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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

The position of Deputy Director was created in 1971 when Director Michael Collins appointed Melvin B. Zisfein to the office. Zisfein, who was also Acting Director in 1978, served until 1981 when he left the museum. Walter J. Boyne was named Deputy Director in 1981 and held the office, along with that of Acting Director, until 1983, when he became Director. In 1983 Boyne chose Donald S. Lopez to be Deputy Director for Curatorial Sciences. In 1984 the title was shortened to Deputy Director. Lopez remained in the position until 1990 when he became Senior Adviser to the Director, Martin Harwit.

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## Descriptive Entry

These records consist of files of both Zisfein and Lopez as Deputy Director. Included are administrative subject files, chronological correspondence files, and files on Guggenheim fellowships, 1979-1986. Some correspondence was created by Toni E. Thomas, Special Assistant to Donald S. Lopez.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Aeronautical museums

Names:

Deputy Director  
Lopez, Donald S., 1923-  
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Office of the Deputy Director.  
Thomas, Antoinette E.  
Zisfein, Melvin B.

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## Container Listing

### Box 1

Administrative, 1977-1981

Adaptronics, 1978

Aeronautics (General), 1974-1981

Agreements NASM (National Air and Space Museum) with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), 1967

AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics), 1974

"Air & Space" Publication, 1978-1981

American Association of Museums, 1979-1981

American Society for Aerospace Education, 1976-1981 (2 folders)

### Box 2

AIAA Distinguished Lecture Series, 1978-1979

AIAA, 1974-1980

Apollo XI - 10th Anniversary, 1978-1980

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Archives, 1976-1977

Artifacts - Curatorial Responsibility, 1978-1980

Artifacts for New Building - Moving Suspension, 1972-1981

Artist in Residence, 1973-1981

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Association of Science & Technology Centers, 1975-1980

### Box 3

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Black Mannequins, 1978

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Boomerang, 1972-1981

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Brewer Trophy Committee, 1977-1981

Britannica, 1978

Brookings Institution, 1978-1981

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BMD (Buildings Management Department)/NASM, 1975-1981

Bureau Directors, 1972-1980

Bureau Planning, 1980-1981

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Center for Earth and Planetary Studies, 1974-1980

Ceremonies, 1972

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M. Collins, 1973-1980

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Copyrights, 1978

Correspondence - NASM Staff, 1971-1981

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Correspondence - SI, 1972-1981

Council of Directors, 1974-1981

COSMOS, 1980

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Executive Committee Review (3/25/1980)

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Lawless, Benjamin W., 1972-1978  
Legislative Bulletin, 1978-1981  
Library, 1973-1981  
Mail Survey, 1981  
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McDade, 1978  
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Security (Protection), 1974-1980

Seidell Fund, 1980-1981

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1979-1981

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Guggenheim 1980. Includes individual fellowship files.

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Guggenheim 1983. Includes individual fellowship files.

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IMAX Films at the Samuel P. Langley Theater, 1984 (Accession 09-157)

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