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*National Air and Space
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Everything You Ever
Wanted

to Know About

the NASM

Archives...

*...and some things you never
thought to ask!*



What kind of material
does the NASM
Archives collect?

Documents

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Pacific Air Schools
 BOX 2265, GILMAN AIRPORT, TUCSON, ARIZONA

March 6, 1944

*Licenses 1013
31844
mp*

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

5.

should be organized and prizes offered

Will Lieut. Gen. Scott please see Professor Lowe, over snow about his balloon?

Jan. 25, 1861, A. Lincoln

FIELD REPORT

Hartford Conn. Date *Sept. 5, 1900*

| Passenger | Time of Flight | Wind Dircn. | Wind Vcty | Length of Flight Time | Dist. | Remarks |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| — | 4:20 | | | 11:00 | | Up about 400 ft |
| — | 5:35 | | | 9:30 | | |
| Curtis | 6:10 | | | | | False start |
| " | 6:20 | | | | | " " |
| — | 6:25 | | | 6:30 | | These starts all made from rail, had no wheels on skids. |

trained personnel; highly perfected equipment; accurate weather information and adequate equipment, including means of radio communication for use in case of forced landings

Charles A. Lindbergh

Wright, W. Established in 1894

Wright Cycle Company
 1127 West Third Street.
 DAYTON, OHIO.

May 30, 1899

The Smithsonian Institution,
 Washington

Dear Sirs:

I have been interested in the problem of mechanical and human flight ever since as a boy I constructed a number of models of various sizes after the

| |
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| Gasoline used |
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Technical Materials

