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## I. Introduction.

Consideration of restraint protection of occupants in aircraft or other vehicles has emphasized the forward- or rearward-facing positions, which are most commonly utilized. However, in many instances individuals are normally transported laterally to the direction of flight, as occurs in commercial aircraft, either involving aircrew positions occupied by the flight engineer or stewardesses, or by passengers in lounge seating. Many military aircraft and especially troop helicopters still utilize sideward-facing passenger and crew positions. On the ground, people travel "sideward" in buses, on trains, and subways, as well as in other specialized vehicles. In addition, lateral loadings in the  $\pm G_y$  body axis commonly may occur to individuals in automotive collisions during side impacts, may occur with capsular ejection systems in landings, and may be experienced both in spacecraft and aircraft lateral oscillations and turbulence. The crash landing of most commercial aircraft and many general aviation types in the light-twin category will expose some occupants to lateral forces, and in addition any aircraft may skid sideways, thereby changing the main direction of force to a lateral one.

The question of the safety of crewmembers and passengers occupying sideward-facing seats in commercial aircraft has never been adequately investigated and, recently, serious concern has been expressed by representatives of the Steward and Stewardess Division of Air Line Pilots Association, the Society of Automotive Engineers, S-9 Cabin Safety Provisions Committee, and others. This study was initiated because of the lack of realistic data concerning the tolerance of the body to lateral impacts and knowledge of specific injury hazards not common to forward- or aft-facing impact orientations. It was be-

lieved that insight into the particular problems or mechanisms of injuries would considerably aid in design of protective devices as well as assist in evaluation of present sideward-facing environments.

Previous evidence suggested that the body is less able to tolerate lateral impact<sup>19</sup> and that sideward-facing seat tiedowns and restraints may not provide adequate protection in crashes.<sup>16</sup> Injuries to passengers and at least one fatality to a crewmember have been documented. While the Air Force specifies 16g. passenger seat strength requirements to face rearward,<sup>9</sup> the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR 25.561) specifies design values for forward-facing seats to 2.0g. upward, 9.0g. forward, 1.5g. sideward, and 4.5g. downward, while TSO C-250 (NAS 806 spec. 4.3.1.1) states "when a seat or berth is to be installed or adjusts to face in other than the forward direction, sufficient tests shall be made to substantiate the seat strength for all intended positions."<sup>17</sup> The interpretation of this ruling by Flight Standards Division, FAA, is that it is the manufacturer's responsibility to perform the necessary tests to insure that such seats meet these specifications. A seat designed for 1.5g. sideward loading will not necessarily support 9.0g. when turned 90°, so that the sideward load becomes the forward component. Upon inquiry, one manufacturer stated that they had run static tests to insure that that particular seat met specifications. Yet Haley, in a 1962 engineering evaluation of military personnel restraint systems concluded, "only dynamic tests can reveal the weak points of a restraint system...two seats, designed to equal *static* loads, will not behave the same when subjected to dynamic (crash) loads."<sup>18</sup> Turnbow, *et al.* have reported that existing side-facing seats in U.S. Army aircraft were understrength and not designed to provide adequate restraint, recommend-

ing troop seats be designed for dynamic load factors of 26g. for 0.20 second, and 45g. for 0.10 second for lateral impact.<sup>16</sup>

However, research to support these requirements has mainly been theoretical calculations by engineers, based upon accident investigation. Earley,<sup>5</sup> in 1961, simulated the Electra lounge seat belt loadings in the sideward-facing position and found that, "belt tension loads in the side-facing seat may be three to six times greater than the belt load on a forward-facing seat under the same axial deceleration." His calculations demonstrated that side-facing seat belt loads may be far above the normal expected in the forward-seated position so that this increased loading should be considered along with seat structure, tiedown, and body tolerances. In 1964, during FAA controlled crash tests of a Lockheed 1649 and Douglas DC-6B being conducted at Flight Safety Foundation (AV-SER) facilities, the sideward-facing seats collapsed, and no load recordings were obtained, although horizontal acceleration tracings from the aft floor of the Constellation (station 1175) appear not to have exceeded about 2g. until 3.7 seconds, at which they reached 22g. impact with a 20° upslope.

The lateral impact evaluations to date have revolved about the seat tiedown and restraint system and not the total environment, including consideration of human physiological tolerances. Our knowledge of human responses to lateral forces has been very restricted. Most previous studies, furthermore, have been conducted under conditions of maximum restraint, offering considerably greater protection to the body than does the lap belt only. Thus, early animal studies by Stapp, showing no injury in chimpanzees of 47g. lateral accelerations (0.140 second duration),<sup>14</sup> Robinson's exposures of Rhesus monkeys to lateral impacts of 75g. at up to 32 ft./sec. velocities,<sup>11</sup> Clarke's successful lateral exposure of a bear to 47g. (with rate of onset of 4,180 g./sec.) without injury,<sup>4</sup> and Lombard, *et al.*<sup>10</sup> exposure of guinea pigs to 240g. for 0.033 second at 100,000 g./sec. rate of onset in a fully contoured, rigid support restraint system were conducted with the animals supported by maximum restraint systems. Initial design of the Apollo command module was restricted to a maximum acceleration of 10g. with a rate of onset of not more than 250 g./sec., due to lack of

definitive data on human tolerances to lateral forces.

A study by Clarke, Weis, Brinkley, and Temple in 1963<sup>4</sup> on 32 human runs produced no adverse subjective responses to lateral impact up to 22g. (maximum rate of onset of 1,350 g./sec.), and a subsequent study by Brown, Rothstein, and Foster, in 1966<sup>12</sup> of 11 human tests, using a 3-inch lap belt, double shoulder harness, inverted "V" pelvic straps, and head restraint, found no injury from lateral impact forces to 14g. on the sled. A study by Zaborowski<sup>18</sup> on the Holloman "bopper" involved 87 tests on 52 male Air Force subjects at impacts up to 12g. while restrained with both lap belt and shoulder harness and side restraint panel. Whitehouse<sup>17</sup> in 1966 reported 18 lateral ( $-G_y$ ) impacts conducted on nine human subjects impacted at 15g., using head and torso restraint. Other tests in support of the B-58 capsule, Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, F-111 and other advanced experimental systems have also employed maximum restraint systems,<sup>2</sup> not comparable to that of minimal lap-belt-only restraint.

In contrast there apparently has been only one previously published study involving impact tolerance while restrained by lap belt only. Zaborowski, Rothstein, and Brown in 1965 published the first medical investigation on humans (restrained by lap belt only) in lateral impact and these had to be discontinued at 9g. (with impact durations of 0.1 sec.) due "to subject discomfort with prolonged stiffness and soreness in the neck musculatus."<sup>17</sup> Fish and Wright<sup>7</sup> have described injuries to four soldiers seated in center-facing seats of an Army Caribou troop transport. Further studies currently in progress by Sonntag<sup>13</sup> involve photometric analysis.

The objective of the series of tests reported here was to go beyond these subjective limits and attempt to establish physical end-points of non-reversible trauma while restrained by lap belt only. The tests were intended to provide more valid data concerning, (1) what injuries are typical in a ( $\pm G_y$ ) lateral impact, (2) where the initial injuries occur and at what force levels, (3) the mechanisms of these injuries, (4) the body kinematics in lateral impact, and (5) seat belt differential forces on left and right side during impact.

