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Collection Overview

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Creator:	Yelli, Ralph W.
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Ray Airship was designed by Ralph W. Yelli, a civil engineer from Los Angeles, California. Yelli worked on his design during the late 1920s and early 1930s, but it appears that the airship never progressed past the model/concept design. The airship was designed to transport 100 passengers between Los Angeles and New York.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a prospectus including the following types of material all relating to Ralph W. Yelli's Ray Airship: blueprints, specifications, cost analysis, revenue estimates, letters of endorsements, and two photographs of a model of the airship.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airships
- Ray Airship

Types of Materials:

- Blueprints
- Photographs
- Prospectuses