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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Vostok Scrapbook
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0583
Date:	1961-1964
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet ((1 scrapbook))
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Frank Winter, Gift, 1996, XXXX-0583, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

The former Soviet Union began manned space flight on April 12, 1961, when they launched cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin into orbit around the Earth aboard the Vostok space capsule. The single-seat Vostok remained in use for five more flights, until 1964, when it was replaced with the multi-seater space capsule Voskhod.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a variety of documentation pertaining to the Vostok capsule. Included are: engineering drawings by Donald J. Ritchie of the capsule, the cabin instrument panel, the cabin control panel and the ejection seat; detailed pencil drawings of the capsule and the cabin instrumentation, in English and in Russian, most are signed and dated; an article from 'Aviation Week and Space Technology' May 31, 1965, magazine and newspaper clippings; and sixty-five black and white photographs of the capsule, cabin instrument panel, cabin control panel, ejection seat, and space suit.

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
- Astronauts
- Manned space flight
- Space flight
- Vostok (manned satellite)

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Drawings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Gagarin, Yuri Alekseyevich, 1934-1968

Geographic Names:

- Outer space -- Exploration
- Outer space -- Exploration -- Soviet Union