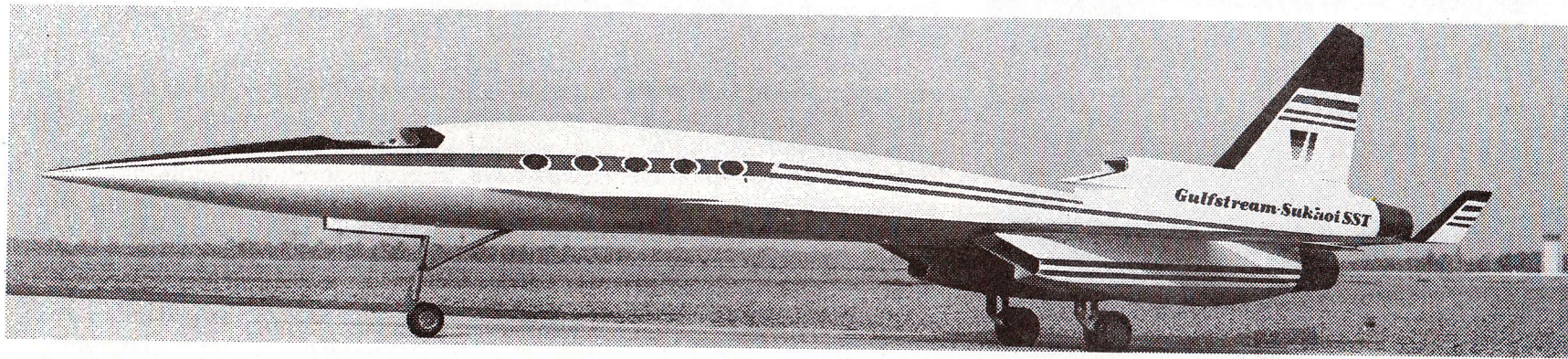


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What do you give the man who has everything? How about a 117 foot long executive jet? The Gulfstream-Sukhoi SST is a Rolls-Royce-powered Concorde clone, (except that at 1,500 mph it is slightly faster than Concorde). Unlike Concorde though, it will not be a commercial aircraft and will carry at most a mere 18 passengers. The SST was scheduled to make its first flight early next year and to go on sale in 1995. Whether or not it does, remains to be seen; at a cool £30 million plus, it is likely to be a shade too hot for all but the most high-powered of executives. One plane broker said that flying it will be like driving a Ferrari around the M25. The SST will be unique in one other respect; it is the first plane to be designed jointly by American and Russian engineers.