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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Charles Stuart Sheldon II Papers
<b>Date:</b>	1934-1980 (bulk 1958-1972)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0141
<b>Creator:</b>	Sheldon, Charles Stuart, II, 1917-1981
<b>Extent:</b>	13.08 Cubic feet ((12 records center boxes))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

C.S. Sheldon II, Gift, 1984, XXXX-0141, unknown

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No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Dr. Charles Stuart Sheldon II (1917-1981) was an economist, author, and advisor to Congress and the President on aerospace matters. Sheldon graduated from the University of Washington (BA, 1936; MA, 1938) and Harvard University (AM, 1939; Ph.D., 1942) and worked in several transportation and economics-related positions before World War II. During and after the war he served in the United States Navy (1943-1952) before transferring to the Naval Reserve. He spent several several years on the staff of the University of Washington Departments of Transportation (1940-48), including three years as Director (1946-48), and Economics (1949-55), before joining the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress (CRS) as Senior Specialist, Transportation and Communications (1955-58). At the same time he served as director of several congressional committees relating to astronautics. He joined the professional staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Council (1961-66), which advised the President on aerospace matters, before returning to CRS (1966-81).

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists mainly of Sheldon's research correspondence files from his tenure at CRS and NASC. The collection also reflects his activities as Staff Economist for the Joint Economics Committee

(1955-57), Assistant Director, House Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration (1958), and Technical Director, House Committee on Science and Astronautics (1959-61). The bulk of the material consists of papers and notes regarding U.S. and Soviet space programs (both manned and unmanned) in connection with various papers and speeches prepared by Dr. Sheldon, including original drawings of Soviet spacecraft, various photos of U.S. and Soviet craft, articles, and papers touching on various aerospace subjects, as well as notes of lectures given by Dr. Sheldon, and copies (both rough-draft and final) of speeches given by him in the 1960s.

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## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Drawings
- Manuscripts
- Notes
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Library of Congress. Congressional Research Service
- National Aeronautics and Space Council (U.S.)
- Sheldon, Charles Stuart, II, 1917-1981
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on Science and Astronautics
- United States. Congress. House. Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration
- United States. Congress. Joint Economic Committee

Places:

- Outer space -- Exploration -- Soviet Union
- Outer space -- Exploration -- United States