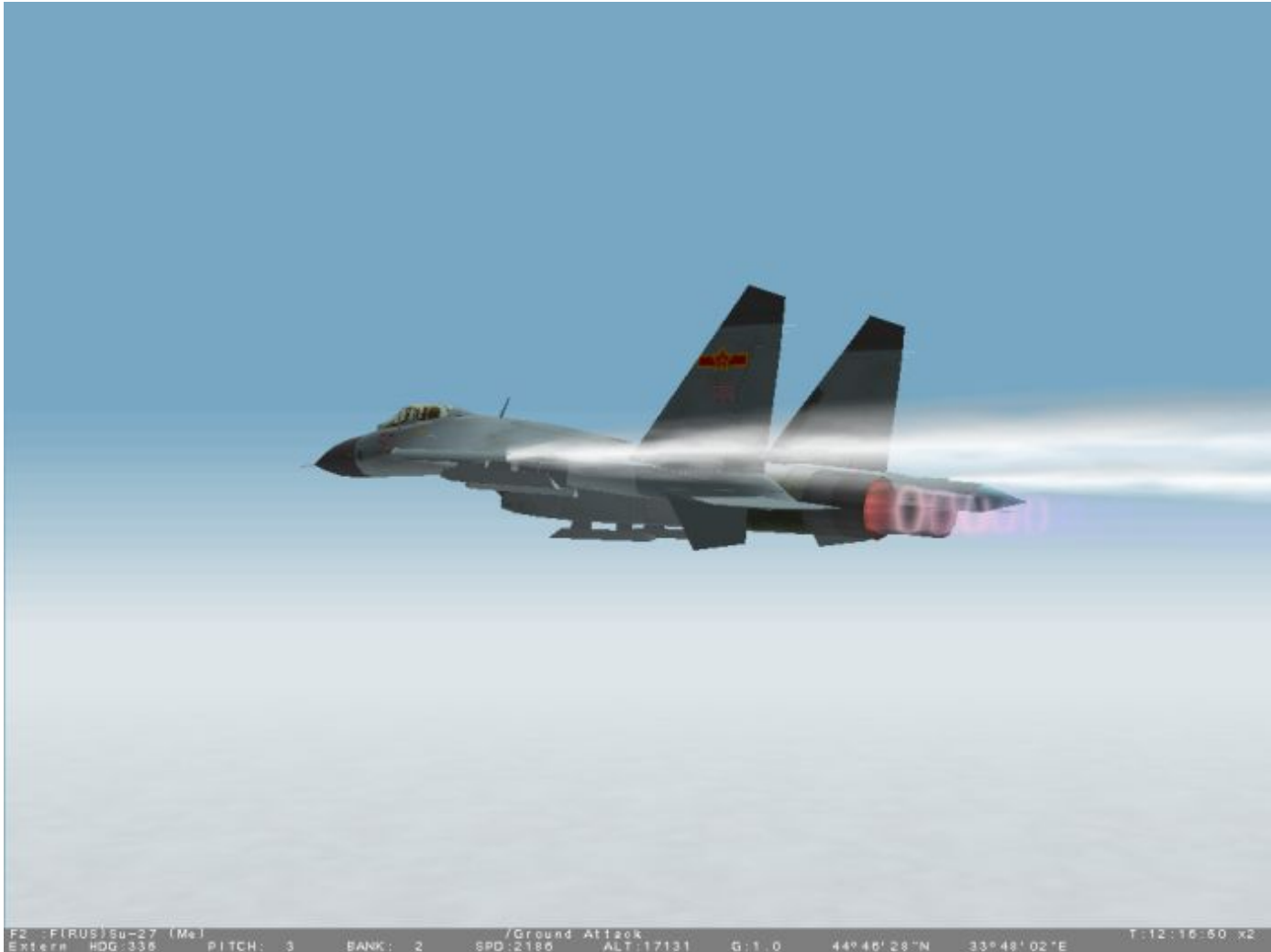


This one had to be short because I was up all night flying (real life) and I need some sleep. I fired up Flanker 2.51 for a bit of performance testing today. I was curious how high and how fast I could get the Su-27 so I loaded her up with 50% fuel and took off for a speed and altitude run. Climbing into the stratosphere I set up in level flight at about 17,000 meters and accelerated in afterburner to about 2200 kp/h:

