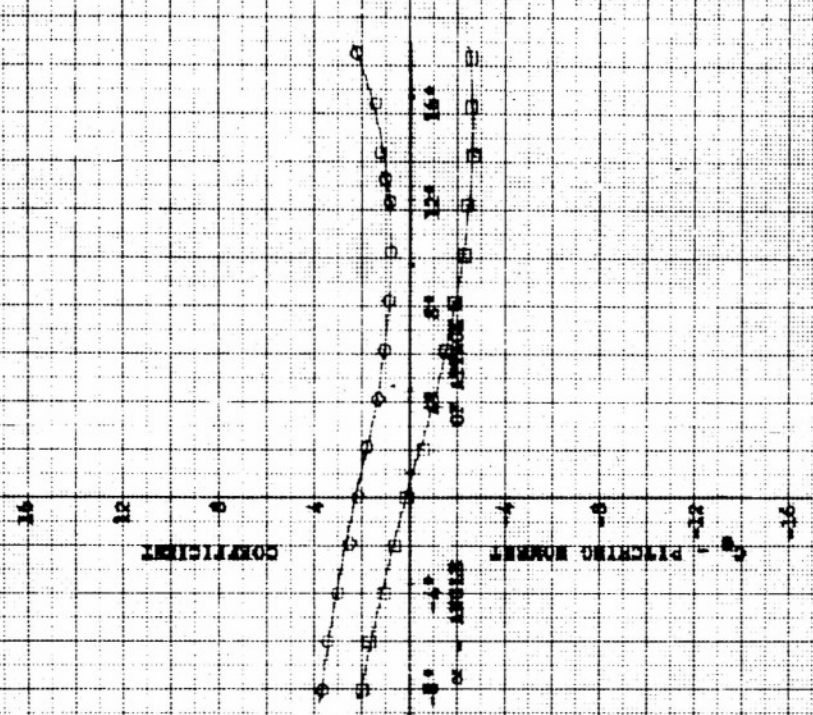
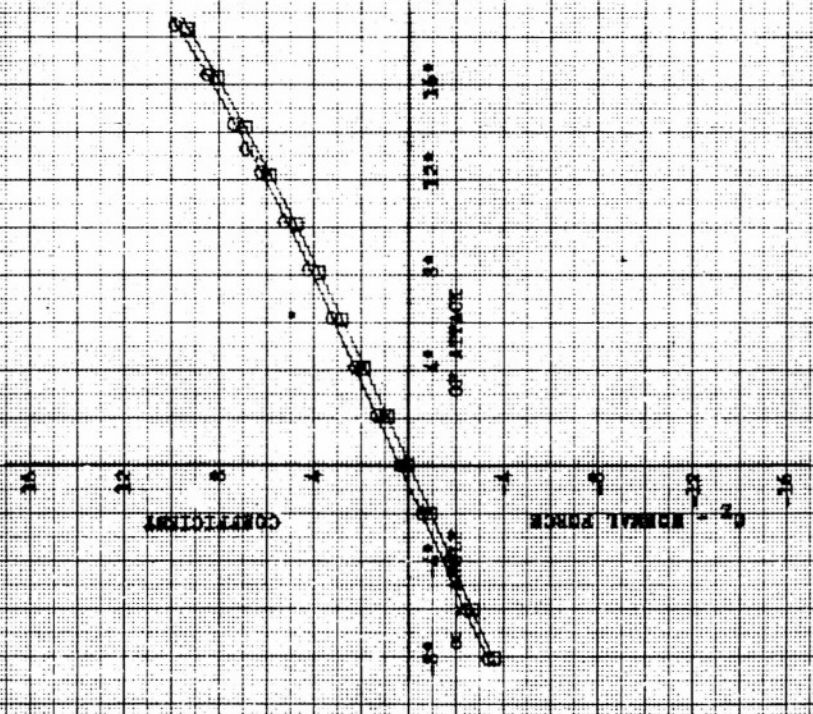


FIGURE 27



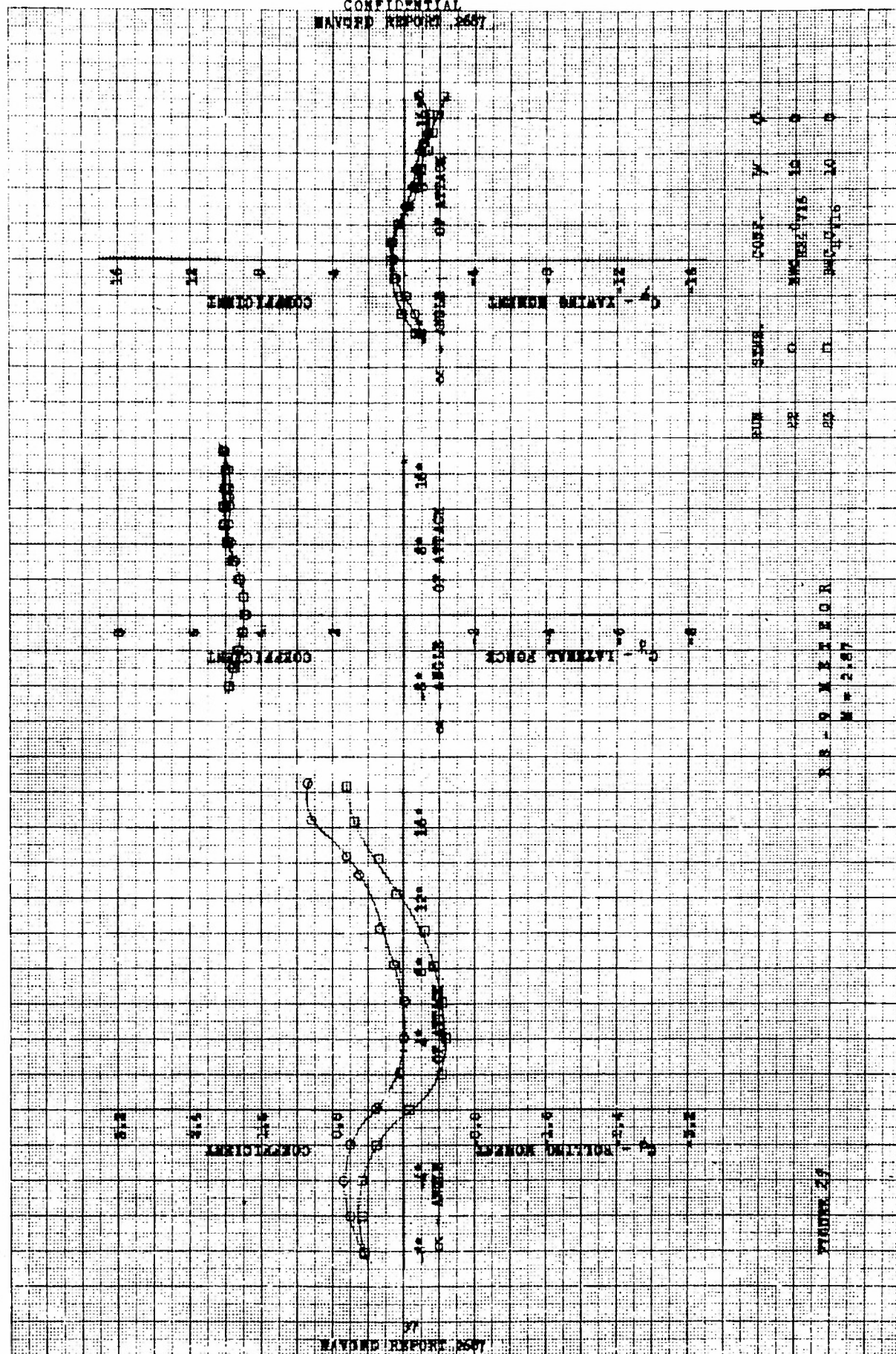
| REX | SUB | COMP     |
|-----|-----|----------|
| 22  | 0   | REX 0.15 |