## II. Materials and Methods.

Twenty-four deceleration tests were performed on 24 adult female Savannah baboons\* (*Papio cynocephalus*), ranging in body weight from 9.5 kg. to 12.7 kg. (21–28 lbs.). Age estimations based on dental examination ranged from 4½ to 12 years (CS). Animals were provided by CAMI through the breeding colony maintained for cardiovascular and stress research at the University of Oklahoma or from International Animal Imports, Detroit, and shipped by aircraft from 1 to 10 days prior to tests at Holloman AFB.

Tests were run between 23 May and 26 August 1966, utilizing the Daisy Decelerator of the 6571st Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Holloman AFB.<sup>3</sup> The seat was an F-111 test frame, modified for baboons, and mounted on the ARL Omnidirectional sled. The nylon lap belt of 4,500-lb. strength was replaced for each test and installed at a 55° angle to the seat pan. Prior to each run, static belt tension for each side was stabilized at 1.5 kg. (3.3 lb.) utilizing an Ohaus Cenco Model 5610 Scale. This provided the same degree of belt "tightness" for each subject.

Test conditions involved 0°–5°–0° seat orientation (seat sideward facing, 85° from horizontal) for all tests. Protocol was established for two runs at each level of impact at 15, 20, 25, 30, and 44g. in the lateral position, and one run at each level from 15–30g. in the forward-facing (–G<sub>x</sub>) 180°–5°–0° and rearward-facing (+G<sub>x</sub>) orientation. Time duration was to remain constant, but varied from 0.076–0.100 second total duration, the longest time duration at 30g. the Daisy track was capable of providing safely with this sled load. Entrance velocities varied from 36.4 ft./sec. (15g.) to 88.2 ft./sec. (44g.), and rate of onset from 1,200 to 5,900 g./sec.

Prior to each run the subject was anesthetized with 1 mg./kg. body weight of Sernalyn.<sup>(R)</sup> She was then removed from the cage after the drug had taken effect and prepared for the test in an adjacent surgical room. Hands and feet were covered with tape to prevent the chance of

injury to investigators and the animal was muzzled to prevent injury to the tongue during impact. Body measurements were taken with an anthropometer and sliding caliper. In some cases, previous longitudinal series of anthropometrics had been taken periodically on animals originating from the colony at the University of Oklahoma, and in these cases, only a few measurements were required. The animal was partially shaved down the chest, abdomen, and thigh, and tincture of Benzoin was smeared over the skin. Three-quarter-inch photometric "targets" were then placed in position on 3-inch Dermicel surgical tape, which formed a contrasting background. Target locations for each animal were accurately measured. Five general locations included (1) head (30 mm. posterior to glabella), (2) centered on the muzzle, (3) on the upper chest (40 mm. inferior to suprasternal), (4) mid-chest (310 mm. superior to symphysis), and (5) abdominal (150 mm. superior to symphysis). The purpose of the "targets" was to provide information on body kinematics during impact through high-speed photometric camera coverage and computer analysis for acceleration, velocity, and distance relationships with time (Figure 1).

The animal was then taken to the track sled and the seat belt tension adjusted to 1.5 kg. and positioned. Low-strength masking tape was used to keep the legs and thorax in good position for the run; however, this tore upon impact and did not provide additional restraint protection. Muscle tonus was carefully monitored and all runs were made at the same clinical level.

The strain gauges were fabricated for the 6571st Aeromedical Research Laboratory by Land-Air Division of Dynallectron at Holloman AFB. They were originally designed for a 2-inch-wide belt but were modified to the 1-inch webbing used in these tests. Gauges were placed at each end of the belt, two for lap belts and the diagonal belt, and four were utilized for each three-point harness. Each strain-gauge buckle was instrumented with four strain gauges in order to measure the bending moment due to the force imposed on the belt. When the belt was stretched, the metal of the buckle was stressed and deflected. Although each buckle contained eight elements, it electrically appeared as a four-active-arm bridge. Resistance across the electrical elements changed as a result of changes of

\*The animals used for these experiments were lawfully acquired and treated in accordance with the Principles of Laboratory Animal Care issued by the Animal Facilities Standards Committee of the Animal Care Panel, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, March 1963.

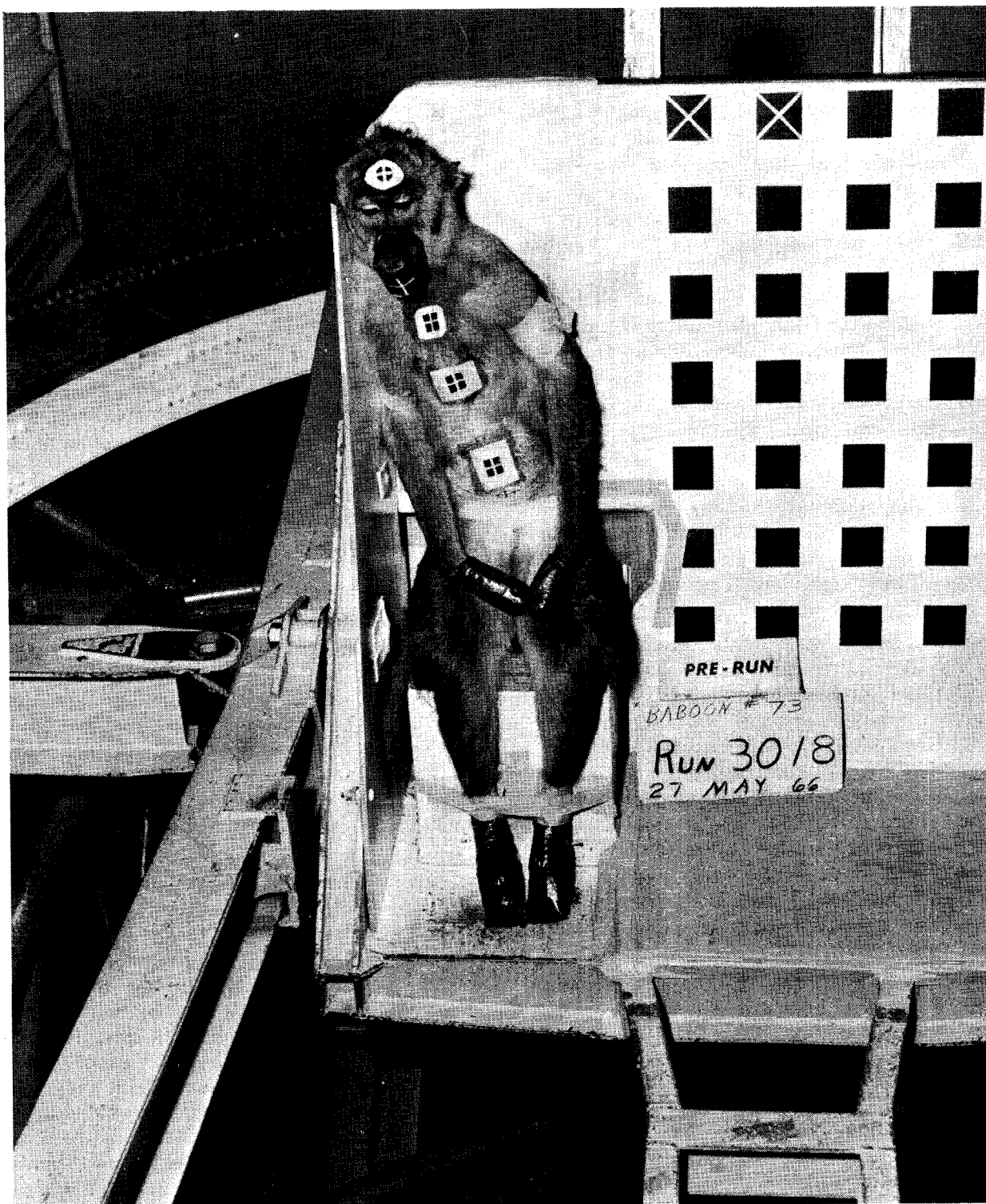


FIGURE 1. Baboon positioned in seat on omnidirectional sled prior to impact run. Note photometric locators on animal and along left portion of seat back.



