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## Collection Overview

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

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Department of Space History, National Air and Space Museum, Transfer, 2011

### Preferred Citation

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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).

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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  
Manned space flight

Types of Materials:

Audiotapes  
CD-ROMs

Names:

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