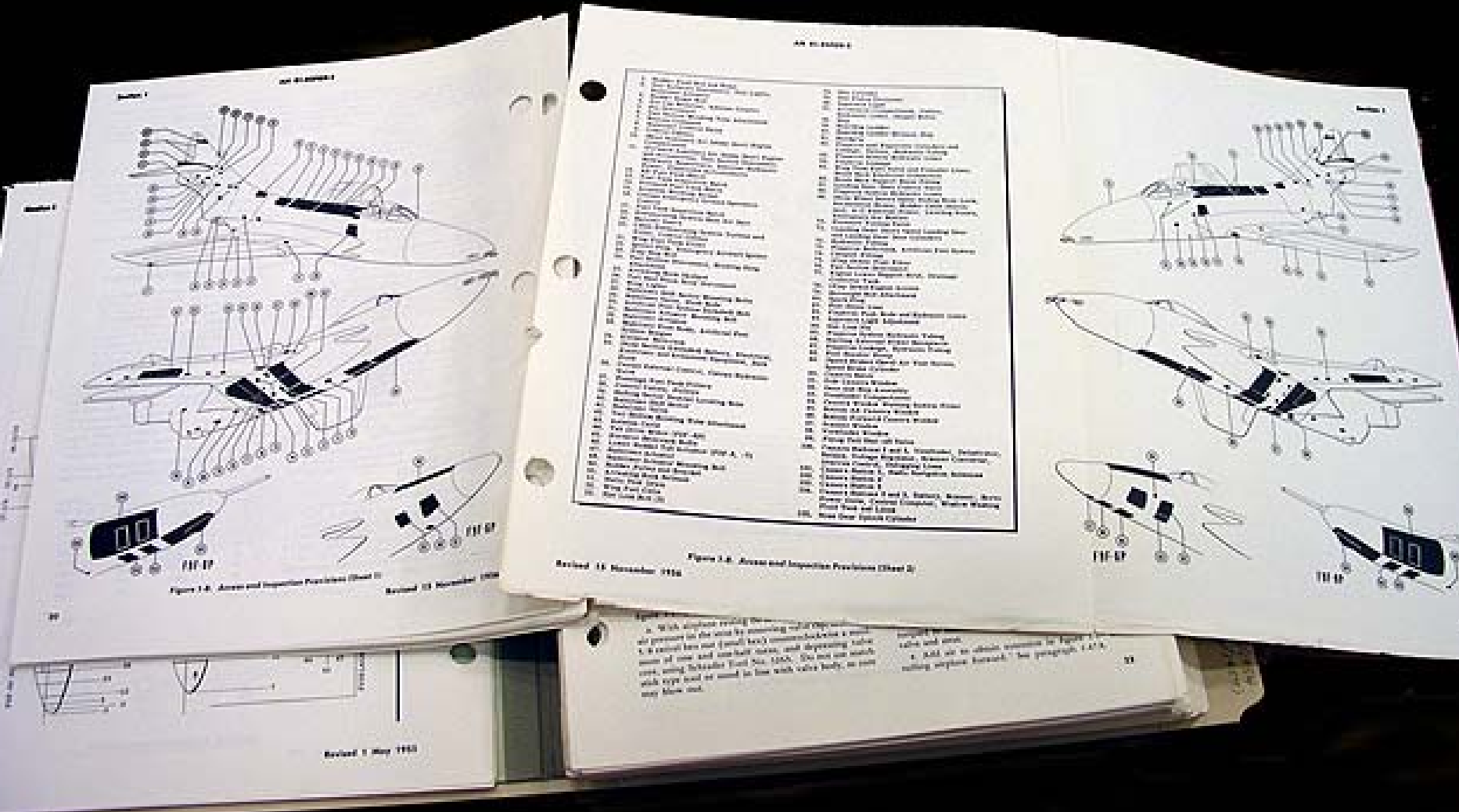


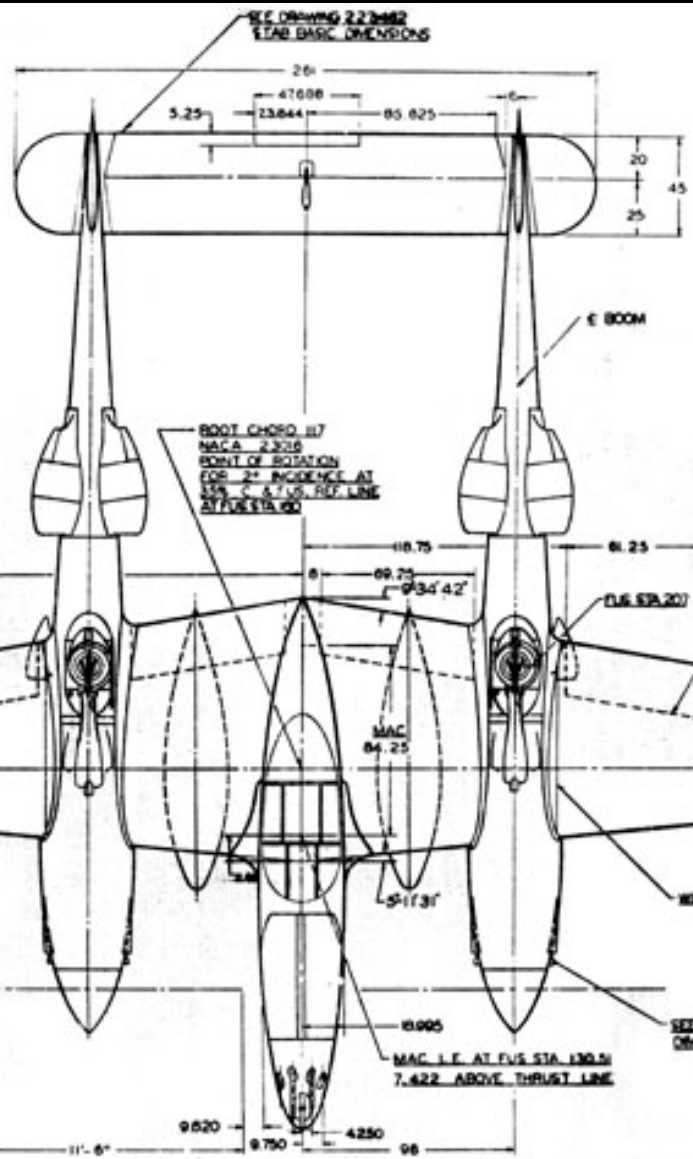
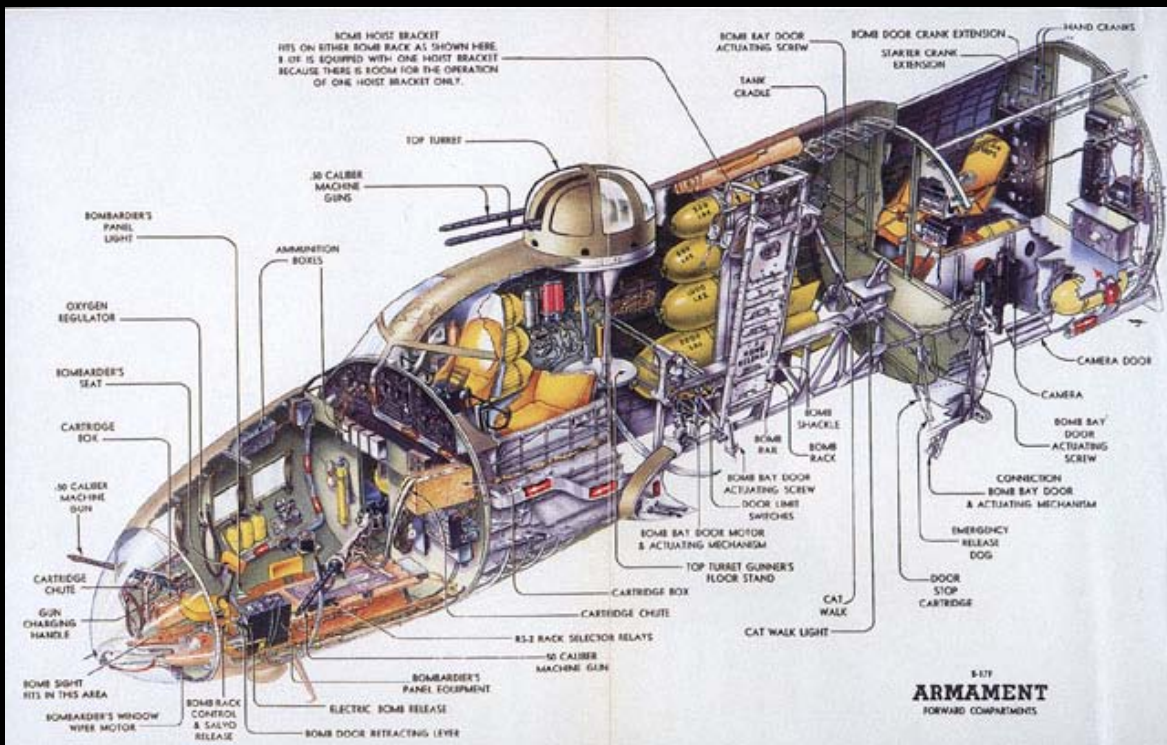
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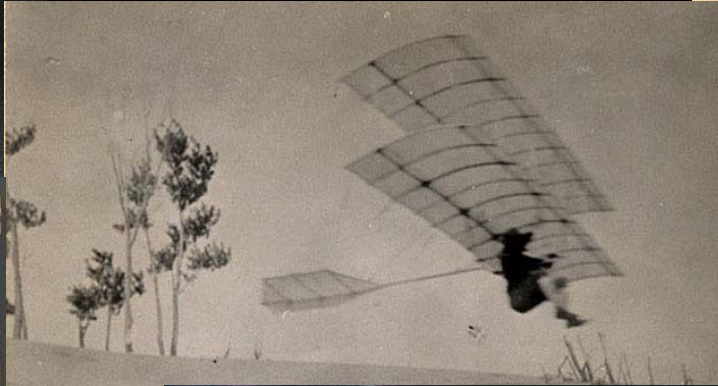
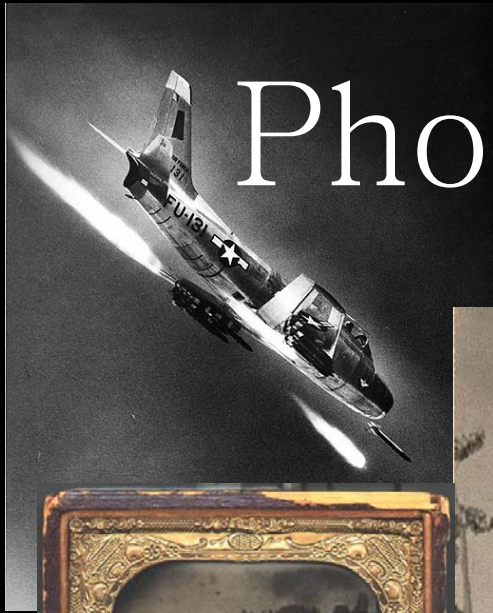
1. With aircraft engine operating, ...
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 10. ...

