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Footage and Slide Presentations

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Pan American World Airways Film Footage and Slide Presentations
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1992.0027
<b>Date:</b>	1958-1980 (bulk [ca. 1960s-1970s])
<b>Extent:</b>	2.63 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box) (2 records center boxes))
<b>Creator:</b>	Pan American World Airways, Inc.
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Pan American World Airways, Inc., gift, 1992, 1992-0027, NASM

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Pan American World Airways was active in the airline industry from 1927, when it established a regular scheduled international service, to its bankruptcy in late 1991. Pan American was the first American airline to operate a permanent international air service. From its first route between Key West and Havana, Pan Am extended its routes into the rest of the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In 1936, Pan Am inaugurated passenger service in the Pacific, and began service in the Atlantic in 1939. Pan Am started around-the-world commercial air service in 1947. Besides setting many 'firsts' with routes, Pan Am also established 'firsts' in the aircraft technology they chose, such as being the first to use Boeing 747s in regular scheduled services.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 25 16 mm films, four tape/slide sets on travel, seven individual slides and a tape of Pan American 'Theme' music. The film footage includes the history of the company; promotional films for travel and services; television commercials; introduction to Boeing 747 service; and training films for employees.

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## 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:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Air travel
- Airlines
- Boeing 747 Family
- Television advertising
- Travel
- advertising -- Airlines

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Slides (photographs)

Names:

- Pan American World Airways, Inc.