| 23  | 0   | REX 0.15 |



REX 0.15  
REX 0.15

FIGURE 20

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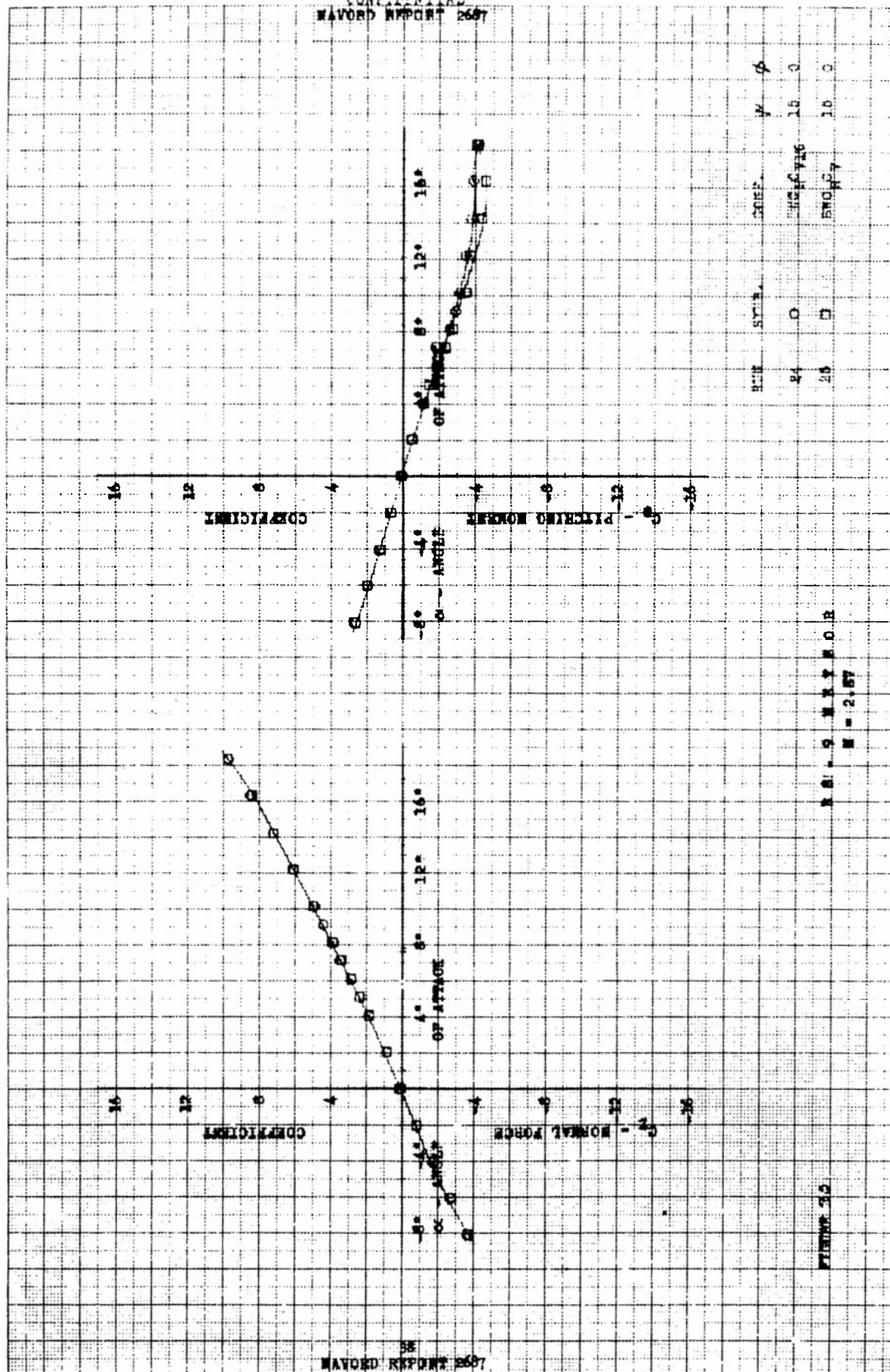
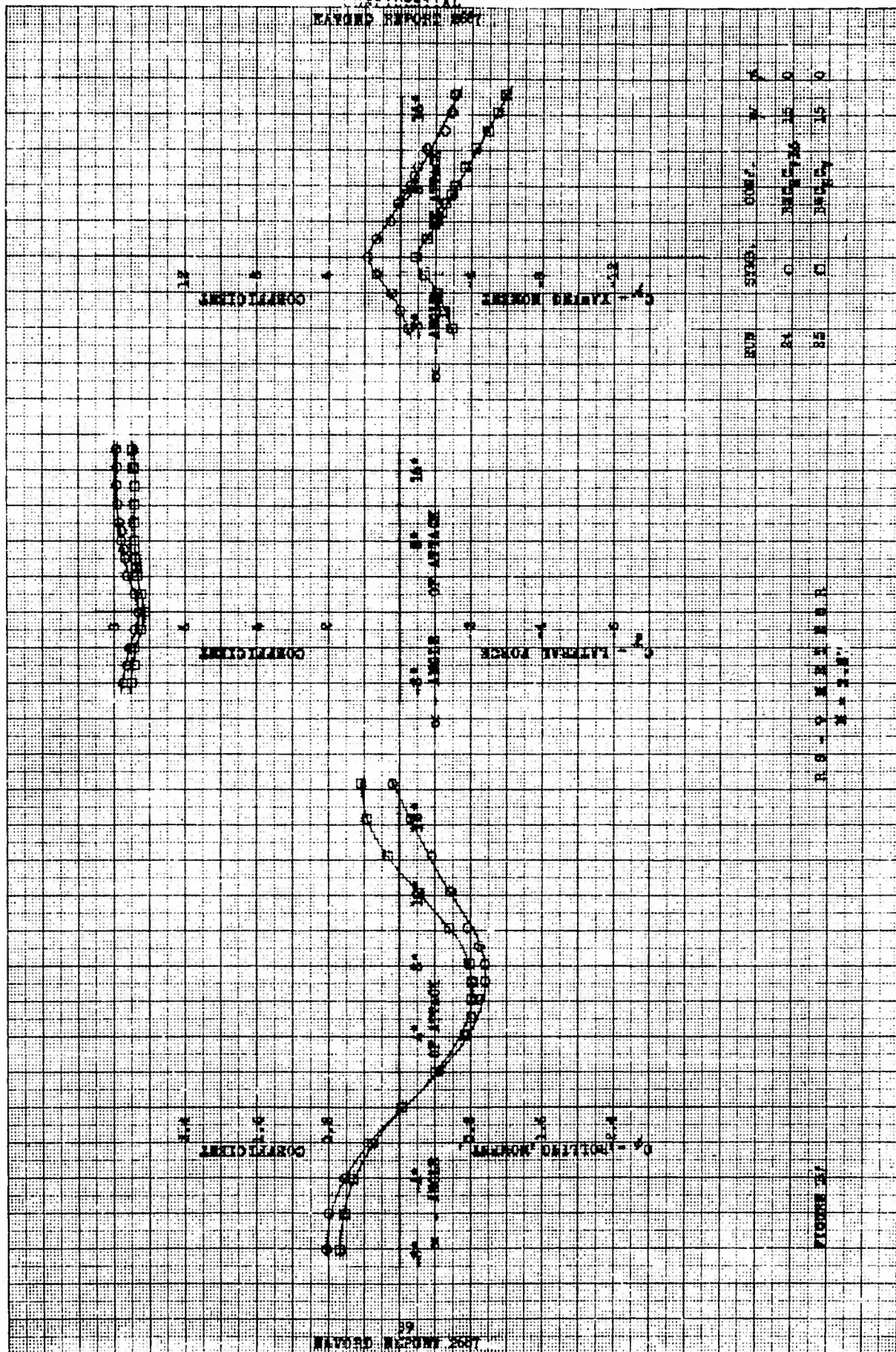