Revised 1 May 1950

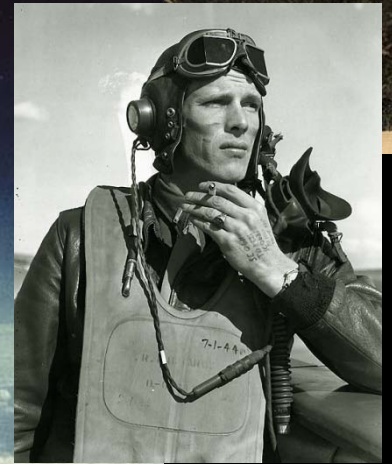


Drawings

Photographs



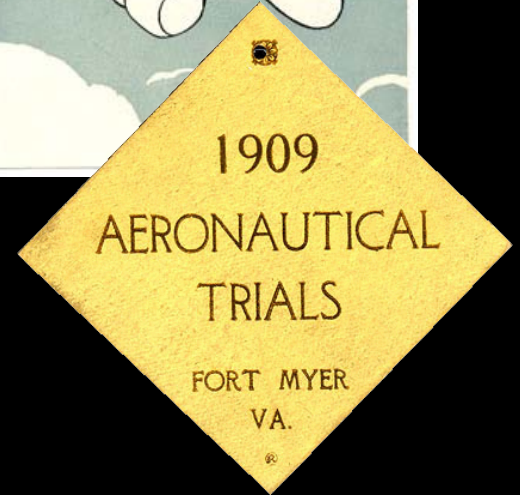
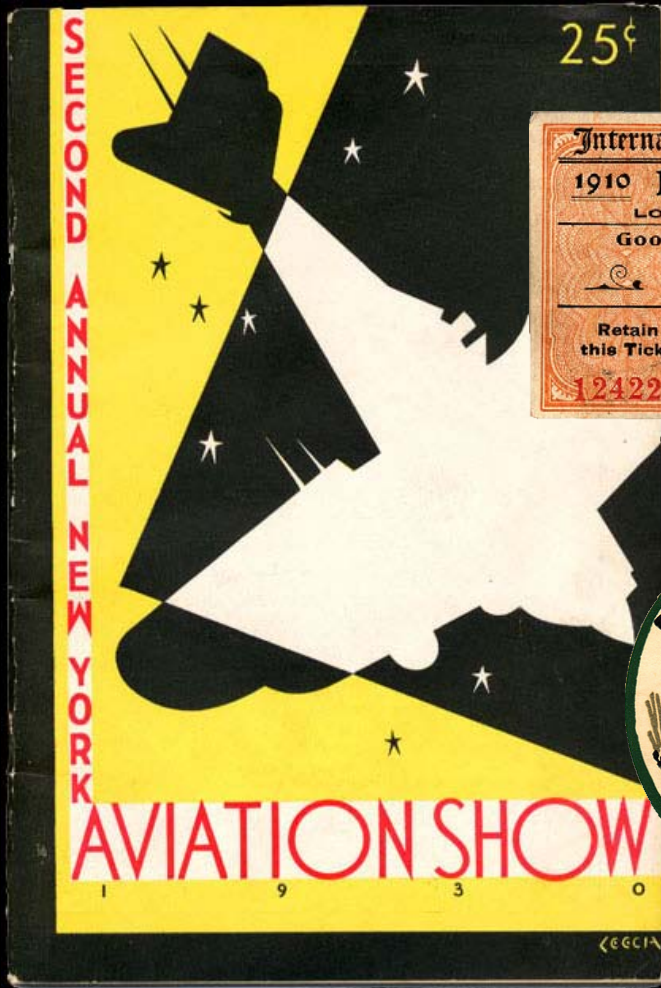
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Scrapbooks