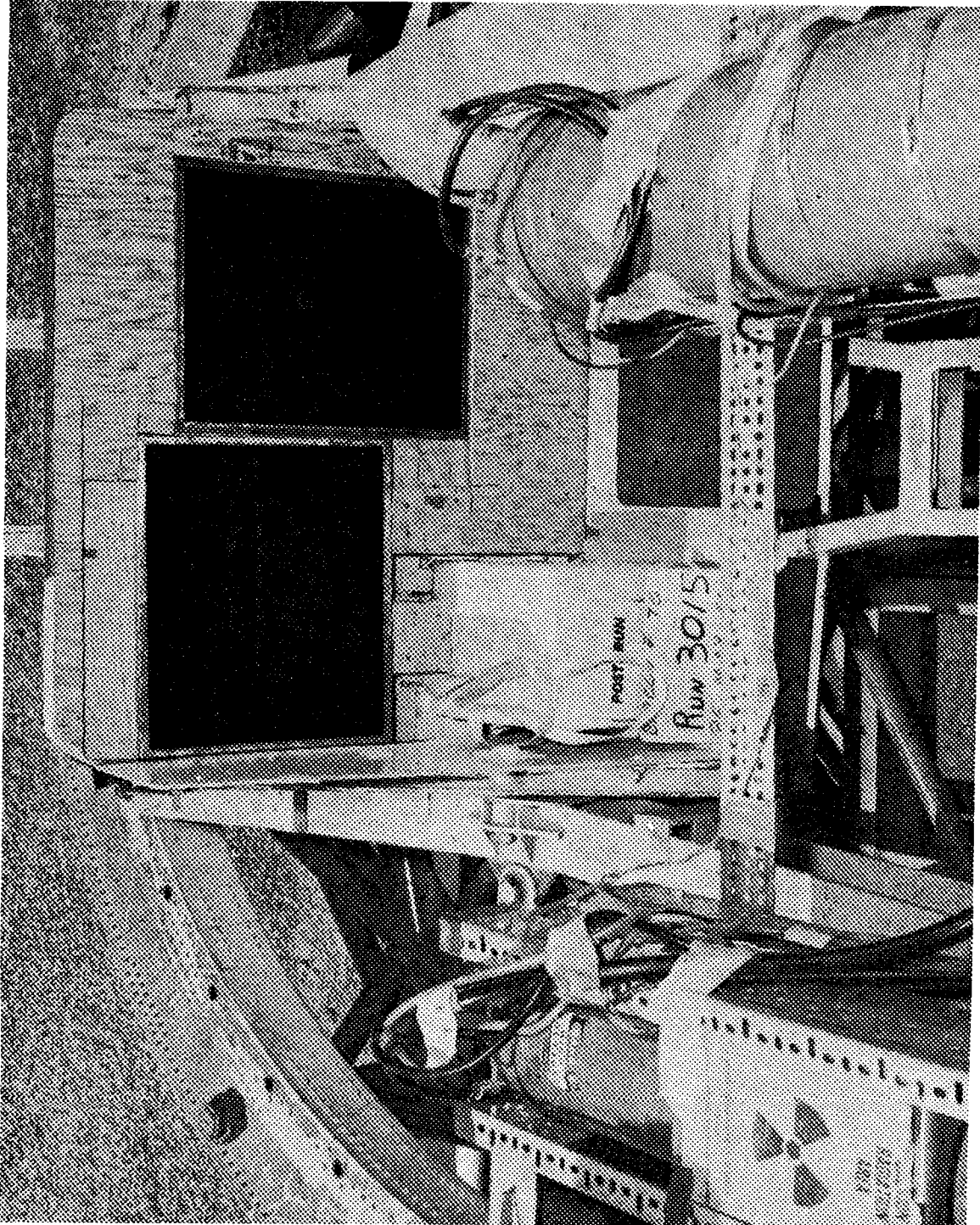


Figure 2. Sled seat post-impact with photometric backing removed to show location of dual X-ray cassettes mounting. One roentgenogram was obtained at impact and a second could be set for any time during the sequence of lateral movement.