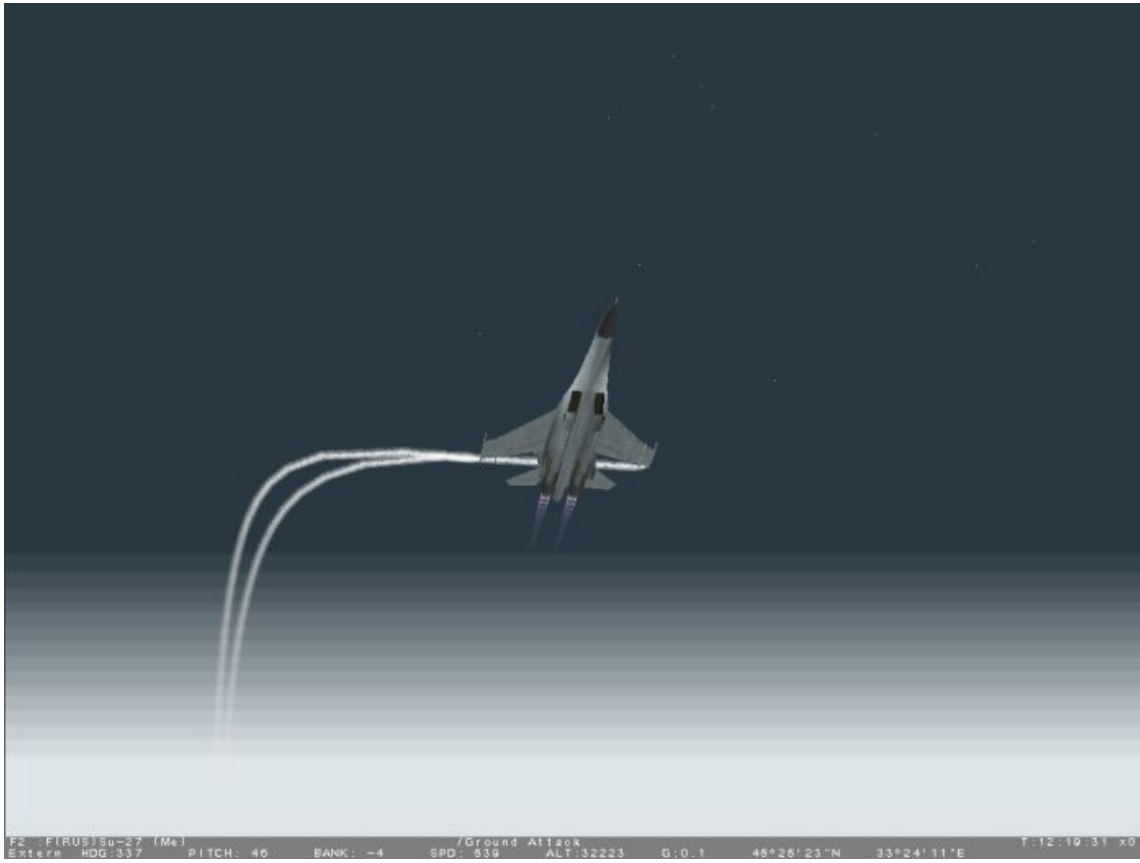


With speed still creeping up to around 2380 kp/h, but slowing and with fuel getting ever lower, I finally pulled about a constant 2.5 G zoom climb:





The sky darkened as I zoomed above the atmosphere and the stars started to shine. Holding the attitude as long as I could I maxed out my altitude at 32,223 meters (105,718 feet):



With the aircraft sliding down in a nose-high attitude I struggled to get the nose down and she sluggishly responded. Taking a glance at my fuel gauge I plugged the burner back in to go for the speed run in the descent:



With the nose pitched down between 30 and 40 degrees speed quickly built up to 2575 km/h (1545 mph) or (Mach 2.16, according to the tables Mach 1 @ 5700 meters = 714 mph):



Pulling tons of G during the pull-out I quickly black out but am thankfully very near an airport so I buzz the control tower and land with the "Nagging Nadia" complaining about my fuel state:





So what records have you guys attained in Flanker 2.51? Curious how my altitude and speed stand-up to you guys! Sorry for the short report today <yawn>..

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