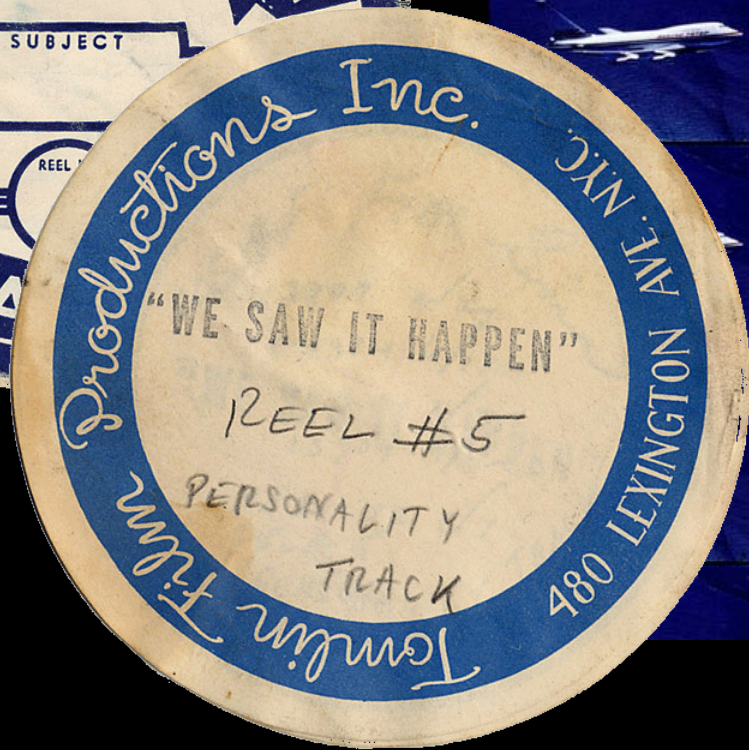


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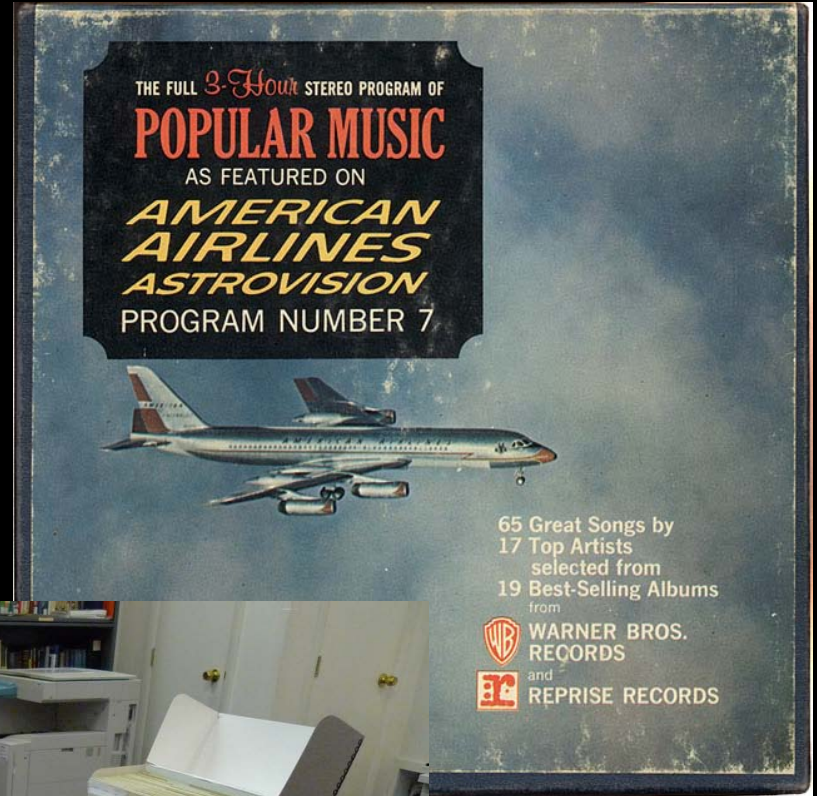
Microfilm





Motion Pictures

Sound Recordings



How does the NASM
Archives get all this
material?

We hear about interesting material from a curator, a donor, or friend of a donor...



...and we ask questions!

How big is
it?



What condition is it in?



Does it have any rights
problems?

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™





Does it fit our needs?

Should we accept the
material?

Yes

No

Usually the donor can
send the material to
us.



But sometimes the
donor will need a
little help packing
things up...

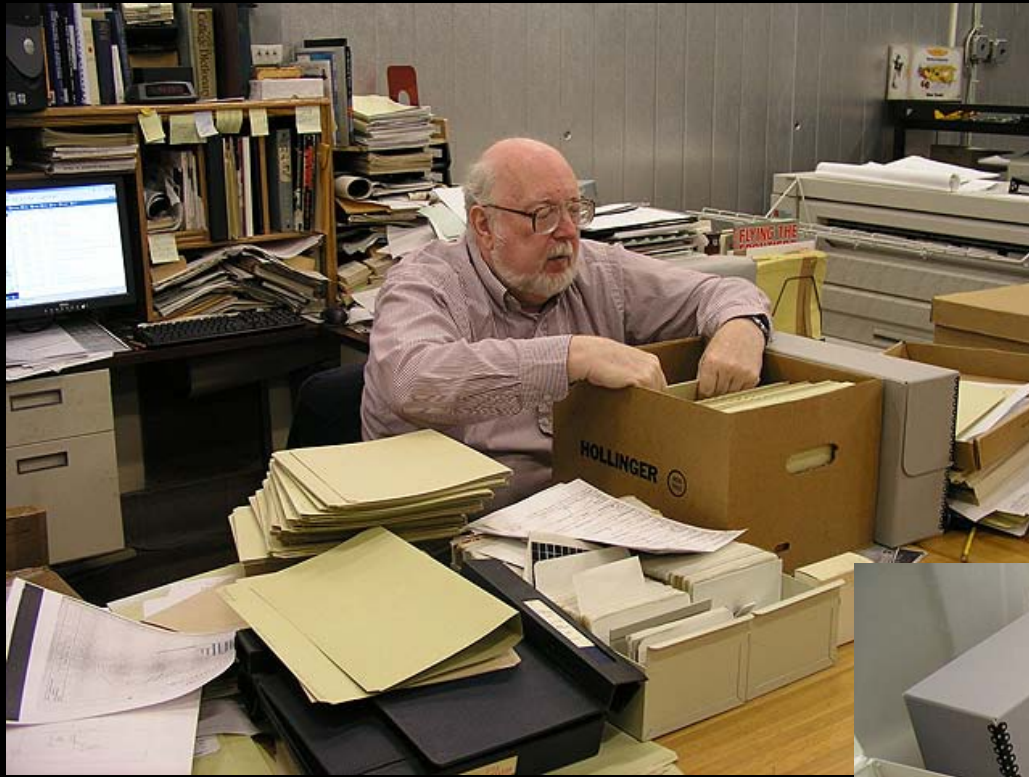
Help!



Packed and ready to go.



