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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Hermann Oberth Collection
Date:	1923, 1955-1959 (bulk 1958-1959)
Identifier:	NASM.1989.0091
Creator:	Oberth, Hermann, 1894-1989
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet ((1 slim legal document box))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Anton Palmai, Gift, 1989, 1989-0091, NASM

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Biographical / Historical

Hermann Oberth (1894 - 1989) was known as the Father of Astronautics. Born in Rumania in 1894, he received his German citizenship in 1941. After extensive studying at Gottingen, Heidelberg, Klausenbury, Munich and Vienna, he became a teacher, having at one time Dr. Wernher von Braun as his pupil. In 1923 he published his first work, *The Rocket to the Planets*, the first book to treat the theory of rockets as applicable to space flight in a scientific manner. Oberth was one of the three great rocket pioneers of the world, along with Professor Goddard of America and Professor Ziolkovsky of Russia.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material in German and English documenting Oberth's life and career in the field of astronautics. The information includes six photographs, an article written by him for *Space Journal*, correspondence between Dr. Oberth and the donor Anton Palmai, and four books, three of which are in German.

General

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Rocketry
- Rockets (Aeronautics)
- Space flight

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Oberth, Hermann, 1894-1989
- Palmai, Anton
- Von Braun, Wernher, 1912-1977