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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Charles Lindbergh Autographed Photograph
Date:	December 27, 1927
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1086
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 black and white photograph)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of one 6 x 8 inch black and white photograph of Charles A. Lindbergh posed in front of the Ryan NYP <i>Spirit of St. Louis</i> . The photograph is autographed by Lindbergh to "Captain Alan F. Winslow, Sincerely, Charles A. Lindbergh, Mexico City, Dec. 27, 1927."
Digital Content:	Image(s): Charles Lindbergh Autographed Photograph

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Margaret Garber Blue, gift, 1975, NASM.XXXX.1086

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

On May 21, 1927, Charles Augustus Lindbergh (1902-1974) completed the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight in history, flying his Ryan NYP *Spirit of St. Louis* (r/n N-X-211) 5,810 kilometers (3,610 miles) between Roosevelt Field on Long Island, New York, and Paris, France, in 33 hours, 30 minutes. With this flight, Lindbergh won the \$25,000 prize offered by New York hotel owner Raymond Orteig to the first aviator to fly an aircraft directly across the Atlantic between New York and Paris. When he landed at Le Bourget Field in Paris, Lindbergh became a world hero who would remain in the public eye for decades. Following his

historic New York to Paris flight, Lindbergh embarked on a good will tour of various cities in the United States and abroad. On December 13, 1927, Lindbergh took off from Bolling Field in Washington, D.C. in the *Spirit of St. Louis* on a nonstop overnight flight to Mexico, arriving midafternoon at Balbuena Field in Mexico City on December 14, 1927. Alan Francis Winslow (1895-1933), a distinguished World War I veteran pilot of the Lafayette Escadrille and the US Army's 94th Aero Squadron, was serving at the time as First Secretary under Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow of the United States Embassy to Mexico; Morrow was the father of Anne Spencer Morrow, who Lindbergh would marry in 1929. Lindbergh departed Mexico City on December 28, 1927, for Guatemala City, the next stop on his Central American good will tour.

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Arrangement

This is a single item collection. The photograph has been assigned NASM Archives image reference number NASM-9A18880, and was copied in the past as Smithsonian Institution negative number 86-3106.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airplanes
- Ryan NYP "Spirit of St. Louis"

Names:

- Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974

Places:

- Mexico City (Mexico)