What does the NASM
Archives do with all this
material so that people
can use it?



Arrangement & Description

Processing

Cool Storage Vault: Document and Photograph Storage



Preservation

Cold Storage Vault: Still and Motion Film Storage



Preservation

Promote good handling practices



Preservation

Reformat fragile materials



*Xerox Large-Format Scanner-
Copier*

Finding Aids

NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE ARCHIVES
Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. Collection
Accession No. 1992-0023



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Washington, DC

Paul Silbermann

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NEW SET: 2444

Search for images

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Accession number: equals

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Description: Interior view of dining salon of Pan American Airways Boeing 314 "Yankee Clipper". Photo taken during a meal; note steward at right.

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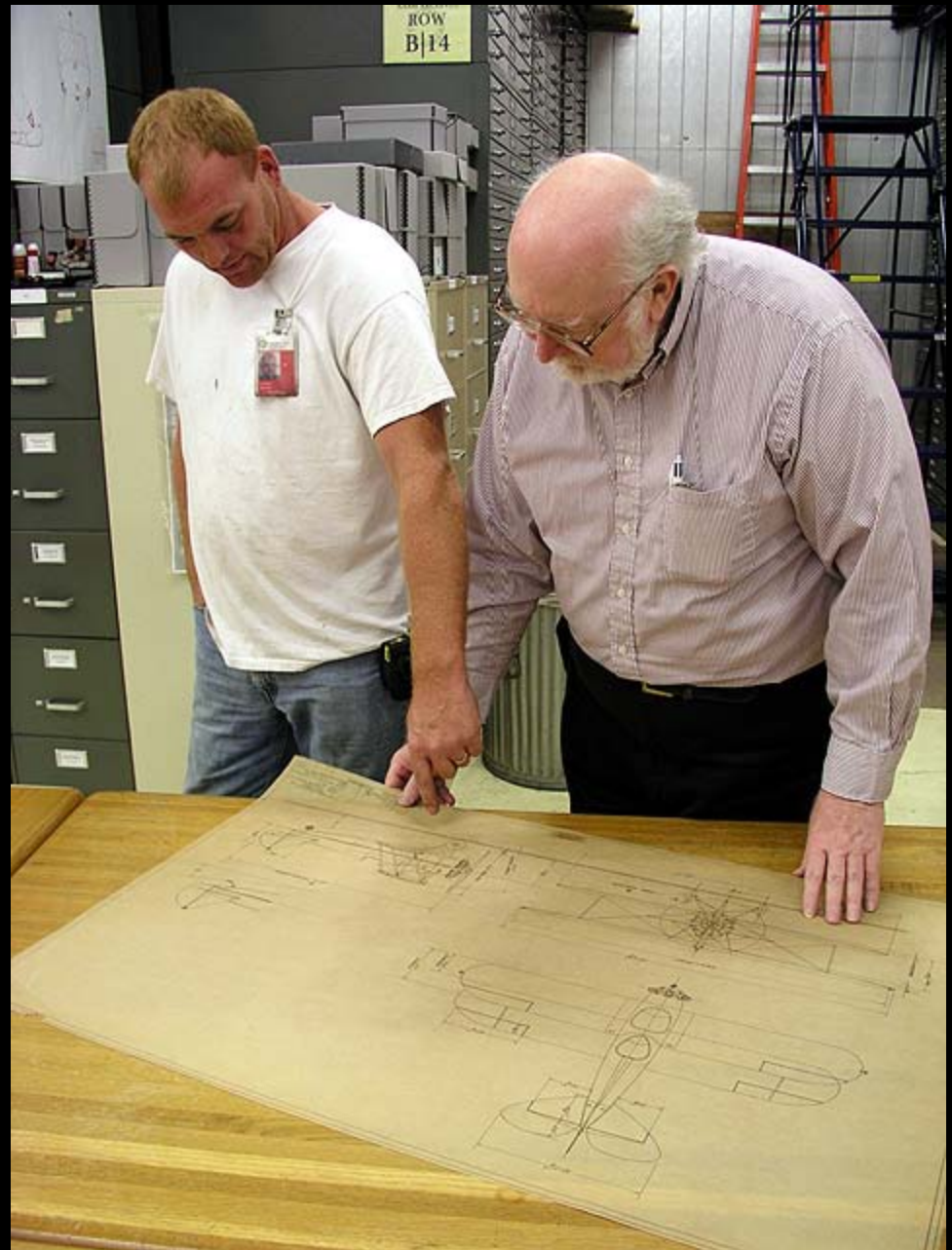
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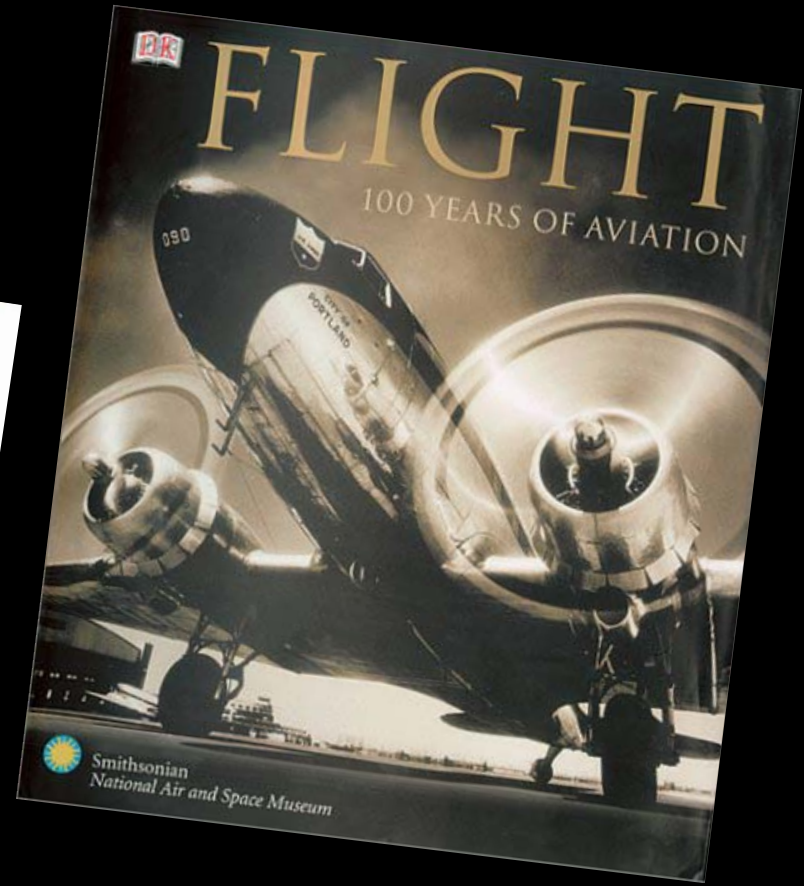
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& Product
Development*