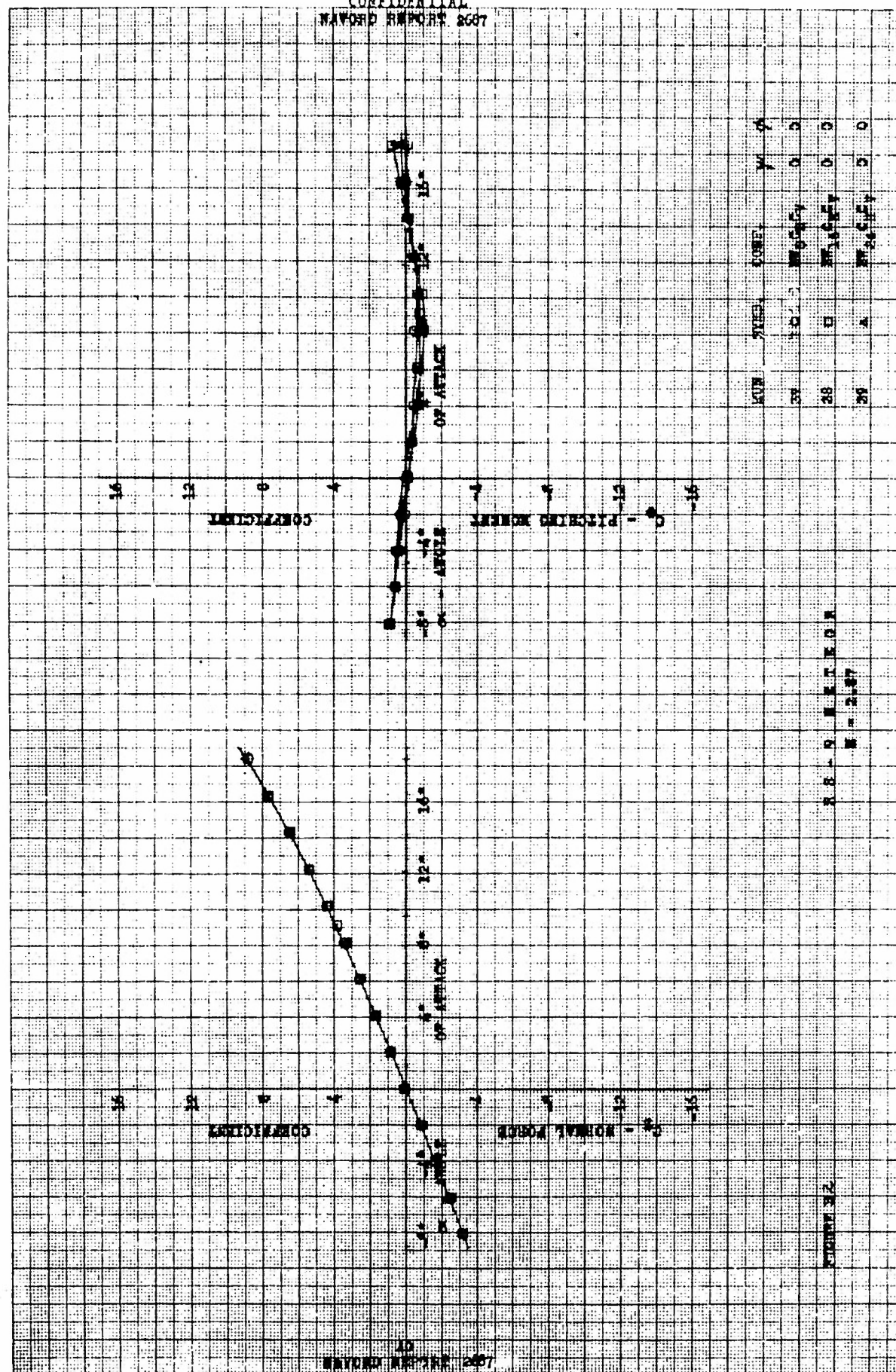


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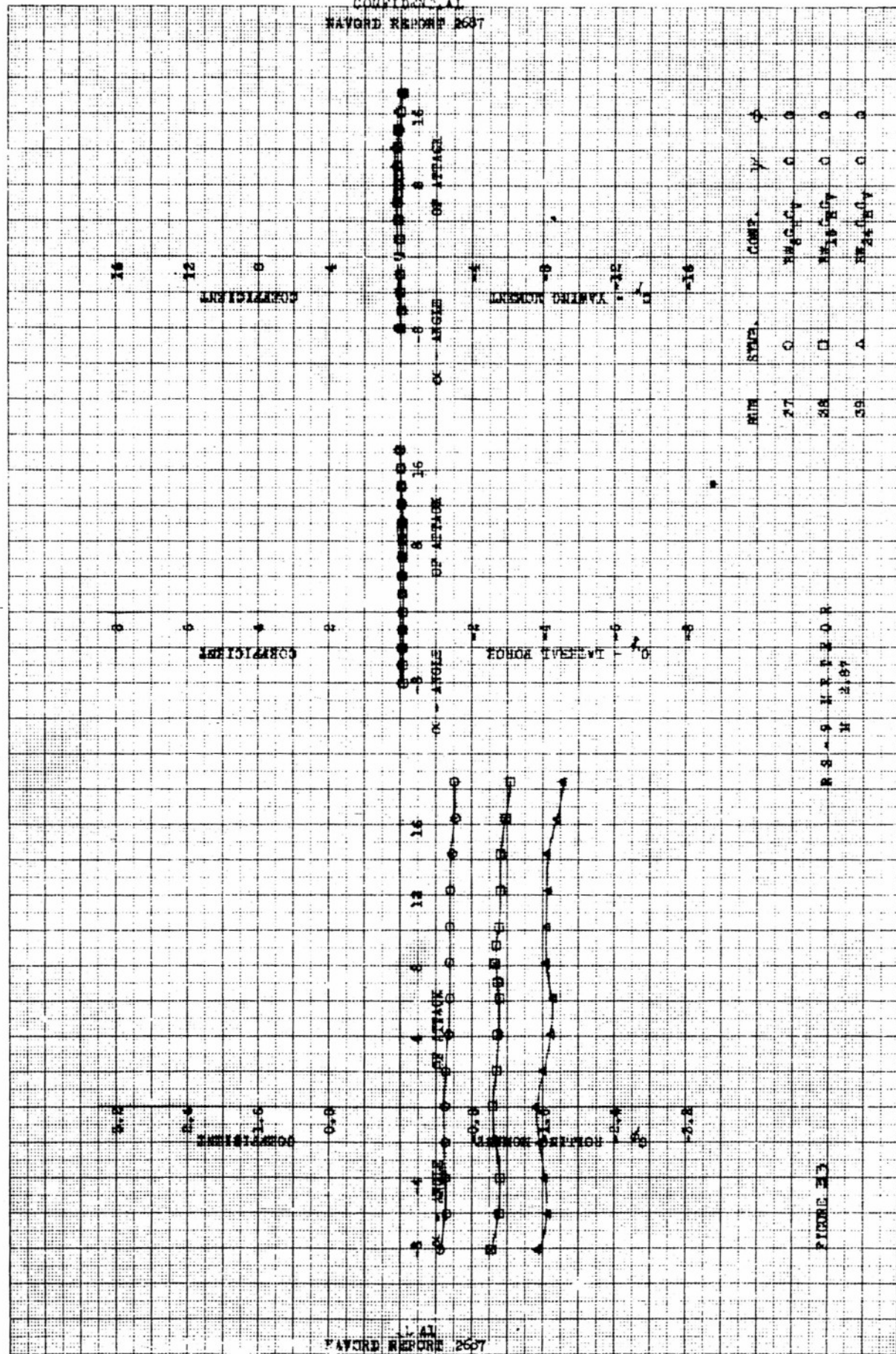


| WING AREA, SQ FT | WING  | WING  |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| 