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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the history of the aeronautical and space collections at the Smithsonian Institution, from the United States National Museum through the National Air Museum to the National Air and Space Museum (NASM), including the Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration, and Storage Facility and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. Topics include facility design, exhibitions, publicity, and special events. Materials include photographs, concept drawings, informational brochures, annual reports, design proposals, floor plans, scripts, event programs, pamphlets, clippings, press releases, press books, and related materials.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautical museums
- Museum architecture
- Museum buildings
- Museum exhibits
- Museum storage facilities
- Publicity
- Special events

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Clippings
Color transparencies
Drawings
Floor plans
Manuscripts
Pamphlets

Names:

National Air Museum (U.S.)
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration, and Storage Facility
Smithsonian Institution
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
United States National Museum

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- Box 1 of 3 Aerobatic Exhibit and Question Mark Exhibit, early 1970s
- Box 1 of 3 Satellite Installation
- Box 1 of 3 *Enola Gay* Exhibition Controversies, 1991-2003 (4 folders)
- Box 1 of 3 Stanley King Collection of Charles A. Lindbergh Memorabilia Storefront Case Theme
- Box 1 of 3 "Space Race" Press Book, 1997
- Box 1 of 3 Docent and Volunteer Appreciation Night, 2001
- Box 1 of 3 Volunteer Appreciation Event Photograph (Accession 17-247)
- Box 1 of 3 "Masters of the Air," 1954
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- Box 2 of 3 Floor Plans
- Box 2 of 3 Paul E. Garber Facilities Brochures
- Box 2 of 3 "A Guide to Aircraft at the Paul E. Garber Facility," March 1990 (Accession 17-246)
- Box 2 of 3 "For the Air Age: A National Museum," September 1955
- Box 2 of 3 "The Expanding Role of the Smithsonian Institute in Aviation and Education," by Dr. Leonard Carmichael, September 1955
- Box 2 of 3 National Air and Space Museum Opening Press Release, July 1, 1976 (page 1 only)
- Box 2 of 3 Lunar Landing Party, July 20, 1989
- Box 2 of 3 "The National Air and Space Museum," by S. Paul Johnston, 1965
- Box 2 of 3 "Smithsonian Learning Opportunities for Schools, 1980-1981"

- Box 2 of 3 "Benefactors to Flight: The Guggenheim Contribution to Aviation," Film Script and Photographs, October 19, 1994
- Box 2 of 3 USSR Threat Slides, NASM Accession 1994-0020-0073
- Box 2 of 3 Report on the National Air Museum, 1963
- Box 2 of 3 National Air Museum Annual Report, 1965
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- Box 2 of 3 National Air and Space Museum Annual Report, 1968
- Box 2 of 3 Presentation of the Wright Brothers' Airplane, Program, December 17, 1948
- Box 2 of 3 Report on the National Air Museum, 1956
- Box 2 of 3 Report of the United States National Museum, 1947
- Box 2 of 3 "The Smithsonian Institution," 1963
- Box 2 of 3 Smithsonian Institution, Information Leaflet 8 (Revised), "The Wright Brothers"
- Box 2 of 3 Smithsonian Institution, Information Leaflet 29 (Revised), "Samuel Pierpont Langley"
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- Box 2 of 3 "The First Hundred Years of the Smithsonian Institution, 1846-1946"
- Box 2 of 3 "A Biographical Sketch of James Smithson," 1963
- Box 2 of 3 "Smithsonian Institution: Report of the Secretary and Financial Report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents," 1960

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- Box 3 of 3 Air and Space Building Wall Exhibits, 1971
- Box 3 of 3 "Smithsonian Institution" Pamphlet, circa 1950
- Box 3 of 3 "Brief Guide to the Smithsonian Institution"
- Box 3 of 3 Harley-Davidson Installation
- Box 3 of 3 "Proposed National Air Museum," Public Buildings Administration, 1948-1949

- Box 3 of 3 Models and Concept Drawings for the National Air Museum
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- Box 3 of 3 "Salute to Military Aviation Veterans," Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, December 9, 2003 (Accession 07-195)
- Box 3 of 3 Udvar-Hazy Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, October 25, 2000 (Accession 07-198)
- Box 3 of 3 Article by S. Paul Johnston - Reprint from "Aerospace," Spring 1965 (Accession 07-200)
- Box 3 of 3 Brochures for National Air and Space Museum at Arts and Industries Building (Accession 09-146)
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- Box 3 of 3 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Program, July 1, 1976 (Accession 09-146)
- Box 3 of 3 Wernher von Braun Memorial Lecture by Ruben F. Mettler - "New Horizons: American Space Policy in a Changing World," January 31, 1991 (Accession 09-158)
- Box 3 of 3 "National Aircraft Collection," 1949 (Accession 09-166)
- Box 3 of 3 "For the Air Age: A National Museum," Reprinted from Architectural Record, September 1955 (Accession 09-166)
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