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Man on the Moon "Decade in a Day" 45 rpm Record

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Man on the Moon "Decade in a Day" 45 rpm Record
Identifier:	NASM.2019.0025
Date:	July 20, 1969
Extent:	0.01 Cubic feet (One letter folder.)
Creator:	WWDC (Radio station : Washington, D.C.)
Language:	English This collection is in English.
Summary:	This donation consists of one Man on the Moon "Decade in a Day" seven-inch 45 rpm vinyl record, with album cover.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Bud Keiser, Gift, 2019, NASM.2019.0025

Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Patti Williams, 2020.

Preferred Citation

Man on the Moon "Decade in a Day" 45 rpm Record, NASM.2019.0025, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

On the evening of July 20, 1969, not everyone was focused on the Apollo 11 moon landing all the time. Many baseball fans were tuned in to radio broadcasts from Yankee stadium that night as the Yankees

played the Washington Senators. At the moment of landing, broadcasters interrupted the game and switched over to the live feeds, unscripted and unedited, that they were receiving from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). When Eagle landed, and the stations switched back over to the game, it was announced in the stadium that Apollo 11 had landed on the Moon. The roar of the crowd, which then later breaks out into song in celebration, perfectly captures the mood of a nation, filled with pride in the accomplishment. In a stroke of marketing genius, WWDC Radio, and the Washington Senators, produced a commemorative 45 rpm record album that they gave away as a marketing gift that would forever associate their team and brand with the moment.

Scope and Contents

This donation consists of one Man on the Moon "Decade in a Day" seven-inch 45 rpm vinyl record, with album cover. This recording captures the historical moment during the Senators-Yankees Game in Yankee Stadium on July 20, 1969.

Arrangement

No arrangement, just one item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Apollo 11 Flight
- Astronautics
- Baseball
- Space flight to the moon

Types of Materials:

- 45 rpm records

Names:

- Washington Senators (Baseball team : 1901-1960)