34               | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 36               | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 38               | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 40               | 100.0 | 100.0 |

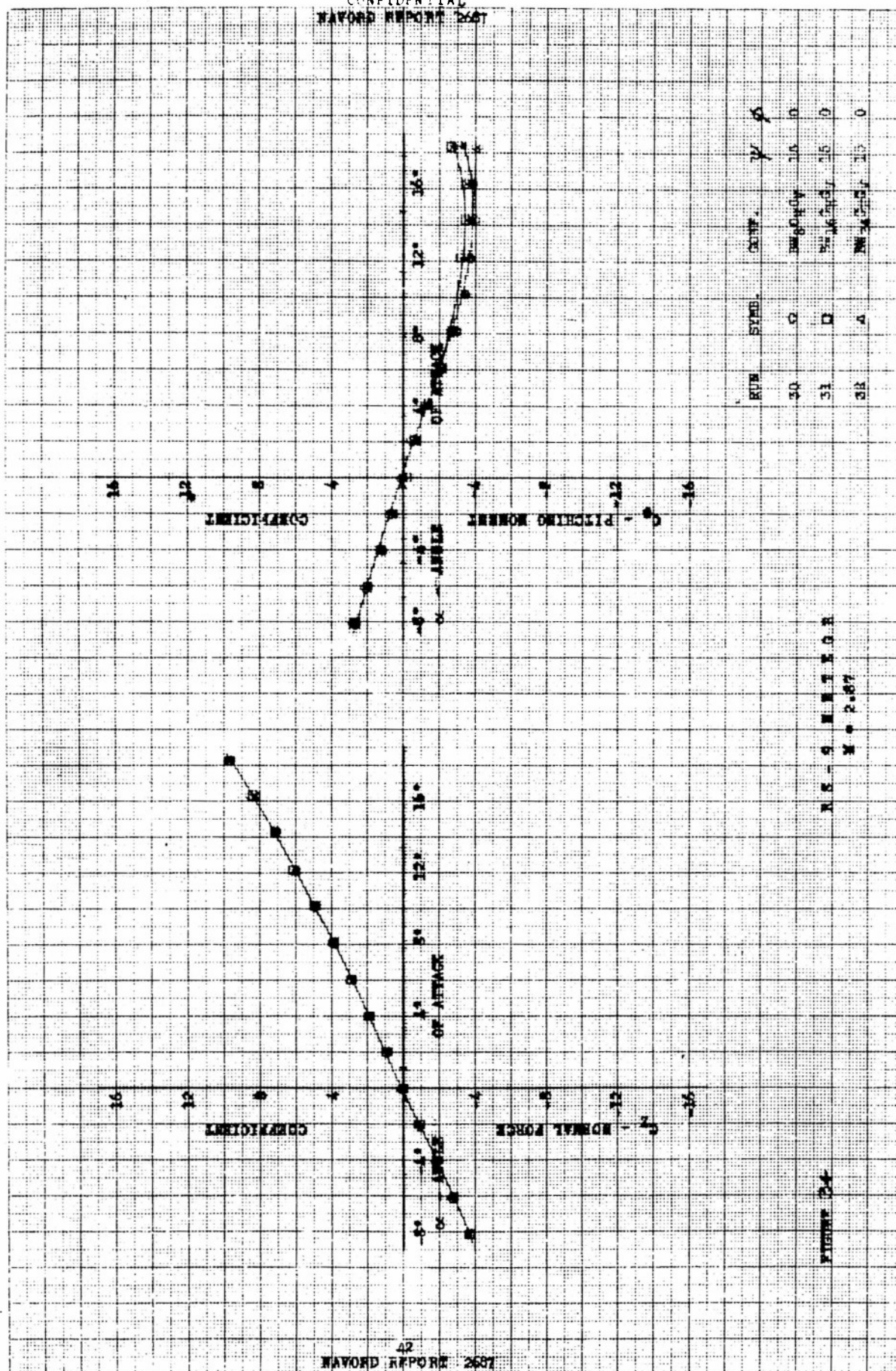
PITCHING MOMENT  
C<sub>m</sub> = 2.87



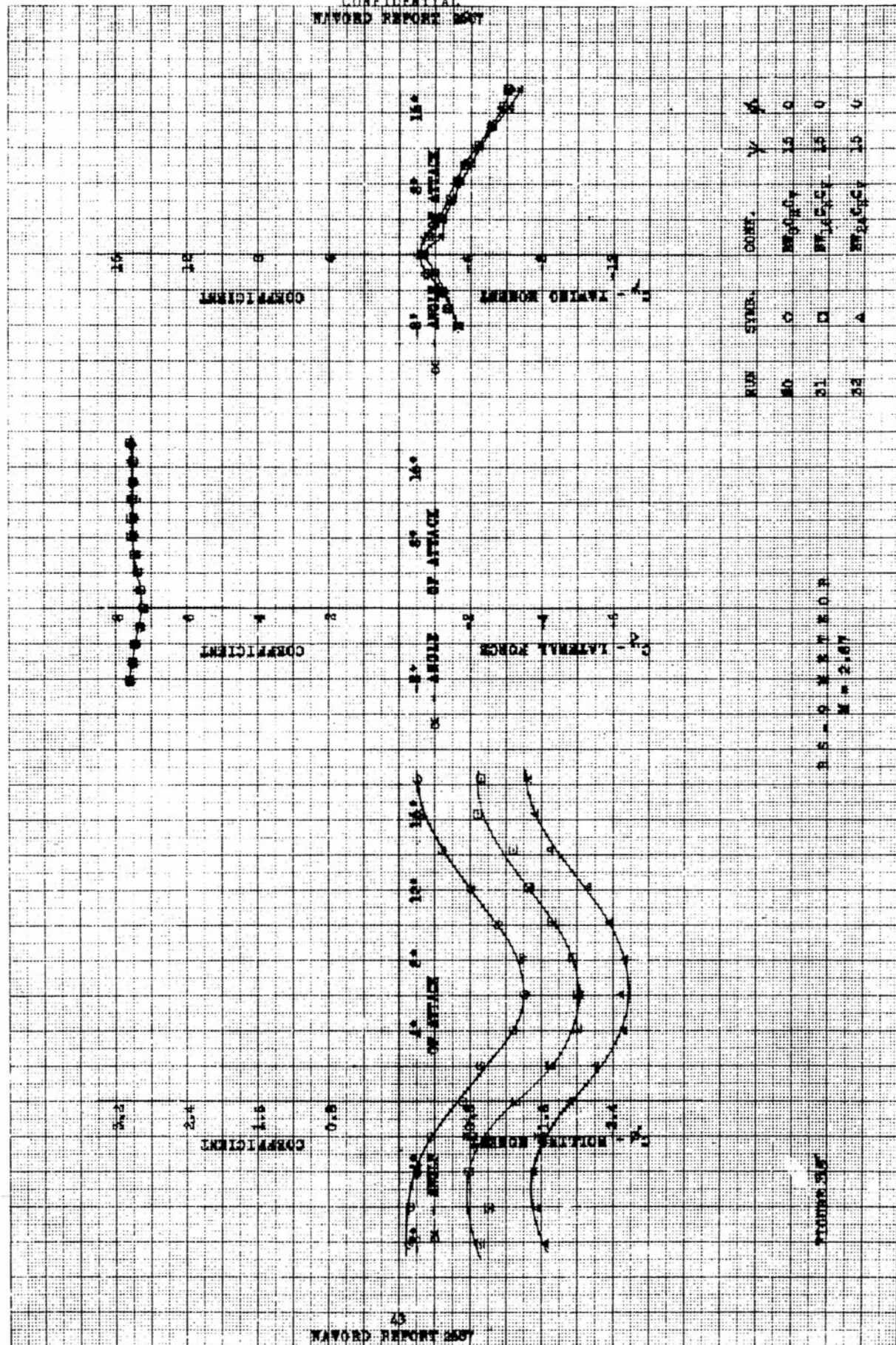
