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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | National Air Museum Establishment Correspondence |
| Date: | 1932-1946 |
| Identifier: | NASM.XXXX.0379 |
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

No donor information, gift, unknown, XXXX-0379, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

The third Secretary of the Smithsonian, Samuel Langley, held a strong interest in aeronautics, astrophysics and astronomy. It is not surprising then that during Langley's 1887-1906 tenure the Institution began a concentrated effort to start collecting material on these subjects. The growing aviation collection was housed in different locations within the Smithsonian complex until 1946, when The National Air Museum (NAM) was created as a separate bureau of the Smithsonian Institution by Act of Congress, Public Law 722. Twenty years later the Museum's name was changed to the National Air and Space Museum (NASM) to reflect the need to document space topics.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 'Report on the Status of Aircraft Museums, 1932,' and correspondence (mostly copies) sent to General Henry 'Hap' Arnold discussing the establishment of a National Air Museum (1945-1946).

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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:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Military
- Astronautics
- Military museums

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Publications

Names:

- Arnold, Henry Harley, 1886-1950
- National Air Museum (U.S.)
- National Air and Space Museum (U.S.)