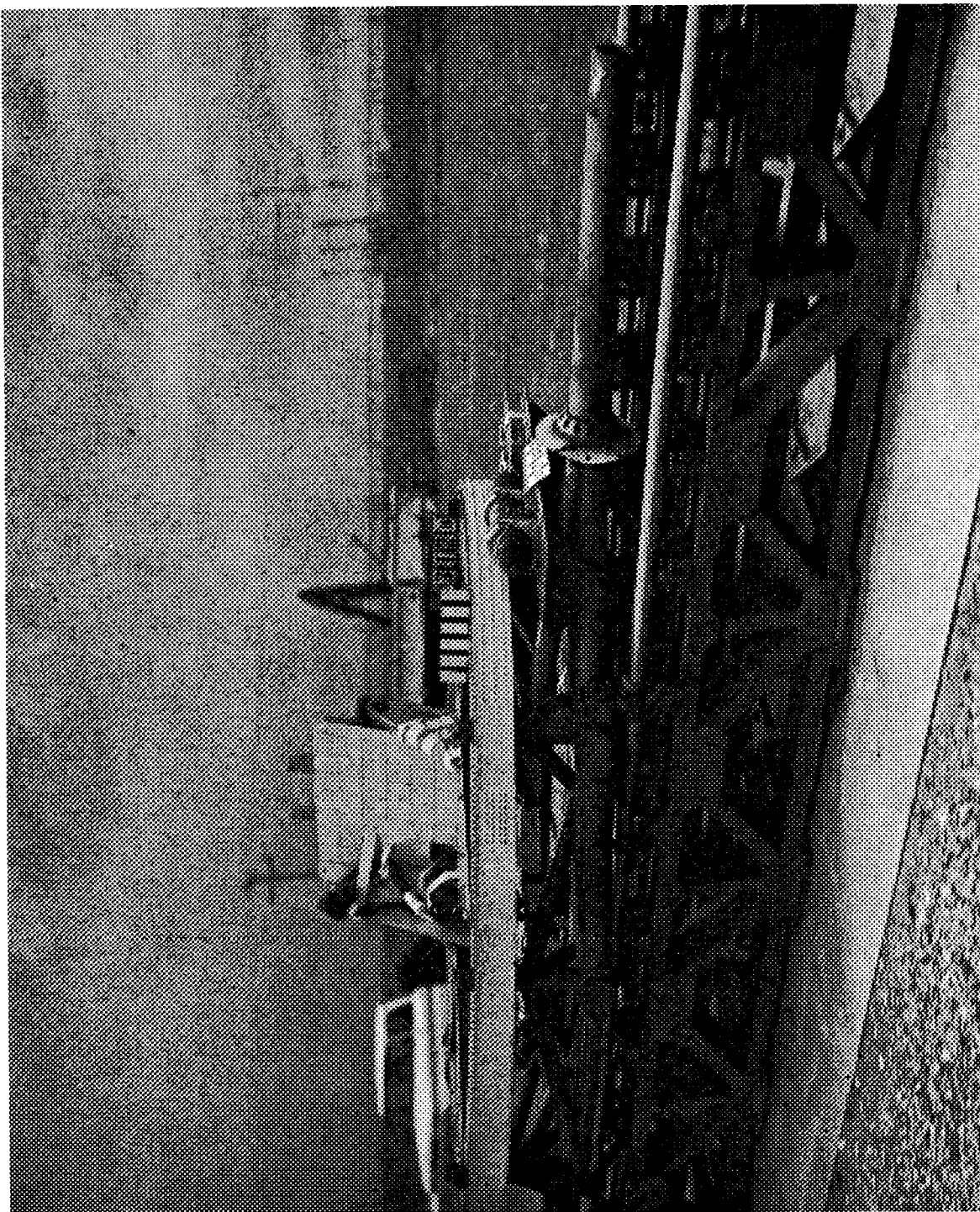


FIGURE 3. Photo taken during one sideward-facing run on the Daisy Decelerator. Shoulder and leg tapes held animal in position only, shearing upon impact.

strain on the metal. Calibrations were done by placing a known force on the belt and measuring the electrical output of the bridge.

Run coverage included use of Fastex 2,000 f.p.s. cameras for frontal and side views, two Field Emission high-speed roentgenograms (Figure 2), (the first was triggered at impact and the second was triggered at about 0.65 second after initial sled entry into the brake), and a metric camera on the last 16 runs. In addition to 35 mm. and 4x5 still photography, three polaroid photos were obtained during each run, pre-, during (Figure 3), and post-impact. These served as working references to note position to the cross-check details of notes. All animals were sacrificed post-run with 650 mg. Nembutal<sup>(R)</sup> after post-run physical examinations. They were then prepared for shipment in ice by air to CAMI for necropsy, which was generally accomplished within 24 hours.

### III. Results and Discussion.

Three series of impact tests were run to compare the effect of body orientation to force. Each of these tests is summarized in Table I. Peak g. forces ranged from 15g. to 44g. in the lateral series, 16.5g. to 31g. in the forward-facing series, and 22g. to 44g. in the rearward-facing body orientation. Onset rates varied from about 1,200 g./sec. to about 5,900 g./sec., and time durations (plateau) from 0.047 to 0.066 second, with total time durations ranging from 0.076 second to 0.100 second. Sled entrance velocities into the braking system ranged from 36.4 ft./sec. (15g.) to 88.2 ft./sec. (44g.).

In the lateral decelerations, impact was made in each case on the animal's left side, thus seat belt forces were greater on the right (or rear) belt. Since the majority of the baboon subjects weighed about 12 kg. (although one [test #3131] weighed 21 kg.), or one-seventh (to one-third) that of an adult human male, the forces are proportionately lower. Forces on the right belt averaged 62 percent higher than those on the left with a range from 38 to 94 percent. In the four forward-facing runs, belt loads were, as expected, relatively close. Although lateral belt loads for the "rear" belt were higher at every g-level than for the forward-facing belt tensions, the relative differences were not found to be as great in this series as had been previously predicted.<sup>5</sup>

Forces on the belt in rearward-facing deceleration were of course negligible, since the subject was being forced against the seat back and not against the seat itself. Figure 4 shows a comparison of belt loads during 31g. impact in each body orientation. Note that the lateral peak loads are reached earlier in the deceleration pattern, 0.070-0.080 second after impact, and remain high with a much longer and more gradual slope after decay of the acceleration pattern. On the other hand, the forward-facing belt loads are initiated earlier but reach a peak somewhat later than the laterals, falling off much sooner.

Gross and microscopic necropsies were conducted on all animals except #3130, a 20g. lateral impact, within 24 hours post-impact. Test #3130 survived the impact and was not terminated in order to follow her subsequent progress, which was uneventful. The significant findings of trauma are tabulated in Appendix A.

In the rearward-facing body orientation, all subjects survived the impact but were terminated in order to ascertain any nonlethal trauma incurred. Impacts to 44g. were recorded. Despite findings of intracranial hemorrhage in three of the four cases, these injuries were not sufficient to have affected survival. The rearward-facing body orientation, offering good support with widest distribution of force over the body surface, was demonstrated to be by far the most survivable position in this series.

Forward-facing impacts were run from 16.5g. to 31g. The most significant findings were pancreatic hemorrhages in every case. Intracranial hemorrhage was again found in each case. This could be a result of the extreme whiplashing of the head as the upper torso jackknifes over the seat belt. This may be more pronounced in this animal than in the human because of the baboon's higher center of gravity. Linear transverse contusions due to the impingement of the lap belt in both lateral- and forward-facing impacts were marked (Figure 5).

The lateral body position was demonstrated to be by far the most injury-producing of these tests. The combination of lateral flexion of the thorax, plus torquing, places unusual stress on the abdominal and back musculature and viscera. Injuries fell into several categories. Five animals received ruptured bladders, an injury which only occurred in the lateral impacts. Contusions,

TABLE I. SUMMARY OF DECELERATION DATA

Test No.*	Daisy Run	Age (Yrs.)	Baboon		Peak G	Entrance Vel (ft/sec.)	Onset Rate (g/sec.)	Sled	Seat Belt Tension (lbs)		Ratio % L — R		
			Weight lbs.	Kg.					Right	Left			
												Time Duration Plateau	Total
A. SIDEWARD-FACING SERIES (+G <sub>y</sub> )													
1	3020	4½	26¼	11.9	44.0	87.1	4700	.044	.080	880	660	75	
2	3122	7+	25½	11.5	31.0	74.6	3100	.053	.097	816	491	60	
3	3123	7+	—	—	30.0	74.8	2600	.053	.096	840	490	58	
4	3022	7+	26	11.8	30.5	73.6	3050	.055	.094	830	570	68	
5	3023	5	22½	10.2	30.0	75.0	3000	.056	.096	840	520	61	
6	3034	4½	21	9.5	28.7	72.9	2700	.057	.093	720	640	88	
7	3031	4½	24	10.9	27.8	62.0	2150	.050	.094	800	320	40	
8	3030	7	28	12.7	27.5	62.1	2100	.048	.091	780	480	61	
9	3128	7+	27¼	12.6	26.4	60.9	1200	.045	.100	882	340	38	
10	3033	5½	26	12.0	26.0	60.5	1550	.050	.094	550	520	94	
11	3025	11	24½	11.1	23.0	50.7	2400	.054	.091	630	410	65	
12	3130	7+	—	—	23.0	60.4	2550	.063	.100	549	246	44	
13	3018	5½	27¼	12.6	20.0	58.4	2200	.066	.083	540	350	64	
14	3015	7	27¼	12.6	20.0	57.3	2100	.067	.095	520	340	65	
15	3028	8	25¼	11.5	16.5	38.3	1400	.050	.091	395	205	51	
16	3027	7+	—	—	15.0	36.4	1200	.055	.098	390	240	61	
B. FORWARD-FACING SERIES (—G <sub>x</sub> )													
17	3125	7+	—	—	31.0	74.4	3100	.056	.091	755	505	78	
18	3126	7+	26	12.0	30.7	74.2	3100	.056	.091	803	732	91	
19	3035	6½	25	11.4	22.0	51.0	2950	.053	.089	450	450	100	
20	3036	10	27½	12.5	16.5	38.2	1500	.056	.094	330	350	106	
C. REARWARD-FACING SERIES (+G <sub>x</sub> )													
21	3134	7+	33½	15.2	44.0	88.2	5900	.047	.076	†	†	—	
22	3133	7+	28¾	13.0	31.5	74.1	2650	.054	.095	78.5	71.6	91	
23	3132	7+	46¼	21.0	23.0	59.1	2300	.051	.088	39.2	43.6	111	
24	3131	7+	25½	11.5	22.0	59.9	3000	.065	.100	49.5	32.7	66	

\*Listed in order of Peak G for each series.

