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Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran Letter

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran Letter
Date:	February 19, 1976
Identifier:	NASM.1996.0020.0062
Creator:	Cochran, Jacqueline
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	At the time of her death in 1980, Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran held more speed, altitude, and distance records than any other pilot, male or female, in aviation history. Her career spanned 40 years from the "Golden Age" of the 1930s as a racing pilot, throughout the turbulent years of World War II as founder and head of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) program, into the jet age when she became the first female pilot to fly faster than the speed of sound. This donation consists of a letter dated February 19, 1976 from Cochran to Miss Jane Sullivan.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran Letter

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

At the time of her death in 1980, Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran held more speed, altitude, and distance records than any other pilot, male or female, in aviation history. Her career spanned 40 years from the "Golden Age" of the 1930s as a racing pilot, throughout the turbulent years of World War II as founder and head of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) program, into the jet age when she became the first female pilot to fly faster than the speed of sound. She was a 14-time winner of the Harmon Trophy for the outstanding female pilot of the year and was accorded numerous other awards and honors in addition to the trophies she won with her flying skills.

Scope and Contents

This donation consists of a letter dated February 19, 1976 from Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran to Miss Jane Sullivan. In the letter, Cochran explains why she became involved with aviation.

Arrangement

Collection is a single item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence