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Wright 1903 Flyer "Operation Homecoming" Scrapbook

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Wright 1903 Flyer "Operation Homecoming" Scrapbook
Date:	1948-1949
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0393
Creator:	National Air Museum (U.S.)
Extent:	0.66 Cubic feet (1 flatbox)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This scrapbook chronicles the return of the Wright 1903 Flyer to the United States, beginning with the early negotiations with England to the reception at the Smithsonian following receipt of the aircraft.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

After disagreements with the Smithsonian Institution, Orville Wright elected to loan his Wright 1903 Flyer to the Science Museum in England. Upon his death, an agreement was reached to return to aircraft to the United States where it would be housed by the National Air Museum.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook chronicles the return of the Wright 1903 Flyer from the early negotiations with England to the reception following receipt of the aircraft. The scrapbook includes the following types of material: reception invitation and program; remarks from the reception; a letter sent by Harry Truman which was read during the reception; newspaper articles; and photographs, including shots of the curators setting up the display and hanging the aircraft in the National Air Museum in the North Hall of Arts and Industry Building.

Arrangement

This collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- 1903-1916
- Airplanes
- Wright (Brothers) 1903 Flyer

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Programs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- National Air Museum (U.S.)
- Science Museum of London
- Smithsonian Institution
- Wright, Orville, 1871-1948

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1

[\[Scrapbook\], 1948-1949](#)

Notes:

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