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Flight Test Operations:

Despite unusually poor flying conditions during the month of March, several lateral static stability data flights were accomplished and the results are under analysis.

A report entitled, "Instrumentation of a Tandem Helicopter for Static and Dynamic Stability and Control Flight Tests", has been completed and is now being printed. Distribution is expected shortly.

Theoretical Analysis:

Studies have been continued of the variation of the stability derivatives with speed. These are being compared with preliminary flight results. Analog computer studies of dynamic response based on the theoretical derivatives are continuing. Preliminary results indicate that considerable simplification of the complete equations on motion is permissible over most of the speed range.

Very truly yours,

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