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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Concorde became the first supersonic airliner for commercial flight when Air France and British Airways jointly inaugurated its service in 1976 to destinations around the globe. Designed and built by Aérospatiale of France and

the British Aviation Corporation, the Concorde could comfortably carry up to 100 passengers and cross the Atlantic in fewer than four hours - half the time of a conventional jet airliner. However, its high operating costs resulted in very high fares that limited the number of passengers who could afford to fly it. These problems and a shrinking market eventually forced the reduction of service until all Concorde were retired in 2003.

The Concorde that made the first commercial Air France Concorde flight from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on May 24, 1976 is the aircraft in the National Air and Space Museum's artifact collection (Inventory number: A20030139000).

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the flight plan (four pages plus a chart) for the first commercial Air France Concorde flight from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on May 24, 1976. The flight plan was presented to the National Air and Space Museum at the conclusion of the flight by the pilot, Capt. Pierre Dudal. The Concorde aircraft that made this flight is held in the National Air and Space Museum's artifact collection (Inventory number: A20030139000).

Arrangement

Three documents.

Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

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Concorde (Jet transports)