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Northrop B-2 Spirit (Stealth Bomber) Materials [Spataro]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Northrop B-2 Spirit (Stealth Bomber) Materials [Spataro]
Date:	1984-2003
Identifier:	NASM.2019.0013
Creator:	Spataro, Anthony
Extent:	0.2 Cubic feet (1 slim document box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>Anthony Spataro worked at Northrop Corporation (later Northrop Grumman) on the Northrop B-2 Spirit (Stealth Bomber). This collection contains approximately 0.05 cubic feet of material that was gathered by Spataro during his time working on the B-2 program. Materials in the collection include post cards; a color transparency; brochures; news clippings; news releases; and communications to Northrop employees.</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Anthony Spataro, Gift, 2019, NASM.2019.0013. Additional materials received 2025.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Anthony Spataro began working at Northrop Corporation in 1985 as a Maintainability Engineer on the B-2 Spirit program (then known as the ATB - Advanced Technology Bomber) and was promoted to Avionics Maintainability Manager shortly thereafter. Spataro later transferred to B-2 Systems Engineering and was the lead engineer on the On-Board Test System (OBTS) where he checked OBTS performance during flight tests. Once B-2 aircraft were being delivered to Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, Spataro transferred to the B-2 Weapon System Support Center (WSSC) at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma where he helped to design and set up test equipment and labs where all upgrades to the B-2's avionics and software are engineered and tested. Spataro retired from Northrop Grumman in 2005.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains approximately 0.20 cubic feet of material relating to the Northrop B-2 Spirit (Stealth Bomber) that was gathered by Anthony Spataro during his time working on the B-2 program. Materials in the collection include post cards; a color transparency; brochures; news clippings; publications; news releases; communications to Northrop employees from various corporate officers; a flight report; Northrop B-2 Division employee newsletters including the *Team Reporter*, *Newsbriefs*, *Northrop News* (B-2 First Flight Special Edition) and *B-2 Special Report*; and event programs for the B-2 Weapon System Support Center (WSSC) New Facility Ribbon Cutting (January 21, 2000) and Full Operational Capability Ceremony (October 31, 2002). The collection also includes two items relating to the Rockwell B-1B Lancer including an issue of the Rockwell News newsletter on the aircraft's rollout, and an invitation to a "B-1B Family Day" for North American Aircraft Operations (NAAO) employees and their immediate families held at Palmdale Aircraft Assembly Complex in September 1984.

Arrangement

Collection is in original (chronological) order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aircraft industry

Types of Materials:

- Newsletters
- Newspaper clippings
- Press releases

Names:

- Northrop Corp