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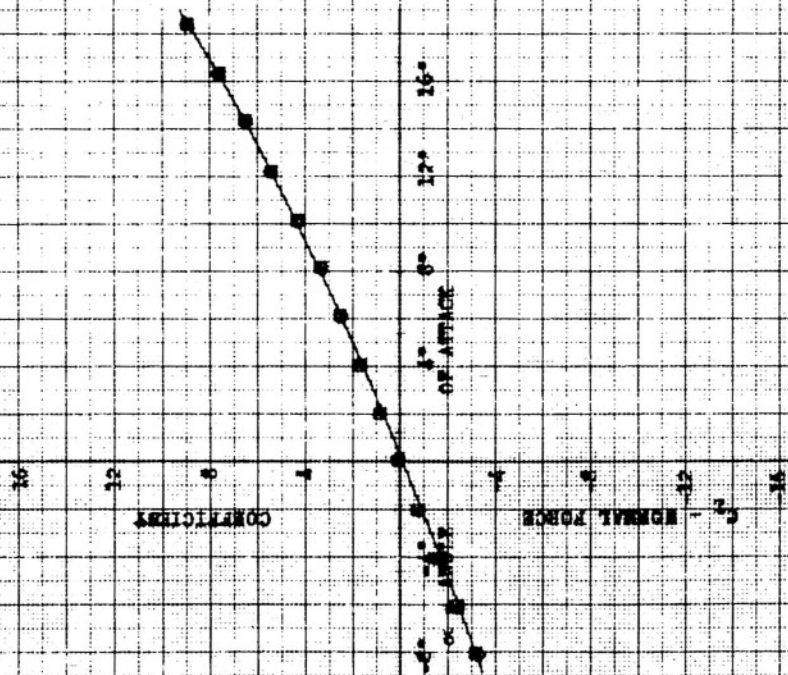
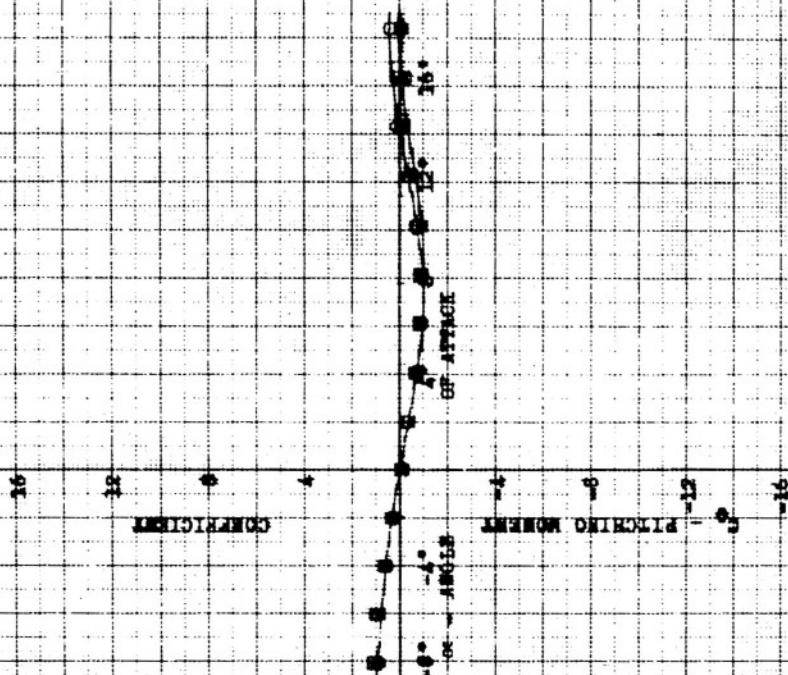
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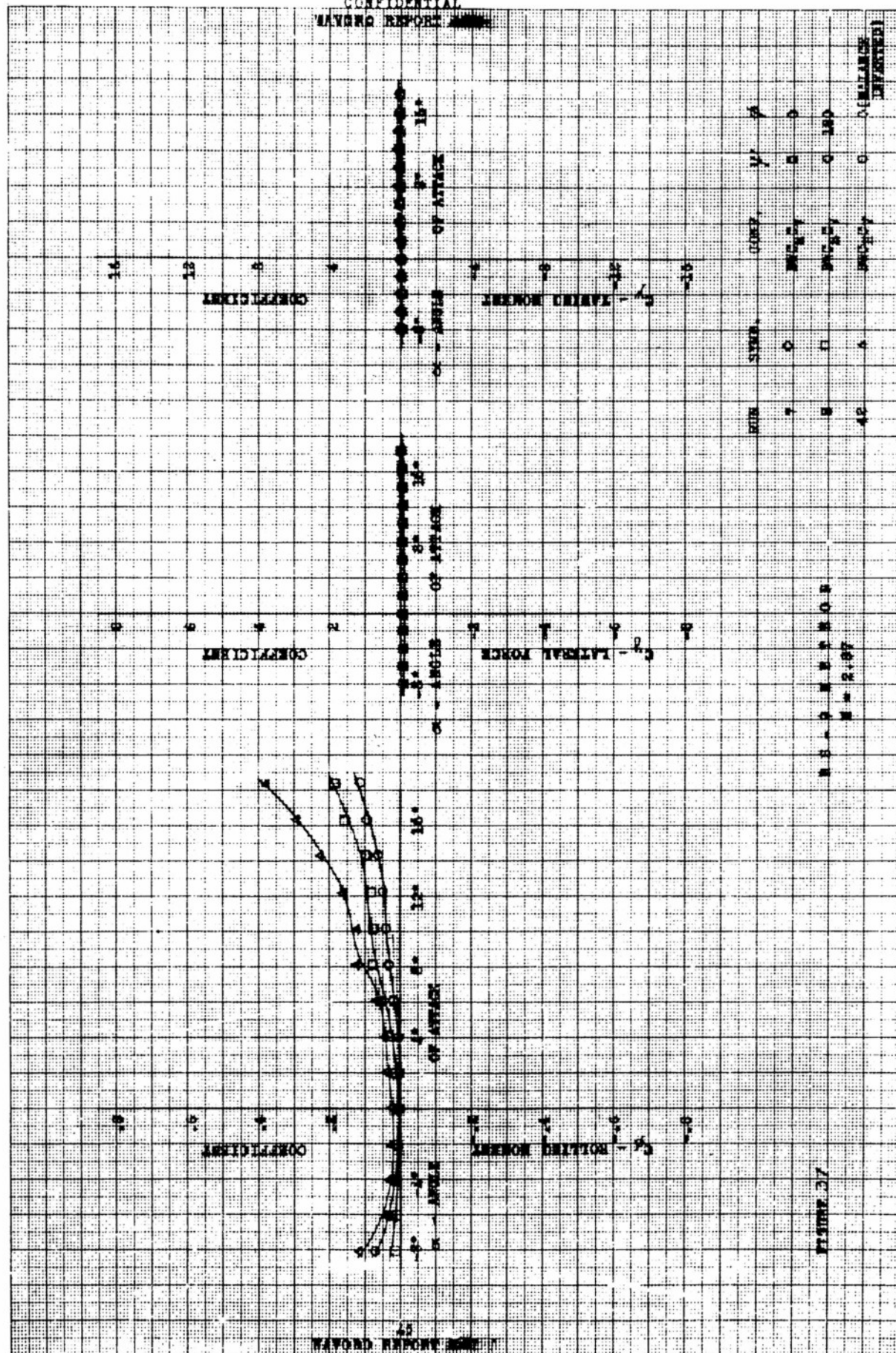