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Vitra Design Museum

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OUR PLACE



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WAR MUSEUM

U. S. Government



Writers, Historians, Film Producers



Restoration Projects

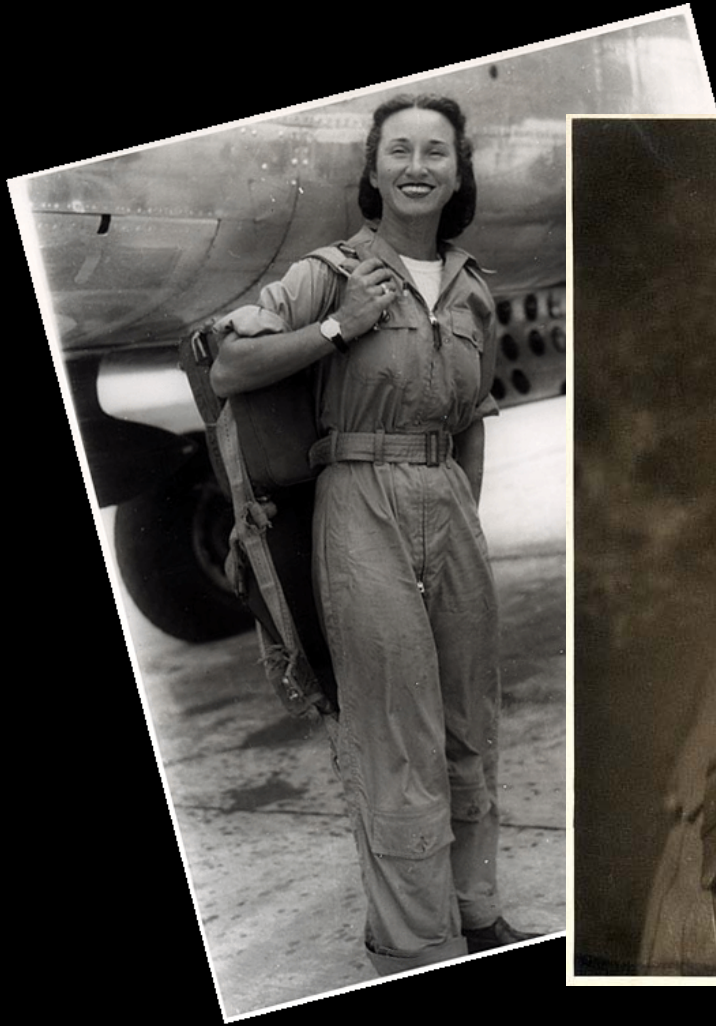




Modelers



Family History



How do people find what
they need in the NASM
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Ask the archivists!



Telephone...
703-572-4045

Archives Reference Desk



E-mail...

