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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Amelia Earhart Letter to Joel Schaffer
Date:	1929
Identifier:	NASM.2013.0010
Creator:	Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) in 1928 was the first woman to fly (as a passenger) across the Atlantic, and in 1932 the first woman (and second person, after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo and nonstop across that ocean. This item is a letter sent to Joel Schaffer in 1929 by Amelia Earhart which includes a typed listing of books, compiled by New York University Professor Alexander Klemin for the Guggenheim Foundation, on the subject of aeronautics.
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) in 1928 was the first woman to fly (as a passenger) across the Atlantic, and in 1932 the first woman (and second person, after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo and nonstop across that ocean. She flew many record flights, published several books and accomplished much for women in aviation before attempting on June 1, 1937, an around-the-world flight from Miami, Florida in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra. She and navigator Frederick J. Noonan were flying from Lae, New Guinea to Howland Island when they disappeared over the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937. A exhaustive sea and air search, ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt, was unsuccessful in locating Earhart and Noonan.

Scope and Contents

This item is a letter sent to Joel Schaffer in 1929 by Amelia Earhart. The cover letter is typed, but signed by Amelia Earhart. The packet includes a typed listing of books, compiled by New York University Professor Alexander Klemin for the Guggenheim Foundation, on the subject of aeronautics.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence