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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: National Air and Space Museum, Exhibits Design Division
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the design of new exhibitions for display at the National Air and Space Museum as well as updates to existing exhibitions. The majority of the records were created and maintained by William Jacobs, Exhibits Designer. Exhibitions documented in this accession include "Where Next, Columbus?;" "Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II" (proposed), "Dream to Fly: Black Aviators and American Identity" (proposed); "Space Race;" "Air Transportation;" "Vertical Flight;" "Air Traffic Control;" "Business Wings;" "Flight Testing;" "How Things Fly;" "Looking at Earth;" "Explore the Universe;" "Rocketry and Spaceflight;" "Sea-Air Operations;" and "Exploring the Planets." Materials include correspondence, memoranda, budgets, conceptual sketches, scripts, installation images, images to be used in exhibitions, contracts, floor plans, elevations, brochures, meeting minutes, notes, clippings, 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
Astronautical museums
Exhibitions
Jacobs, William.

Types of Materials:
Architectural drawings
Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Clippings
Color negatives
Color photographs
Color transparencies
Floor plans
Manuscripts
Sketches

Names:
Air Transportation (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Dream to Fly: Black Aviators and American Identity (Proposed exhibition)
Explore the Universe (Exhibition)
Exploring the Planets (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Flight Testing (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Jet Aviation (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II (Proposed exhibition)
Living and Working in Space (Proposed exhibition)
Looking at Earth (Exhibition) (1986- : Washington, D.C.)
Rocketry and Spaceflight (Exhibition) (1979-2008: Washington, D.C.)
Sea-Air Operations (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Space Race (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Vertical Flight (Exhibition) (Washington, D.C.)
Container Listing

Box 1

Where Next, Columbus? - Project Manual, 1992 (3 folders)

The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II - Exhibition Script, 10/28/1994 (4 folders)

Enola Gay Exhibition, Section 100 - Photographs

Enola Gay Exhibition, Section 200 - Photographs

Enola Gay Exhibition, Section 500 - Photographs

Enola Gay Exhibition, Section 600 - Photographs

The Dream to Fly: Black Aviators and American Identity (Proposed) - Gallery Plan, February 1999 (2 folders)

Unidentified Installation Images, 1982

Space Race - Graphic

Space Race - Display Unlimited, Inc.

Space Race - VIP Button, Plaque, Program Logos

Space Race - Icons, Timeline, Images

Space Race - BWC Photography

Space Race - ASI, Inc., Type, Contract, Graphics

Space Race - Small Artifacts

Space Race - Technical Illustrations

Space Race - Hubble Space Telescope Conversion

Space Race - Spacesuit Mannequins

Space Race - Perot Foundation Artifacts and Labels

Space Race - Unit Sketches for Label Fit

Space Race - Maps

Space Race - Soviet Lunar Rocket

Space Race - Multiple Docking Adaptor Removal

Space Race - Russian Space Artifacts

Space Race - Corona Spy Satellite
Space Race - Existing Railings, Cases, Panels, etc., Gallery 114

Space Race - Gallery 114 Hoist

Box 2

Space Race - Concept Design, October 1995
Space Race - Floor Plan
Space Race - Films
Space Race - Concept Design/Image File
Space Race - Detail Sketches
Space Race - Public Programs
Space Race - Special Events/Opening
Space Race - Script Review, 10/30/1995
Space Race - Budget
Space Race - Smithsonian Directive 410 Review
Space Race - Schedule
Space Race - Conservation
Space Race - Travel to Russia
Space Race - Spacesuit Case Canopies
Space Race, 1997 (4 folders)
Space Race - Drawings, 12/17/1996
Gallery 100, 1987-1996
Gallery 102 - Air Transportation, 1975-1980
Gallery 102 - General, 1998-2002
Gallery 102 - National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), June 1997
Gallery 103 - Vertical Flight, 1983-1987
Gallery 103 - General, 1993-1997
Gallery 103 - Air Traffic Control, 1985

Box 3

Gallery 103 - Solar Challenger, 1981-1982
Gallery 104 - American Helicopter Society, 1993
Gallery 104 - Arado, 1993
Gallery 104 - Focus on Flight Art Contest, 1988
Gallery 104 - General, 1995-2001
Gallery 105 - Dream to Fly
Gallery 105 - Divided Skies
Gallery 105 - Business Wings, 1998-1999
Gallery 106 - Jet Aviation, 1997
Gallery 106 - General, 1998-2004
Gallery 107 - General, 1990-1998
Gallery 108 - Keith Ferris, 2002
Gallery 108 - General
Gallery 110 - Administrators of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 1982-1983
Gallery 110 - Looking at Earth, 1997
Gallery 110 - General, 1987-1993
Gallery 111 - Exploring the Universe, 2000
Gallery 111 - Stars, 1984-1992
Gallery 113 - Rocketry, 2001
Gallery 114 - Space Anniversaries, 1986
Gallery 114 - Defense Intelligence Agency Art Exhibit, 1998-1999
Gallery 114 - General, 1990-1996
Planetarium Wall - Andreas Nottebohm, 1986-1989
Planetarium Wall - Comet Quest, 1984
Gallery 203 - Sea-Air Operations, 1997-2005
Gallery 205 - General, 1984-1992
Gallery 206 - General, 1972-1982
Gallery 207 - Venus, 1997
Gallery 207 - Exploring the Planets, 1982-2000
Gallery 208 - Finch, 1997
Gallery 208 - Fossett Gondola, 1997-2002
Gallery 208 - General, 1989-1995

Box 4
Gallery 209 - Apollo to the Moon, Guggenheim Wall
Gallery 209 - General, 1995-2003
Gallery 211 - Fire and Ice: A History of Comets in Art, 1985
Gallery 211 - Movietone News (Proposed), 1985
Gallery 211 - Fraser Batik, 1994-1995
Gallery 211 - General, 1982-2002
Star Trek, 1991
Vietnam Exhibit, 1993-1995
Living and Working in Space (Proposed), 1986
Gossamer Condor, 1996