†Connector opened up.

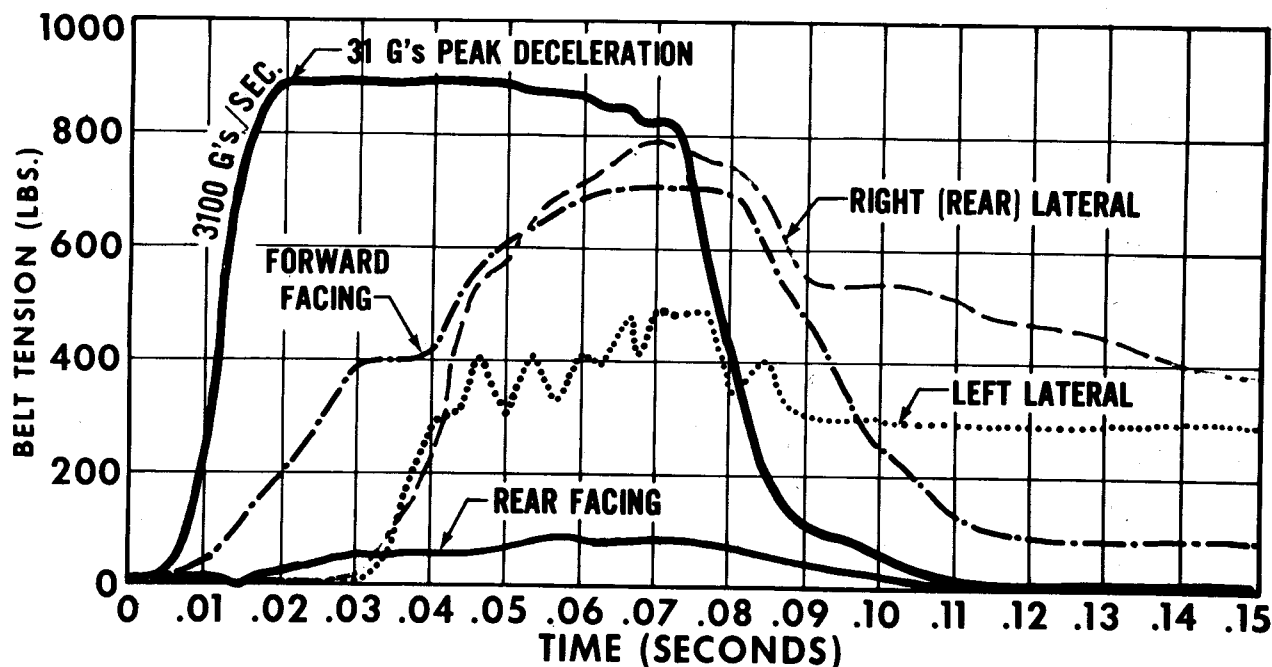


FIGURE 4. A comparison of belt loads correlated with deceleration time at 31g. (for side-, forward-, and rear-facing body orientations).

tears or lacerations, and one complete severance of the uterus also occurred in five cases. In three instances, cervical fractures occurred with complete atlanto-occipital separation and transection of the spinal cord occurring in one 30g. impact. Such cervical trauma did not occur in either rearward-facing or forward-facing impacts. The most significant finding, and quite unexpected, was that of pancreatic hemorrhage in all lateral cases except two (one survived and was not terminated, and the other, being shipped for autopsy by air express, was lost by the airline and was not in condition to assess upon recovery). Figure 6 shows one case of intra-lobular hemorrhage typical of this series.

To clarify the role of post-mortem pancreatic degeneration, one baboon was terminated without being impacted, and treated in the same manner as those in the impact series. After termination with Nembutal,<sup>(R)</sup> the carcass was held at room temperature for 1½ hours and then packed in ice in a shipping container. A temperature probe was inserted inferior to the lower lobe of the liver and recordings kept. Body temperature of 96.8° F. dropped to 96.2° F. within 1½ hours, to 64.8° F. within 14 hours and to 48° F. within 24 hours. After 24 hours, gross necropsy and histopathologic examination revealed mild pan-

creatic necrosis without hemorrhagic pancreatitis. This indicated that part of the necrosis observed during necropsy was due to post-mortem changes in the pancreas, but since associated hemorrhagic findings occurred only in pancreas of impacted animals, they were considered to be a direct result of the trauma.

The significance of the inter-acinar and intra-lobular hemorrhages observed in the pancreas at necropsy following impact has been carefully considered. A search of the literature, and consultation with other pathologists, while revealing descriptions of pancreatic injury related to dietary excesses, direct trauma resulting from blows over the left upper quadrant of the abdomen, surgical trauma, and reflux from the intestine, has not revealed similar reports of pancreatic injury related to sudden, violent compression and/or displacement of the viscera such as we have found in this series of experiments. We have observed retroperitoneal and intra-lobular hemorrhage grossly, immediately after impact, and these findings and inter-acinar hemorrhage histologically. It is clear that there have been intra-abdominal forces sufficient to rupture the capillary bed. It is not unreasonable to believe that these same forces could break the more delicate radicles of the intra-lobular ducts which

