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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Theodore von Karman Collection Microfiche
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0537
<b>Date:</b>	1871-1963
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Cubic feet ((10 shoeboxes))
<b>Creator:</b>	Von Kármán, Theodore, 1881-1963
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

California Institute of Technology, unknown, 1980, XXXX-0537, California Institute of Technology

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## Biographical / Historical

Theodore von Karman (1881-1963) was an accomplished physicist, aerodynamicist, applied mathematician, and science advisor. Born in Hungary, von Karman received a degree in mechanical engineering from The Royal Joseph Technical University, and a doctor's degree from The University of Gottingen. In 1930, von Karman was appointed as professor of aeronautics, director of the Daniel Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, and director of the Daniel Guggenheim Airship Institute at Akron Ohio. He was a founding member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and was the recipient of many awards, including the U.S. Medal of Merit and the first U.S. National Medal of Science.

## Scope and Contents

This collection covers von Karman's life, but the core of the collection is records relating to: his career in Germany after World War I; materials pertaining to his association with such organizations as the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics, the National Advisory Committee on Aviation, the United States Air Force, and the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics; and personal and scientific correspondence with colleagues and students from around the world.

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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:

- Aerodynamics
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Research
- Mathematics
- Physics

Types of Materials:

- Microfiche

Names:

- Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics, Inc.
- United States. Air Force
- United States. National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
- Von Kármán, Theodore, 1881-1963