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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Robert Gordon Rocket Propulsion Collection
Date:	[ca 1940s-1950s]
Identifier:	NASM.1999.0023
Creator:	Gordon, Robert
Extent:	0.68 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box) (1 slim legal document box))
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Dr. Robert Gordon, gift, 1999, 1999-0023, unknown

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Biographical / Historical

Robert Gordon (1917-) graduated from Cooper Union before serving with the US Army Air Forces as an engineer and as a navigator. He joined the Aerojet Engineering Corporation in 1945 where he conducted research on rocket propulsion systems. In 1957, Gordon received his Masters degree in Nuclear Engineering and in 1962, a Ph.D in Engineering Science. While at Aerojet General Nucleonics (AGN), he worked on covert naval free-flooded submarines, advanced composite structures and the Snap-8 liquid metal power conversion system. In 1971, Gordon and two associates formed Advanced Composites Industries.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of biographical material on Robert Gordon, papers authored by him and by colleagues on various aspects of rocket propulsion, and his associations with the American Rocket Society, the Aerojet Engineering Corporation and the University of California Department of Nuclear Engineering.

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
- Rocket engines
- Rocketry
- Rockets (Aeronautics)

Types of Materials:

- Publications
- Reports

Names:

- Aerojet-General Corporation
- American Rocket Society
- University of California Department of Nuclear Engineering