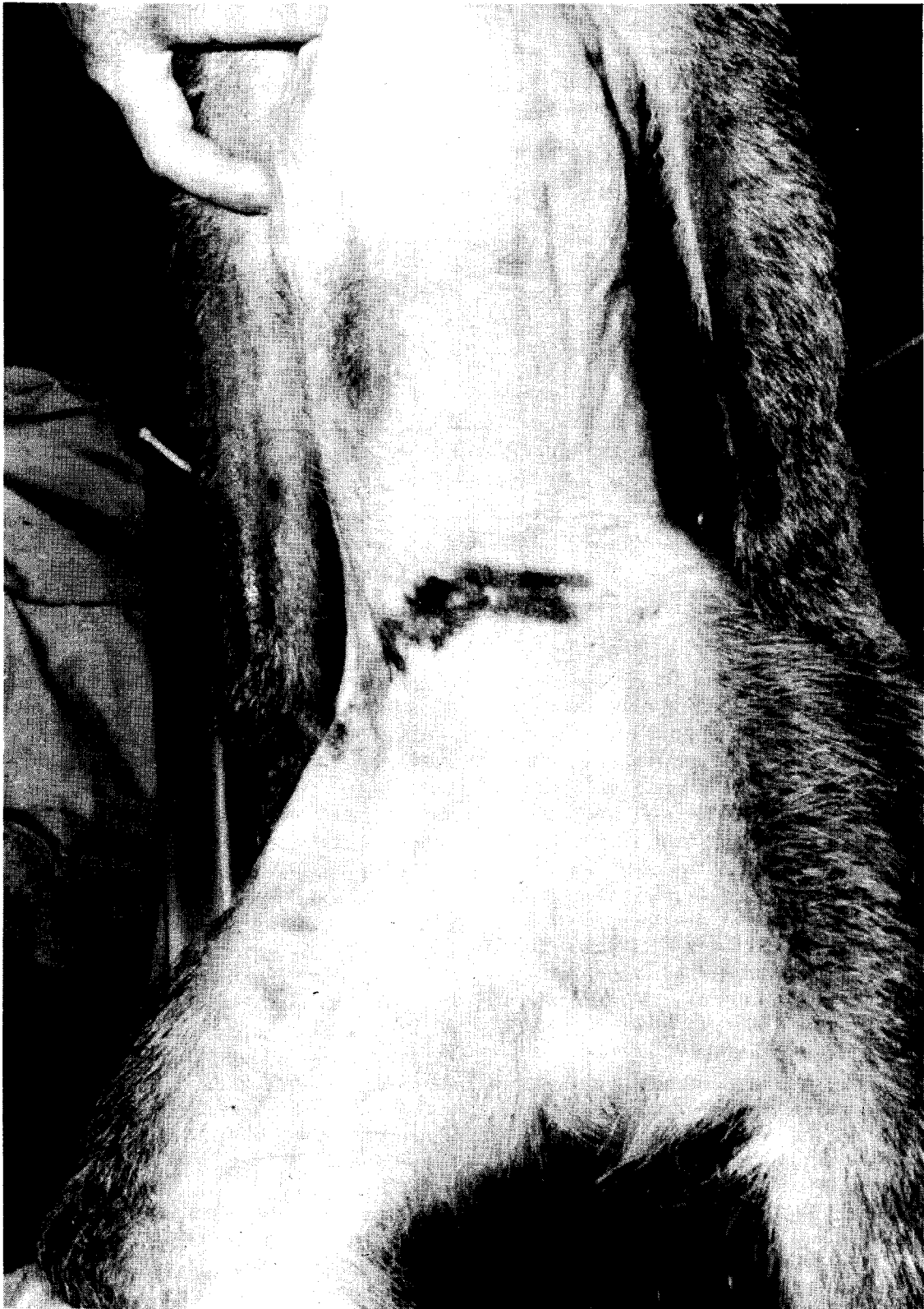


FIGURE 5. Typical contusion resulting from impingement of lap belt in impact.

are formed only by the centro-acinous cells with the release and activation of pancreatic enzymes. However, this must still remain speculation until proven, or disproven, by clinical study of survivors.

#### IV. Conclusions.

The results of this series of experiments suggest the following conclusions:

Rearward-facing impacts were survivable for baboon subjects without irreversible injury up to 44g. at over 5,800 g./sec. onset rate for 0.076 second total duration.

Forward-facing impacts typically produced hemorrhages of the meninges and dura at each level of impact tested, from 16.5g. to 31g. Pancreatic hemorrhage occurred in each case.

In comparison to either forward-(-G<sub>x</sub>) or

rearward-(+G<sub>x</sub>) facing decelerations, sideward-facing impacts (-G<sub>y</sub>) were found to result in significantly greater injury at every level of impact studied, from 15g. to 44g.

Lap belt restraint alone does not provide adequate protection for the side-facing seated occupant. Significant pancreatic hemorrhage and necrosis occurred in impacts as low as 16.5g. This supports a previous study indicating human lateral subjected tolerance levels were at 9g., considerably lower than in either forward- or rearward-facing body orientations.

An unexpected finding was the widespread trauma in the lateral impacts associated with pancreatic hemorrhage. This was determined to be due to impact rather than post-mortem autolysis. Further study of the mechanisms of this injury and apparent effect upon survivability should be made.



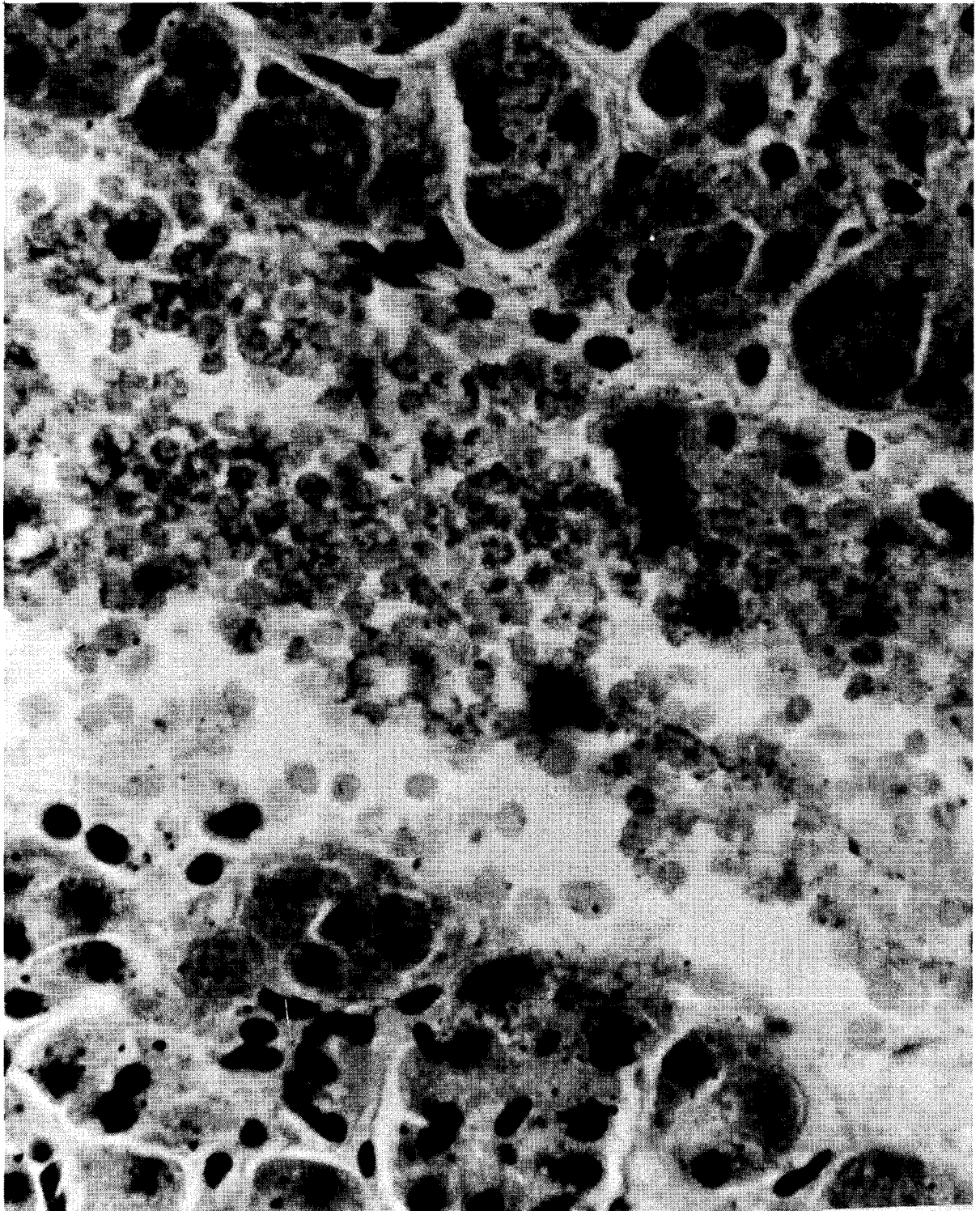


FIGURE 6. Intra-lobular hemorrhage of pancreas of female baboon subject to abrupt deceleration.



