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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Geraldine Mock Collection
Date:	1963-1964
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0833
Creator:	Mock, Geraldine L. "Jerrie"
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English , Multiple languages .
Summary:	Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock was the first woman to fly solo around the world and the holder of 21 world records overall. This collection consists of materials pertaining to Mock's flight around the world.
Digital Content:	Image(s): NASM 9A11702, Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock with her Cessna 180 "Spirit of Columbus"; 1964.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Geraldine Mock, Gift, Unknown, Deed signed in 2007, NASM.XXXX.0833

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock was born November 22, 1925 in Newark, Ohio. She studied aeronautical engineering at Ohio State University. She was nicknamed "the flying housewife" when she became the first woman to circle the globe. She left Columbus, Ohio on March 19, 1964. Her airplane, the "Spirit of Columbus" was a 1953 single-engine Cessna 180 monoplane. Mock landed April 18, 1964 having taken 29 days, 11

hours, and 59 minutes to fly around the world. The trip also made her the first woman to cross the Atlantic and the Pacific. She was named the Vice-Chairman of the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation to the FAA. On May 4, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson gave her the FAA's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service. In 1966, she set a straight line distance record for a flight between Honolulu, Hawaii and Columbus, Ohio. Overall, Mock set twenty-one world records, seven of which were set flying around the world. She wrote about her experience in *Three Eight Charlie*.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of materials from Geraldine Mock's record setting flight around the world. Documents in this collection include requests for sponsorship; correspondence with foreign dignitaries; pilot's daily log; documentation of the record set; aircraft modifications; maps of Hawaii, the Philippines, and Europe; an insurance statement; menus; receipts for gas; photographs; permissions to land from foreign countries; weather forecasts; and flight plans.

Note: Images shown represent a portion of the collection. The entire collection has not been scanned.

Arrangement

This collection is organized chronologically.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Flights
- Aeronautics -- Records
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Logbooks
- Photographs

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	[Pre-flight Correspondence]
Box 1, Folder 2	[In-flight Documentation]
Box 1, Folder 3	[Legal Documentation and Miscellaneous]
Box 1, Folder 4	<p>NASM-9A11704: National Aeronautic Association (NAA), "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records", 1964</p> <p>Notes: Document submitted by Geraldine L."Jerrie" Mock to the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) in 1964 following her round-the-world flight: "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records: Class C-1.c, Group II; Class C-1, Group II – Feminine; Speed Around The World" (84 pages). Document contains information pertaining to Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock's record flight around the world in her Cessna 180 "Spirit of Columbus" (r/n N1538C). Contents include various certificates/certifications, a summary of arrivals and departures, speed calculations, a manuscript pilot's log, a map of the course flown, and two photographs of the contestant and her aircraft.</p>
Box 1, Folder 4, Page 83	<p>NASM-9A11702: Photograph of Contestant [Detail of page 55 of document: National Aeronautic Association (NAA), "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records"], 1964</p> <p>Notes: "Photograph of Contestant." Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock, holding a cup in her hand, poses standing beside the left side of the nose of her Cessna 180 "Spirit of Columbus" (r/n N1538C), probably in Columbus, Ohio. [Detail of photograph on page 83 (page no. 55) of document submitted by Geraldine L."Jerrie" Mock to the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) in 1964 following her round-the-world flight: "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records: Class C-1.c, Group II; Class C-1, Group II – Feminine; Speed Around The World."]</p>
Box 1, Folder 4, Page 84	<p>NASM-9A11715: Photograph of Contest Aircraft [Detail of page 56 of document: National Aeronautic Association (NAA), "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records"], 1964</p> <p>Notes: "Photograph of Contest Aircraft." Three-quarter right front view, close-up, of Geraldine L. "Jerrie" Mock's Cessna 180 "Spirit of Columbus" (r/n N1538C) on the ground, engine running, probably in Ohio. [Detail from page 84 (page no. 56) of document submitted by Geraldine L."Jerrie" Mock to the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) in 1964 following her round-the-world flight: "Request for Homologation, World 'Class' Records: Class C-1.c, Group II; Class C-1, Group II – Feminine; Speed Around The World."]</p>