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Operation Crossroads Loading List

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Operation Crossroads Loading List
Date:	1946
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Summary:	Operation Crossroads was an atmospheric nuclear weapon test series conducted by Joint Army/Navy Task Force One in the summer of 1946 at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. This collection consists of a loading list for the Douglas C-54 Skymaster (A/C No. 9122) carrying official observers during the first detonation (<i>Ab/le</i>) of Operation Crossroads, July 1, 1946.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Operation Crossroads Loading List

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Operation Crossroads was an atmospheric nuclear weapon test series conducted by Joint Army/Navy Task Force One in the summer of 1946 at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The series consisted of two detonations, a low altitude test and a shallow water test. The series was intended to study the effects of nuclear weapons on warships,

equipment, and material. Staff Sergeant Loren L. Parmelee participated in Operation Crossroads, including serving as engineer on the Douglas C-54 Skymaster (A/C No. 9122) that carried official observers during the first detonation (*Able*) on July 1, 1946.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a loading list for the Douglas C-54 Skymaster (A/C No. 9122) carrying official observers during the first detonation (*Able*) of Operation Crossroads, July 1, 1946. The typewritten list includes the crew and passengers which includes observers and a Congressional party. The list has been signed by most of the passengers and by two members of the crew. The list is part of an arrangement in a photo mat which measures approximately 15 x 23 inches and also includes a brief caption regarding the list and a short quote from *Operation Crossroads: The Atomic Tests at Bikini Atoll* by Jonathan M. Weisgall.

Arrangement

Collection is a single item.

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
Operation Crossroads, 1946

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Ephemera