

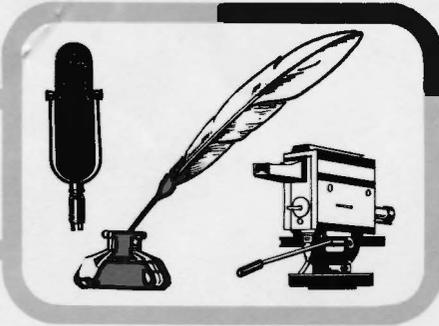
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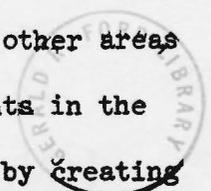
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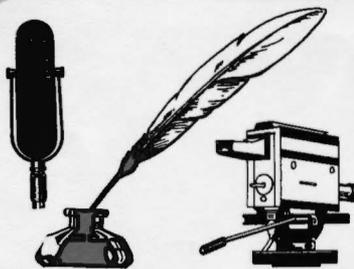
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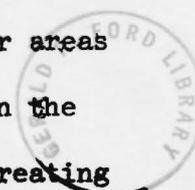
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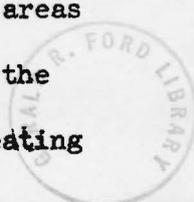
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# Progress & Change.

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## Inevitability of PROGRESS & CHANGE

Individuals, groups & Nations that  
refuse to meet the CHALLENGE  
fall behind.

Over the years America, as individuals  
& as a Nation, have met challenge.

Government -  
① Reform  
② Reconstruction  
① 1904  
② Election of President  
Hawley

① Trade. 1930  
Smoot-Hawley / Cordell  
Hull.

② science. Ballistic missile  
MIRV / ABM

③ Isolationism to Internationalism  
Albert Hays - Vandenberg.

World Leadership -  
I see a tendency (Albert  
Brogg)





OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

February 25, 1971

Honorable Gerald Ford  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Gerry:

Secretary Volpe had some of these little anecdotes researched and thought some of you folks on the Hill might find them useful in combating all the bunk being circulated by the anti-SST forces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laurence", is written over the typed name.

Laurence J. Burton, Director  
Office of Congressional  
Relations

Enclosure

*Tolson  
Walt  
Brodell  
Scott  
Innocent*



Secretary Volpe  
One-Liners

--In 1829 the then-Governor of New York, Martin Van Buren, wrote a letter to President Andrew Jackson expressing his belief that the government should "protect the American people from the evils of railroads." Van Buren exclaimed, "railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines which, ... snort their way through the countryside setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock, and frightening women."

--Brigadier General "Chuck" Yaeger, first test pilot to break the sound barrier in 1947 was told by "experts" before his historic flight that he would "disintegrate" or become a "vegetable" or that his "bone marrow might demineralize."

--At the direction of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, a panel of Spanish sages looked at Columbus' plan for a voyage to the Indies, and in 1490 came up with six good reasons why it was impossible.



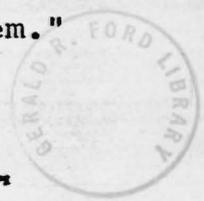
--A group of Aristotelian professors once told Galileo that that "Jupiter's moons are invisible to the naked eye, and therefore can have no influence on the earth, and therefore would be useless, and therefore does not exist."

--So called rail experts in the 19th century said railroads would kill passengers. Anyone, they said, travelling at 30 mph could not breath and would die of suffocation.

--One week before the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, the New York Times editorially advised Samuel Langley (a Wright brothers competitor) to turn his talents to "more useful employment."

--In 1940 the editor of Scientific American wrote Willy Ley, prophet of space travel, that the notion of a rocket bomb was "too farfetched to be considered."

--In 1945 Dr. Vannevar Bush, head of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, said that intercontentental missles would not be possible for a "very long period of time. The American public," he said, "should not even think about them."



--French historian Emile Faguet wrote in the late 19th century that, "The chances are that from now on history will be less filled with vicissitudes, less colorful. The great conqueror, the great reformer, and the great statesmen will become increasingly rare." So much for Lenin, Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler, Wilson, Gandhi, Churchill and Roosevelt.

--Arthur Clarke, the science and science fiction writer, says, "When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong."





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Изящны и стремительны формы сверхзвукового пассажирского лайнера ТУ-144. Обладая превосходными летно-техническими качествами, — скорость 2 500 км/час, дальность беспосадочного полета 6 500 км, высота полета до 20 000 м — самолет может доставить пассажиров из Москвы в Хабаровск за 3 часа, в Дели за 2,5 часа, в Париж или Лондон за 1,5 часа. Скоротечность воздушного путешествия открывает широкие перспективы для деловых поездок и туризма.

