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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Apollo Program Audio Recordings
Date:	1969-1972
Identifier:	NASM.2018.0029
Extent:	0.68 Cubic feet (3 audio recordings and 1 publication)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of audio recordings, in the format of LP records, pertaining to the Apollo program and a a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) publication.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Apollo program began as part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) ten-year plan from 1959, which planned for lunar exploration sometime 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. Flights began in November 1967 with the unmanned launches of Apollos 4, 5, and 6. The first manned launch occurred in October 1968 with Apollo 7, followed by Apollos 8, 9, and 10. Apollo 11 (16 Jul - 24 Jul 1969) was the first manned craft to land on the moon. Apollo missions continued, including Apollo 16 (16 Apr - 27 Apr 1972), and the last Apollo mission, Apollo 17 in December 1972. In all, twelve men landed on the moon and carried out numerous scientific experiments and returned more than 837 pounds of lunar soil for analysis.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of audio recordings, in the format of LP records, pertaining to the Apollo program. The first is a boxed set produced by Time-Life in 1969 entitled *To the Moon* which includes a set of LP records ("Part I: The Story in Sound") and a hardcover book ("Part II: The Story in Pictures and Text"). The second title is *Man on the Moon*, narrated by Walter Cronkite, and produced by CBS News. There is a General Electric promotional page "Silicones to the Moon" adhered to reverse of this album. The third title is *On the Moon with Apollo 16, Highlights Recorded by the Houston Manned Spacecraft Center* produced by Yorkshire Records, 1972. The collection also contains a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) publication from April 1972 entitled, *On the Moon with Apollo 16, A Guidebook to the Descartes Region*.

Arrangement

This collection is organized by type of material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Space flight

Types of Materials:

- Publications
- Sound recordings