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# APPENDIX A

TABLE I  
LAP BELT TESTS

PHYSICAL DATA SUMMARY																	
PATHOLOGY												SLED					
GROSS					MICROSCOPIC					Peak G	Seat Pitch	Ext. Vel. (ft/sec)	Onset Rate (g/sec)	Time Duration (secs)		Peak Belt Force (lbs)	
Test	Delay Test No.	Wgt. (lbs.)											Plasma	Total	Left	Right	
A. FORWARD FACING BODY ORIENTATION (-G <sub>x</sub> )																	
1	3008	27.5	Hemorrhagic Meninges			Endometrium Hemorrhage Slight Leptomeninges Hemorrhage			16.5	20°	38.2	1500	0.056	0.056	330	350	
2	3009 <sup>(1)</sup>	30	Moderate Intracranial Congestion Intracranial Hemorrhages Lungs, Subserosal Congestion			Adrenal Congestion			17	13°	54.8	1400	0.080	0.121	780	780	
3	3013 <sup>(1)</sup>	-							20	45°	60.3	2000	0.080	-	-	-	
4	3015 <sup>(2)</sup>	-							20	45°	63.1	1500	0.080	-	-	-	
5	3016 <sup>(1)</sup>	-							20	45°	60.3	2000	0.080	-	465	540	
6	3018 <sup>(2)</sup>	-							20	45°	63.3	2000	0.080	-	-	-	
7	3019 <sup>(1)</sup>	-	Linear Abdominal Contusion (belt) with Subcutaneous Hemorrhage			Moderate Dural Congestion			22	20°	61.0	2000	0.075	0.103	-	-	
8	3022 <sup>(1)</sup>	33	Moderate Congestion, Spleen Moderate Dural Congestion						22	13°	63.9				870	900	
9	3035 <sup>(1)</sup>	25	Hemorrhage, Apex of Heart Meninges, Hemorrhage			Dural Hemorrhage Leptomeninges Congested			22	20°	51.0	2050	0.053	0.089	450	450	
10	3011		Pancreatic Peritoneal Hemorrhages Uterine Brood Ligament Hemorrhage						22	20°	61.3	3350	0.075	0.110	-	-	
11	3033	2	Contusion Lower Abdomen (belt) Subperitoneal Hemorrhage Meningeal Hemorrhage			Pancreatic Hemorrhage Adrenal Medulla Hemorrhage Endometrium Hemorrhage Dural Hemorrhage			26	20°	60.5	1550	0.050	0.094	550	520	
12	3034	21	Intercoastal Subpleural Hemorrhage Moderate Linear Bruising, Abdomen (belt) Rectal Subserosal Hemorrhage Subserosal Uterine Hemorrhage Epidural Hemorrhages Peritoneal Hemorrhages, white matter			Meningeal Engorgement			28	20°	72.9	2700	0.057	0.083	720	640	
13	3072 <sup>(3)</sup>	-	Laceration Left Flank Contusion, Lower Abdomen (belt) with Subcutaneous Hemorrhage Hemorrhages, Thymus Hemorrhage, Kidney Pelvis Dural Congestion			Hemorrhage, Lungs Hemorrhagic Thymus			30	20°	74.2	3000	0.055	0.094	-	-	
14	3126	-	Contusion, Lower Abdomen (belt) Pancreatic Subcapsular Hemorrhage Rupture, Quadriceps m. Insertion Moderate Intracranial Hemorrhage			Cardiac Interstitial Hemorrhages Meningeal Hemorrhages Slight Dural Hemorrhage			31	20°	74.2	3050	0.056	0.091	790	720	
15	3125	-	Dural Interstitial Hemorrhage Moderate Dural Congestion			Lung, Alveolar Hemorrhage Pancreatic Interlobular Hemorrhage Urinary Bladder Hemorrhage			31	20°	74.4	3100	0.056	0.091	720	630	
16	3017 <sup>(4)</sup>	-							33	20°	74.3	5500	0.057	0.085	-	-	
17	3018 <sup>(3)</sup>	-							34	20°	77.7	6900	0.055	0.078	-	-	
18	2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	-							40	45°	87.0	4000	0.080	-	-	-	

- (1) Pregnant  
(2) Implanted Artificial Uterus  
(3) Loose-high belt  
(4) Instrumented Pregnant Cadaver

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								Onset Rate (g/sec)	Time Duration (secs)					
B. 90° FORWARD FACING BODY ORIENTATION (-G <sub>y</sub> )														
19	3087	24	Meningeal Congestion	Lung Edema Pericapsular Adrenal Hemorrhages	15	20°	38.4	1200	0.055	0.098	390	240		
20	3088	25 1/4	Meningeal Hemorrhages	Lung Edema	16.5	20°	38.3	1350	0.050	0.091	395	295		
21	3015	27 3/4	Linear Transverse Contusion Abdomen (belt) Subcutaneous Hemorrhage Severe Contusion, psoas m. interstitial Hemorrhage Slight Hemorrhage, Uterine Myometrium and Endometrium Epidural and Subdural Hemorrhage of Spinal Cord, Level Coccyx to T-10 Petechial Hemorrhages, Pancreas	Pancreatic Hemorrhages Subperitoneal Uterine Hemorrhage Psoas m., slight interstitial Hemorrhage Slight Subarachnoid and sub-ependymal Hemorrhage	20	20°	57.3	2100	0.067	0.095	520	370		
22	3013	27 3/4	Linear Transverse Contusion Abdomen (belt) Massive Pancreatic Hemorrhage Slight Hemorrhage of Meninges	Pericapsular Hemorrhage, both Adrenals Slight Hemorrhage Ependyma of Lateral Ventricle and Leptomeninges in Sulci	20	20°	58.4	2200	0.066	0.083	540	350		
23	3025	24 1/4	Contusion, Lower Abdomen (belt) Fracture, Left Radius & Ulna Ecchymotic Hemorrhage, Right Auricle Pancreatic Mesentery Interstitial Hemorrhage Subepithelial Uterine Hemorrhage Meningeal Hemorrhage	Edema, Lungs	23	20°	50.7	2400	0.054	0.091	630	410		
24	3129	-	-	-	23	20°	60.4	2550	0.043	.100	570	260		
25	3128	-	Contusion, Lower Abdomen (belt) Ruptured Urinary Bladder at Neck Subperitoneal Hemorrhage Left Flank Extensive Sub-dural Hemorrhage Rupture, Basilar Blood Vessels	Rupture of Circle of Willis, Rt. Branch Hemorrhage, Aqueduct of Sylvius Hemorrhage, 4th Ventricle	26.5	20°	60.9		0.045	.100	855	360		
26	3090	26	Ecchymotic Hemorrhage, Pericardium Rupture of Urinary Bladder Subperitoneal Hemorrhage, Uterus Partial Subperitoneal Hemorrhage Slight Epidural Hemorrhage Meningeal Hemorrhage	Adrenal Medulla Hemorrhage Urinary Bladder Hemorrhage	27.5	20°	62.1	2100	0.048	0.091	780	480		
27	3081	24	Contusion, Lower Abdomen (belt) Contusion, Rt. Posterior Leg Subperitoneal Hemorrhage, Abdomen Rupture, Urinary bladder Subperitoneal Hemorrhage, Uterus Meningeal Hemorrhage	Moderate Edema, Lungs Interlobular Hemorrhage, Pancreas Adrenal Medulla Hemorrhage Endometrium Hemorrhage, Uterus	28	20°	62.	2150	0.050	0.094	800	330		
28	3123	-	Extensive Hemorrhage, Anterior Mediastinum Pancreatic Hemorrhage Intracapsular Kidney Hemorrhage Ruptured Urinary Bladder Severed Uterus Above Cervical Canal Subperitoneal Hemorrhage Complete dislocation, Occipital-Atlasoid joint Extensive m. avulsion each flank Subcortical Hemorrhage Moderate Hemorrhages, Lateral Ventricle Cerebellar Hemorrhage	Cardiac Hemorrhages Interlobular Pancreatic Hemorrhage Intracapsular Hemorrhage Urinary Bladder Leptomeningeal Hemorrhage Hemorrhage of Cerebral and Cerebrum Vessels Hemorrhage, Lateral Ventricle, 4th Ventricle and Cerebellum	30	20°	74.8	2600	0.053	0.086	840	490		

