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As the war neared its victorious end, Martin began to consider the future commercial needs and started the design of the Martin "202." The "404" transport was the product of 1950. By that time the company had advanced into the rocket-powered missile age with production of the 45-foot "Viking." Glenn Martin's interest in huge flying boats resulted in design and limited production of the P5M, and in 1954 completion of the prototype XP6M-1, a beautiful 4-jet-engined, mine-laying flying boat capable of speeds of over 600 mph, but the Navy was phasing out flying boats and some of the officials of the company had less interest in their production, especially after accidents resulted in the loss of two of the P6M "Seamasters."

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