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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Park Ridge, IL (Orchard AFB; Orchard Place) Collection
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1946, President Harry Truman signed a bill establishing the Smithsonian's National Air Museum to memorialize the development of aviation; collect, preserve, and display aeronautical equipment; and provide educational material for the study of aviation. The legislation did not provide for the construction of a new building, however, and the collection soon outgrew the Museum's exhibition space. Since there was no room left in the Arts and Industries Building or the "Tin Shed," World War II aircraft and other items such as engines and missiles were stored at an abandoned aircraft factory in Park Ridge, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a folder containing permits, maps, and five photographs relating to the U.S. Army Air Force granting the Smithsonian Institution use of part of the Orchard Air Force Base at Park Ridge, Illinois, for aircraft storage.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Aeronautics

Names:

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Park Ridge, IL (Orchard AFB; Orchard Place)