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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	American Export Airlines Transatlantic Route Reports
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

This collection consists of the following items: a letter to Coverdale & Colpitts from Edward P. Warner, November 9, 1938; a report, "Notes on the Operating Plan of American Export Lines Inc., and especially on the Correlation of the Present Project with that Studies and Reported on by Edward P. Warner in December 1937"; and the report, "Trans-Atlantic Air Line Possibilities and the Selection of Trans-Atlantic Equipment: report prepared by Edward P. Warner for Coverdale & Colpitts, submitted December 13, 1937," with an accompanying notebook of charts and maps of possible route

Biographical / Historical

In August of 2005, the following items were donated to the Museum: "Little Known Facts about the Scheduled Air Transport Industry," April 15, 1941; An Analysis of Project Beacon, November 1961; The Airport and its Neighbors: The Report of the President's Airport Commission, May 16, 1952; "Air Transport" by J. Parker Van Zandt, November 5, 1912; Aircraft Record: A Manual of Defense Data, Vol. 1, No. 1, May 1941; "Air Carrier

Traffic Study: The Relation of Air Transportation to National Defense," September 9, 1941; Civil Aeronautics Authority Reorganization Plans Press Release, June 30, 1940; memo to Mr. Pogue from Mr. Keyser on the subsidy in mail rates, March 28, 1940; two maps on E. A. L. Instrument approach from NE Atlanta, Georgia, February 26, 1941; CAA "Aircraft Specification, No, 618" (for Douglas Aircraft), January 23, 1941; memo to John Wanner for John Munson on "Approach Zoning of the Washington National Airport," February 6, 1940; eight untitled writings relating to the civil aviation and the Civil Aeronautics Board, 1940s.

Scope and Contents

American Export Airlines (AEA) was established in 1937 by the shipping company, American Export Lines, with the goal of establishing a North Atlantic flying boat route. Dr. Edward P. Warner (1894-1958), an American aviation pioneer and one of the leading figures in world air transport systems, was engaged by AEA to prepare reports on possible North Atlantic routes. Warner produced reports in 1937 and 1938 but AEA was not able to start their New York - Ireland flying boat service until June of 1942, due in part to stiff resistance from Pan American. In 1945 AEA was awarded transatlantic rights covering northern Europe, and the airline cut its strings with the shipping company. In November 1948, AEA merged with American Airlines to become American Overseas Airlines (AOA). AOA and Pan American merged in 1950.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- Freight
- Transatlantic flights

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Maps
- Reports

Names:

- American Export Airlines (AEA)