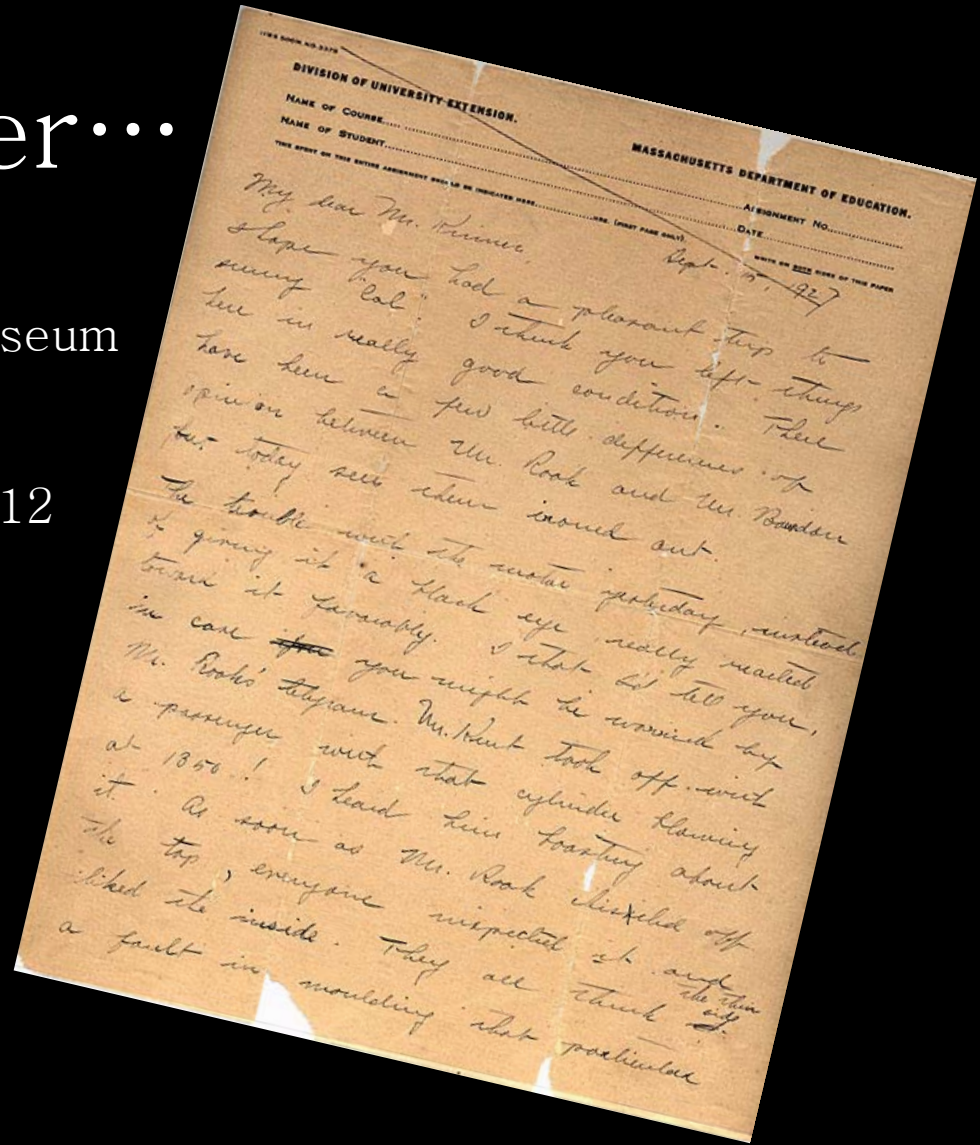
nasmrefdesk@si.edu

To: `nasmrefdesk@si.edu`

Looking for any drawings for a 1939 F17D staggerwing. Wing Rib's first of all. i am trying to collect all the drawings I can. I am restoring the A/C and need all the help I can receive.

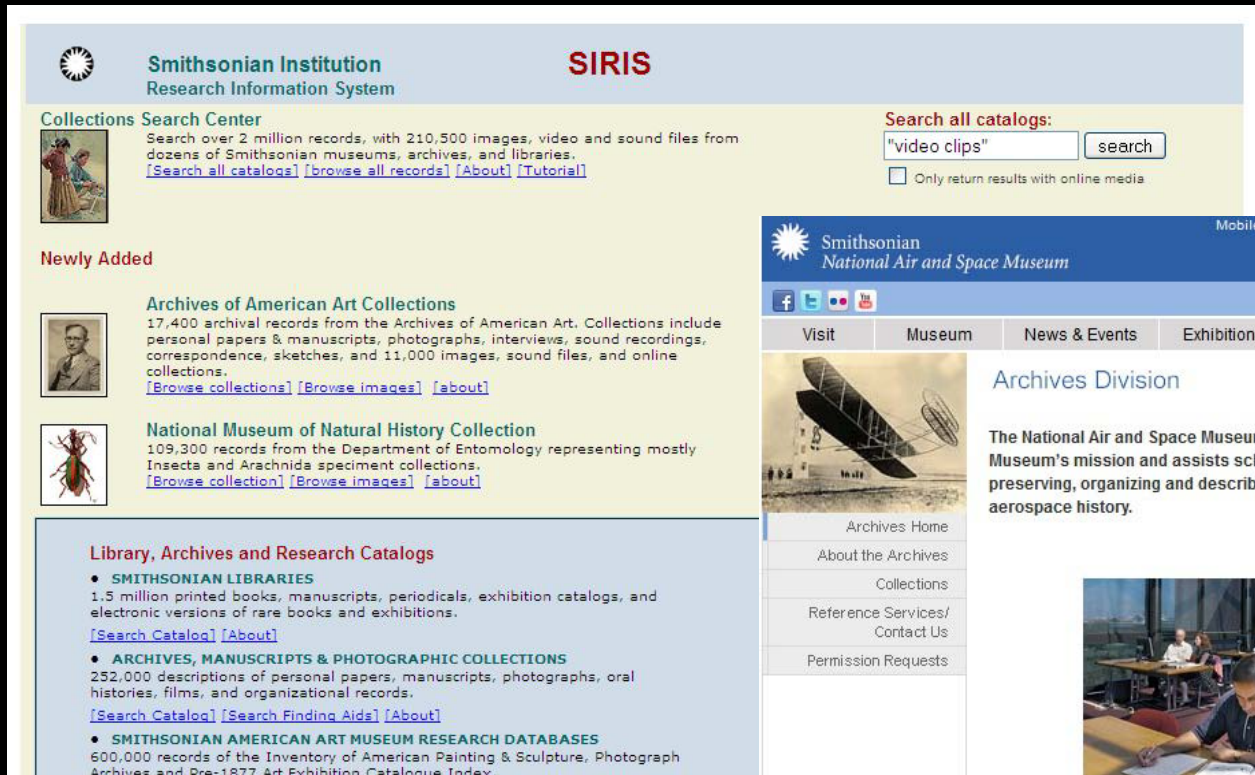
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MRC 322, PO Box 37012
Washington, DC 20013-7012