| RUN | SECT. | CONF.  | $\alpha$ |
|-----|-------|--------|----------|
| 7   | 0     | 0.0000 | 0        |
| 8   | 0     | 0.0000 | 10.180   |
| 42  | 0     | 0.0000 | 0        |

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M = 2.87

FIGURE 36

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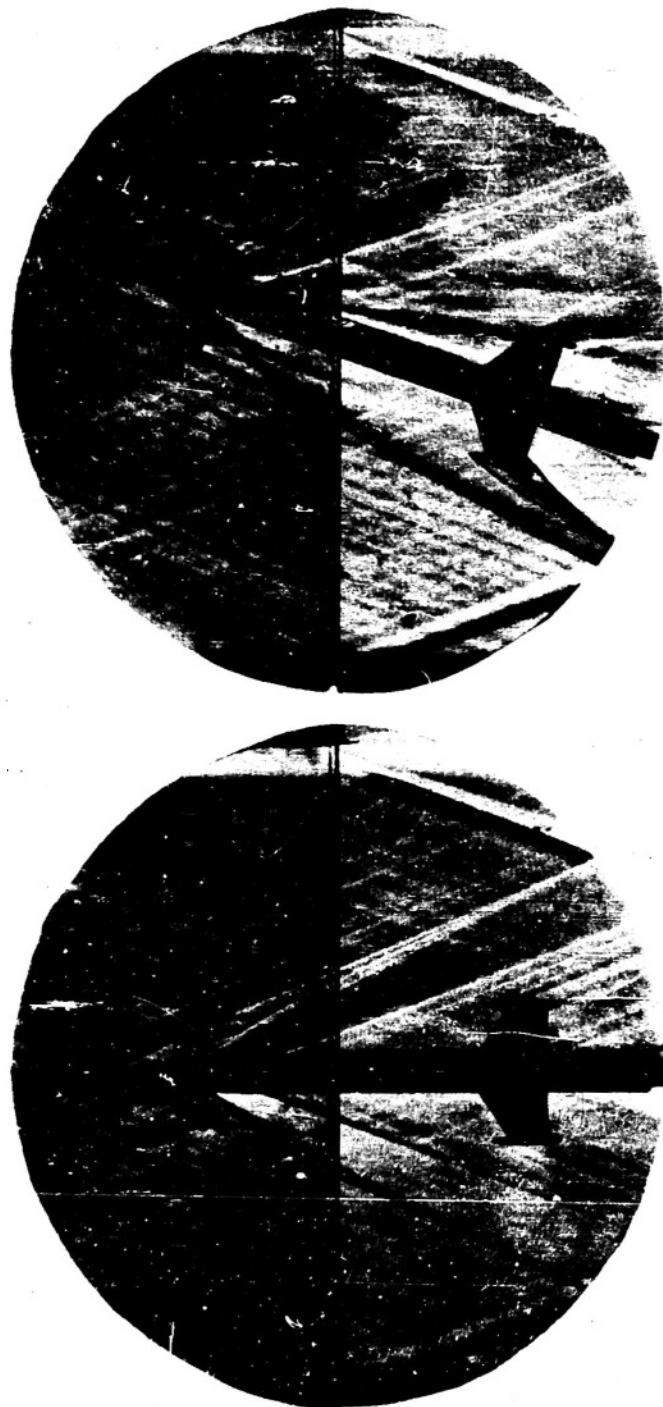


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