В двух просторных салонах лайнера, цветовая гамма отделки которых может быть выполнена с учетом традиций отдельных авиалиний, свободно размещается 120 пассажиров. При необходимости салоны легко переоборудуются из первого класса в туристский, что позволяет увеличить число пассажиров до 130—150 человек.

Мягкие, удобные кресла, принципиально новая система кондиционирования воздуха, современный бар-буфет с широким ассортиментом холодных и горячих блюд, прохладительных напитков, наконец, почти полное отсутствие шума и вибрации предоставляют пассажирам максимальный комфорт в полете.

Совершенная система управления в сочетании с пилотажно-навигационным комплексом обеспечивают автоматическое управление самолетом на взлете, в полете и при посадке в сложных метеорологических условиях. Благодаря этому экипаж самолета состоит всего лишь из двух летчиков и бортинженера.

Радиокомплекс лайнера позволяет осуществлять устойчивую связь с международной системой навигационных и посадочных маяков, обеспечивая полет по любым международным авиалиниям. Все основные системы самолета имеют многократное резервирование, поэтому нарушение работы любой из них не оказывает влияния на режим полета.

Взлетно-посадочные характеристики ТУ-144 делают возможным его эксплуатацию на всех международных аэродромах, в том числе и высокогорных, а также в условиях высокой температуры окружающего воздуха.

Техническое обслуживание самолета осуществляется одновременно всеми наземными службами, что в сочетании с автоматизированной контейнерной погрузкой багажа позволяет подготовить самолет к вылету в промежуточном аэропорту за 30—40 минут, а в конечном аэропорту — за один час. Проверка всех систем, запуск двигателя, кондиционирование салонов могут производиться автономно, без использования аэродромных средств обслуживания.

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Elegant and streamlined in shape, the TU-144 supersonic airliner has perfect flying qualities: it cruises at a speed of 2,500 km per hour a height of 20,000 metres, and has a range of 6,500 km.

In 3 hours it will whisk you from Moscow to Khabarovsk—that's right across the Soviet Union. London or Paris takes 1.5 hours and you can do Delhi—Moscow in just 2.5 hours. Highspeed, time saving travel like this is a boon for businessmen and tourists alike.

The liner's two spacious cabins can comfortably seat 120 passengers and, if necessary, they can be rearranged to accommodate 130—150 Tourist Class passengers.

The décor is in line with the best traditions of airline design: You just sink into your seat, there's a new system for air-conditioning, a bar with a wide variety of hot and cold dishes and iced drinks, and hardly any noise or vibration to bother you so that you feel really comfortable during your flight.

The sophisticated apparatus provides for automatic control of take-off, during flight and for landing in almost any kind of weather. Because we have automated so much, the crew only needs two pilots and a flight engineer.

The liner's communication system ensures a constant link with all international aeronautical centres and localiser beacons so it can fly on any international route.

All main aircraft systems have repeated stand-by so any fault is taken care of and flight safety is guaranteed.

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Ground servicing is done by all ground staff simultaneously and this, in combination with container loading of luggage cuts flight preparation down to a mere 30 or 40 minutes at an intermediary airport and an hour at a terminal airport. Checking out of all systems, starting up engines and air-conditioning in the cabins are all controlled independent of ground crew services.

