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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Records
Identifier:	Record Unit 302
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Language:	English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

The Meteorite Photography and Recovery Project, also known as the Prairie Network, was created in 1962 and supported by a grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The Prairie Network was a system of 16 automatic camera stations organized in the Midwestern United States to acquire orbital and trajectory data on extremely bright meteors. The data was then used to recover any resultant meteorites. Richard E. McCrosky was the scientist in charge of the project from 1962 until its termination in 1975.

Descriptive Entry

This record unit consists primarily of administrative records and includes fiscal records, grant and contract proposals, camera station reports, requisitions and purchase orders, travel records, personnel records, and annual reports.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Meteorites
Research

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

McCrosky, Richard E.
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Container Listing

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- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Station Financial, 11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Leases - Lincoln
- Box 1 of 3 Lincoln Financial Reports
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Proposals, Contracts, Project Authorizations,
11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Station Travel, 11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Contractual Correspondence, 11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Semi-Annual Reports, 11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network General Information, 11/1/1971-10/31/1972
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Semi-Annual Reports, 11/1/1970-10/31/1971
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Budget Backup, 11/1/1970-10/31/1971
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Proposals, Contracts, Project Authorizations,
11/1/1970-10/31/1971
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Station Travel, 11/1/1970-10/31/1971
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network Contractual Correspondence, 11/1/1970-10/31/1971
- Box 1 of 3 Prairie Network General Information, 11/1/1970-10/31/1971

Box 2

- Box 2 of 3 Prairie Network Termination
- Box 2 of 3 Prairie Network Proposal, 11/1/1973-10/31/1974, 11/1/1974-10/31/1975
- Box 2 of 3 Inventory - Leases
- Box 2 of 3 Capital Credit Certificates

Box 2 of 3 Prairie Network [Expenses]
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Box 2 of 3 McCrosky Federal Requisitions
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Box 3

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Box 3 of 3 Prairie Network Inventory
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Box 3 of 3 Bullock, Leola J.
Box 3 of 3 Shao, Cheng-yuan
Box 3 of 3 Collawn, James F.
Box 3 of 3 Thomas, Arlene J.