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			GROSS	MICROSCOPIC	Peak G	Seat Pitch	Ent. Vel. (ft./sec)	Onset Rate (g/sec)	Time Duration (secs)		Peak Belt Force (lbs)	
									Plateau	Total	Right	Left
29	3023	22 1/2	Transverse Abdominal Contusion (belt) with Subcutaneous Hemorrhage Mediastinal Hemorrhage Dislocation of Occipitus and Atlas Pancreatic Interstitial Hemorrhage Ascending Colon Mesentery Interstitial Hemorrhage Retroperitoneal Hemorrhage, Pelvic Cavity Contusion, Uterus Meningeal Hemorrhage Severe Subdural Hemorrhage Subarachnoid Hemorrhage Spinal Cord Severed, Occipital-Atlantoid Junction	Lung Edema Liver, Hemorrhage Leptomeningeal Hemorrhage of Cerebrum Submeningeal Hemorrhage of Spinal Cord	30	20°	75	3000	0.056	0.096	840	520
30	3023	26	Fracture, Left Ulna and Radius Transverse Abdominal Contusion (belt) Abdominal Hemorrhage Hemorrhage, Left Ventricle Meningeal Congestion	Lung Edema	30.5	20°	73.6	3050	0.055	0.094	830	570
31	3122	—	Fracture, Left Ulna and Radius Extensive Hemorrhage at Sternum Bilateral Hemothorax Pancreatic Hemorrhage Retroperitoneal Hemorrhage, Left Adrenal Hemorrhage, Kidneys Subserosal Hemorrhage, Bladder Avulsion, Head of Quadriceps m. Bilateral Rupture, Diaphragm	Myocardial Micro-Hemorrhage Interlobular Hemorrhage Pancreas Dural Congestion	31	20°	74.6	3100	0.053	0.097	780	480
32	3069	26	Subcutaneous Hemorrhage, Right Axilla; above Pubis Ruptured Uterus; Laceration, Bladder Subserosal Tears, Uterus; Rectal Peritoneal Tear	—	31	20°	74.8	3100	0.055	0.093	600	—

C. REARWARD FACING BODY ORIENTATION (+G<sub>x</sub>)

33	3131	—	Pancreatic Interlobular Hemorrhage Marked Subdural Hemorrhage	Sub-spondylar Hemorrhage Lateral Ventricle	22	20°	59.9	2950	0.065	.100	35	30
34	3132	—	Bruise, right Buttock Dural Congestion	Hemorrhage into Alveolar Spaces Patchy Edema, Lungs	23	20°	59.0	2300	0.051	0.088	30	30
35	3133	—	Subserosal Hemorrhage, Uterus Intradural Hemorrhage Moderate Epidural Hemorrhage	Meningeal Congestion	31.5	20°	74.1	2650	0.054	0.095	30	65
36	3134	—	Extensive Abdominal Bruising Numerous Hemorrhages, Left Ventricle Subserosal Hemorrhage, Urinary Bladder Moderate Sub-dural Hemorrhage	Lung Edema	44	20°	88.0	5850	0.047	0.076	75	120

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TABLE II  
DIAGONAL BELT TESTS

Test	Delay Test No.	Wgt.	PATHOLOGY		PHYSICAL DATA SUMMARY					
			GROSS	MICROSCOPIC	Peak G	Seat Pitch	SLED		Time Duration (secs)	
							Ext. Vel.	Onset Rate (g/sec)		Platform Total
A. FORWARD FACING BODY ORIENTATION (-G <sub>y</sub> )										
36	2316	28.5	Diagonal Linear Contusion (belt) Sternal Subcutaneous Hemorrhage Marked Left Pleural Hemorrhage Intracapsular, Subcapsular Hemorrhage, Left Kidney Thoracic Subcutaneous and Intermuscular Hemorrhage Kidneys, Pericapsular Hemorrhage Spleen Ruptured Left 8, 9, 10 ribs fractured Liver Extensive Lacerations Subcostal Hemorrhage, Stomach Hemorrhages, Greater Omentum Sigmoid Colon, Ruptured Adrenal Pericapsular Hemorrhage Subperitoneal and Interlobular Hemorrhage, Pancreas Dural Congestion	NOT DONE	30	20°	75.8	4000	0.085	.117
38	2371(1)	27	Myocardial myomalacia Intra-alveolar Lung Hemorrhage Subarachnoid Hemorrhage Diagonal Linear Contusion (belt)	Fractures of Sternum; L. 3rd Rib Dislocation Rt. Clavicle Amputation, Rt. Mammary Gland Nipple Broad Contusion Thorax (belt line) Extensive Rupture & Avulsion: Rt. Pectoral M., Deltoid m., Biceps m. Anterior Mediastinal Hemorrhage Hemorrhage Left Pectoral m. Hematoma, Right Auricle Subpleural Hemorrhage, Rt. Apical Lobe Hemorrhage Left Kidney Pelvis Dural Congestion	30	20°	74.7	3000	0.054	0.093
B. 90° SIDEWARD FACING BODY ORIENTATION (-G <sub>y</sub> )										
40	2346	28.2	Myocardial Hemorrhage Subendocardial Scarring of Cordae Intra-Alveolar Hemorrhage, Lungs Moderate Dural Hemorrhage Diagonal Linear Contusion (belt)	Severe Contusions, Rt. Chest (belt) Massive Bilateral Subcutaneous Hemorrhage Avulsion, Rt. Pectoral m. Severe Intermuscular Hemorrhage L. Pectoral m. Rt. Ribs 2-6, Comminuted Massive Destruction Entire Rt. Chest Wall Extensive Hemorrhage, Thoracic Cavity Intercostal m. Hemorrhage, 1-3, Left Pericardial Ecchymotic Hemorrhage Marked Anterior Mediastinal Hemorrhage Laceration, Rt. Lung Hemorrhage, Lungs, Bilateral Hemorrhage, Hylus of Liver Pancreatic Hemorrhage Rt. Adrenal, Pericapsular Hemorrhage Dural Congestion	30	20°	74.6	3000	0.055	0.091

(1) Right lower diagonal belt force 860 lbs.;  
Left upper 1020 lbs.