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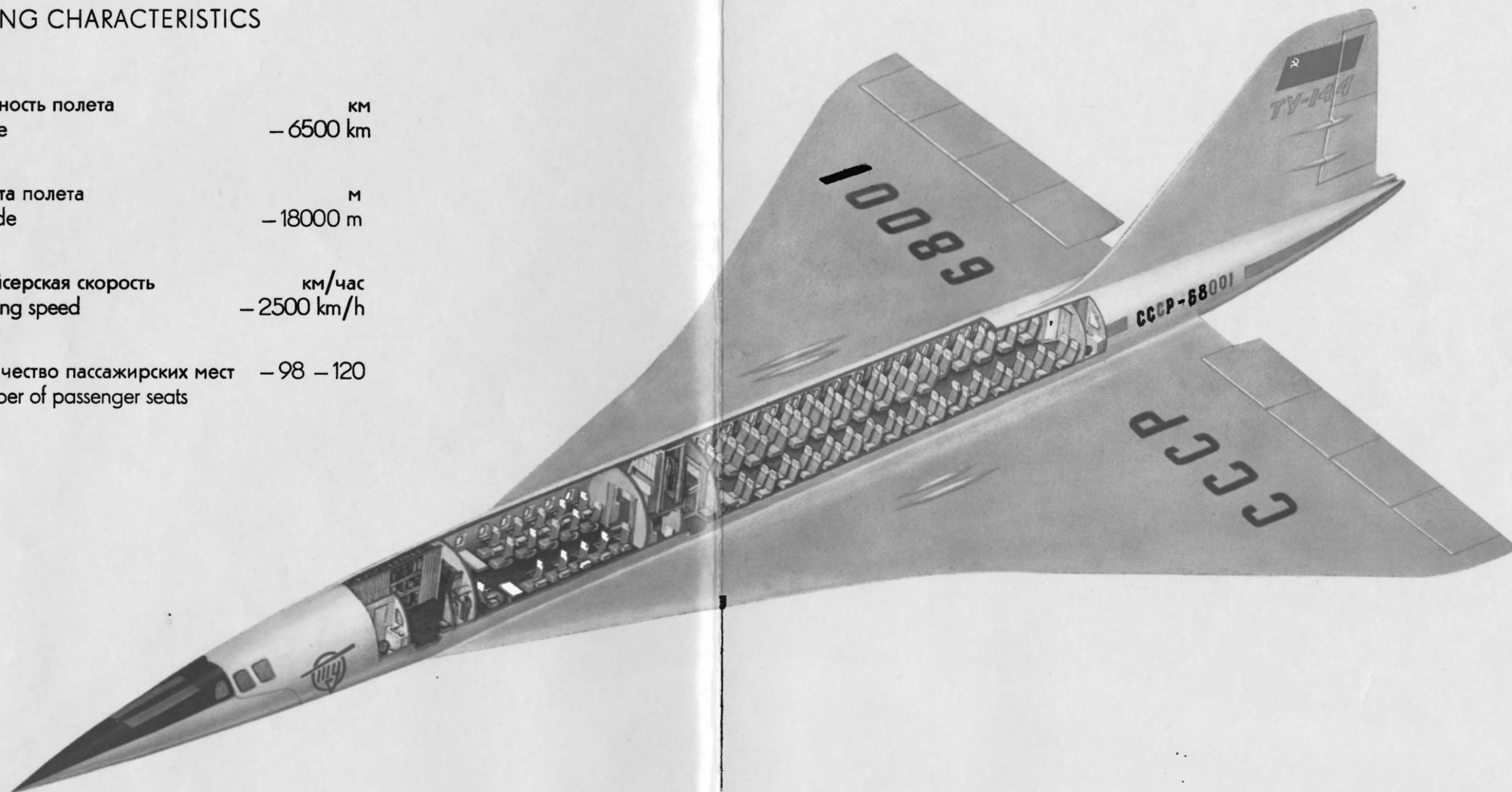
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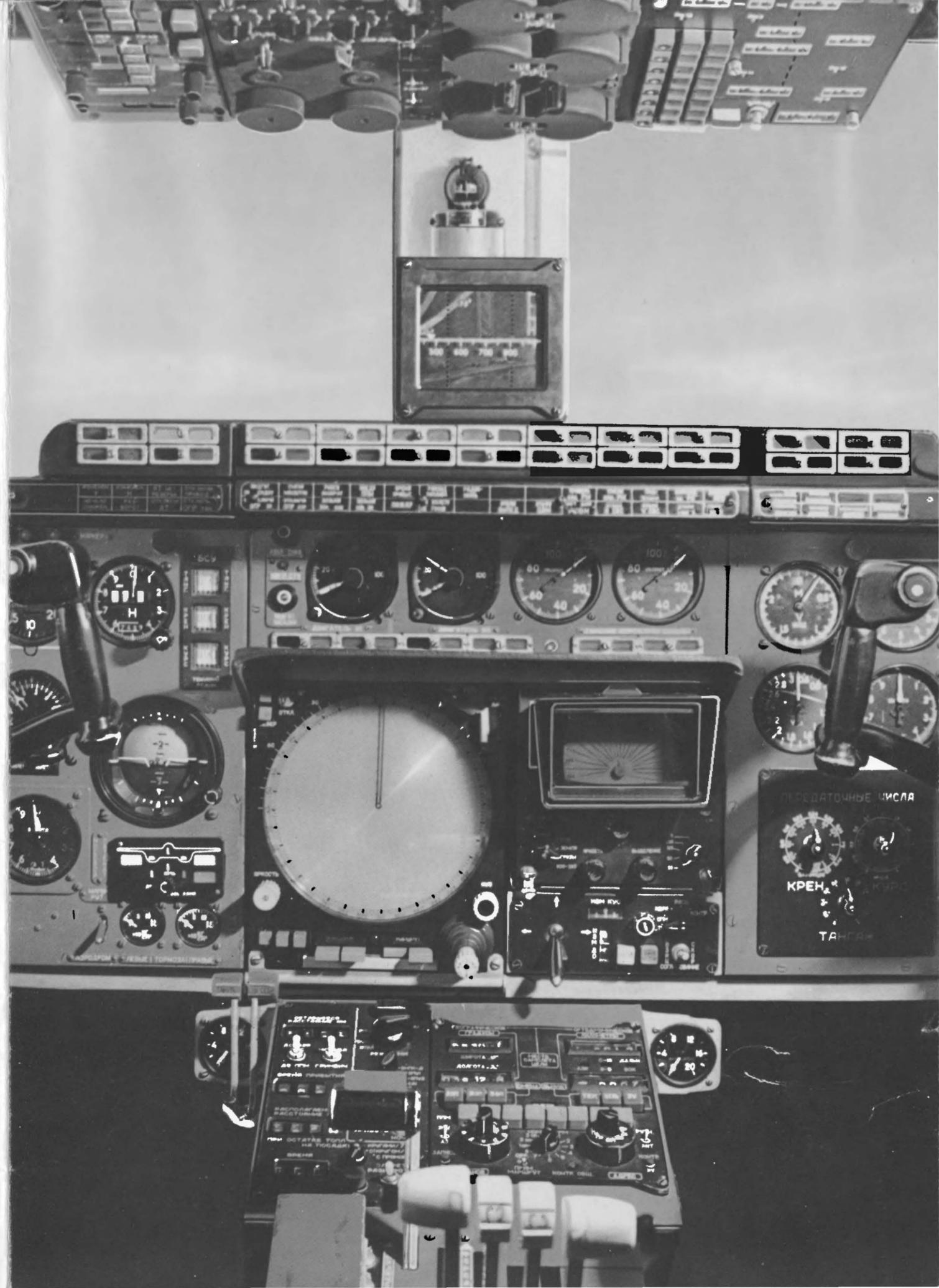
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Number of passenger seats



