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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	R. E. G. (Ron) Davies Air Transport Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0604
Date:	(bulk 1910s-1980s)
Extent:	65 Cubic feet
Creator:	Davies, R. E. G. (Ronald Edward George)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

R. E. G. (Ron) Davies, Gift, 1981

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Biographical / Historical

R. E. G. (Ron) Davies (b. 1921) was born in England and educated in Shaftesbury, Dorset. After spending six and a half years in the British Army, Davies joined the newly formed Ministry of Civil Aviation. Davies then spent six years in economic research with British European Airways, before joining British Aeroplane Company in 1957, where he set up a market research department. Davies worked in various manufacturing companies, specializing in market research and traffic analysis. In 1968, Davies went to work in the United States for Douglas Aircraft where he remained for 13 years as head of market research. In 1981 Davies was appointed as the Charles Lindbergh Chair of Aerospace History at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC. After his appointment as Lindbergh Chair ended, Davies became a curator in the Aeronautics Division of the Museum. Davies has written 25 books about airlines, airline personalities and aspects of air transport, including the reference standards A History of

the World Airlines, Airlines of the United States since 1914, Airlines of Latin America since 1919, and Airlines of Asia. Davies is a Fellow of three Royal Societies: Aeronautics, Arts, and Geographical and is an Associate of the Academe National de L'Air et de l'Espace. He is a Fellow National of the Explorers Club and a member of the New York's Wings Club and Washington's Cosmos Club. From Brazil he received the Santos Dumont Medal and the Aeronautics Order of Merit.

Scope and Contents

This reference collection was compiled by Ron Davies and consists of the following: 5,000 aviation prints; 3,500 airline timetables; 63 loose-leaf notebooks; airline annual reports; and miscellaneous airline memorabilia. It is unclear if additional timetables, negatives, photographs, and dossiers were donated from 1982-1989, or if the collection was transferred to the Archives over a period of time.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Air travel
- Airlines
- Airplanes

Types of Materials:

- Annual reports
- Memorabilia -- 20th century
- Notebooks
- Photographic prints
- Timetables