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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Apollo 8 Audio Recording
Date:	(bulk 1968)
Identifier:	NASM.2011.0035
Creator:	United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Apollo program began as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) ten-year plan from 1959, which planned for lunar exploration some time in the 1970s. Following President Kennedy's speech of 25 May 1961, which called for a lunar landing by the end of 1969, NASA accelerated its development scheme accordingly. Apollo 8 (21 Dec - 27 Dec 1968) was the second manned flight of the program, the first manned flight of the Saturn V booster, and the first manned mission to orbit the moon. The main mission objectives were to "demonstrate crew-vehicle-support facilities performance during a manned Saturn V mission with [Command Service Module]" and to "demonstrate performance of nominal and selected backup lunar orbit rendezvous mission activities." The three-man crew, Frank Borman (commander), James A. Lovell (command module pilot), and William A. Anders (lunar module pilot) accomplished all these objectives and returned safely to Earth.

Scope and Contents

This is a NASA recording on a reel-to-reel audio tape, made during the Apollo 8 mission, December 1968. This collection also consists of a CD that was made by NASM when the tape was delivered to Space History for Johnson Space Center (JSC).

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Manned space flight

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- CD-ROMs

Names:

- Anders, William A.
- Borman, Frank, 1928-
- Lovell, Jim