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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Pan American Airways (Pan Am) Collection [Jones]
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Pan American World Airways (Pan Am) was active in the airline industry from 1927, when it established a regular scheduled international service, to its bankruptcy in late 1991. Pan American was the first American airline to operate a permanent international air service. From its first route between Key West and Havana, Pan Am extended its routes into the rest of the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In 1936, Pan Am inaugurated passenger service in the Pacific, and began service in the Atlantic in 1939. Pan Am started around-the-world commercial air service in 1947. Besides setting many "firsts" with routes, Pan Am also established "firsts" in the aircraft technology they chose, such as being the first to use Boeing 747s in regular scheduled services.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of six cubic feet of material mostly relating to the Pan Am Communications Department and their work in Latin America. This material includes the following types of material: photographs, charts, drawings, weather memos, reports and manuals. This collection also includes material

relating to Pan Am employees, such as retirement, insurance, union, travel policies, and general Pan Am memorabilia.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Airlines
- Airports -- Communication systems

Types of Materials:

- Memorabilia -- 20th century
- Photographs
- Reports
- Technical drawings

Names:

- Pan American World Airways, Inc.

Places:

- Caribbean Area