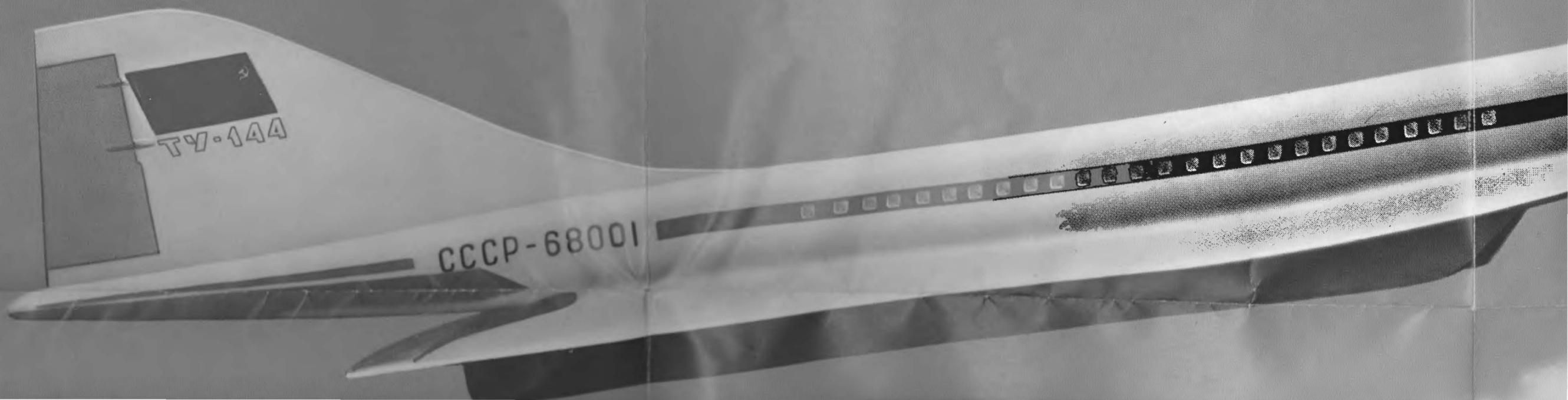
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