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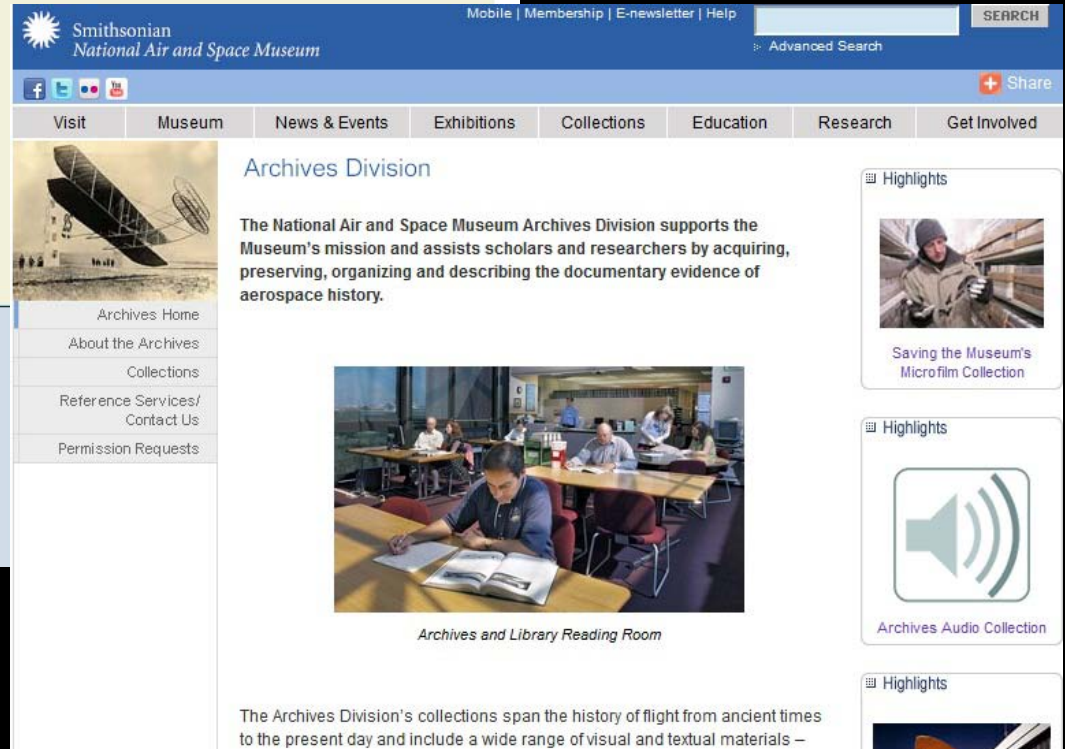
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Highlights
Saving the Museum's Microfilm Collection

Highlights
Archives Audio Collection

Highlights

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*Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
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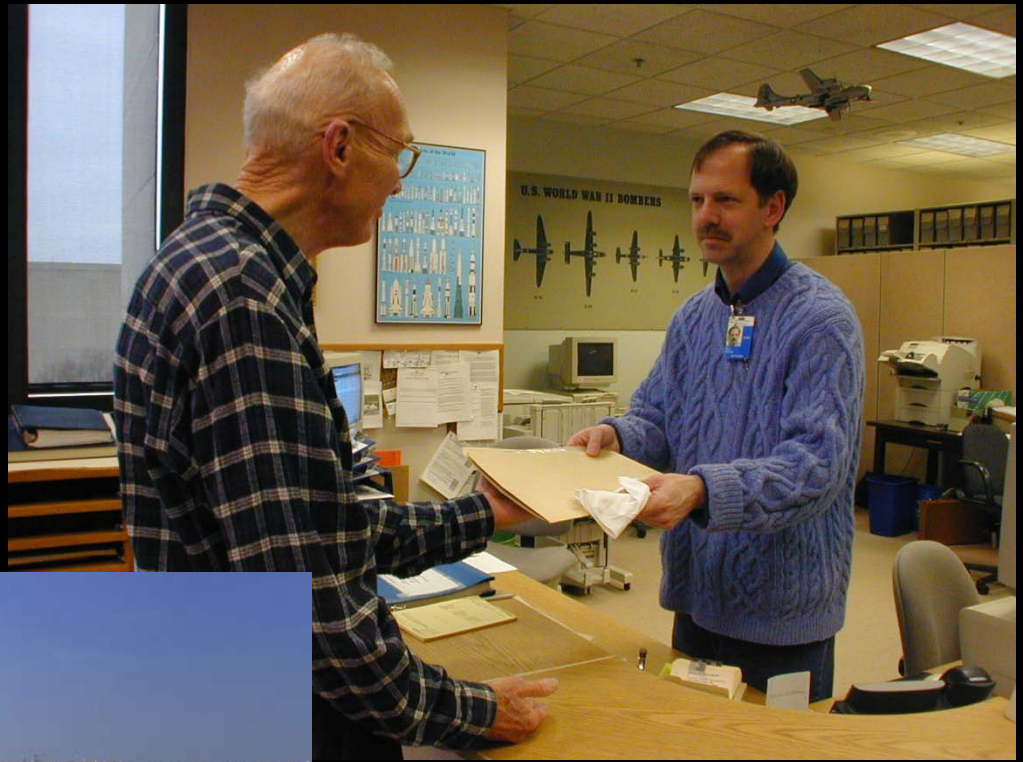
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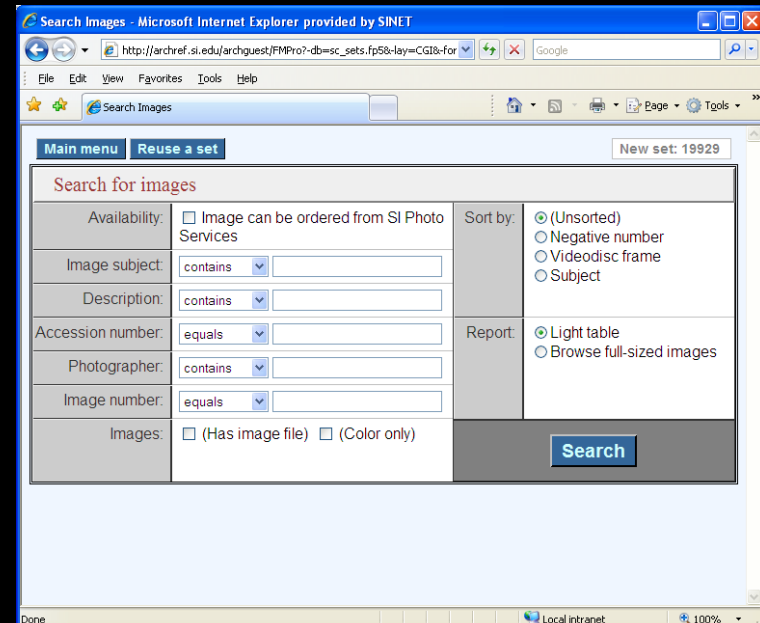
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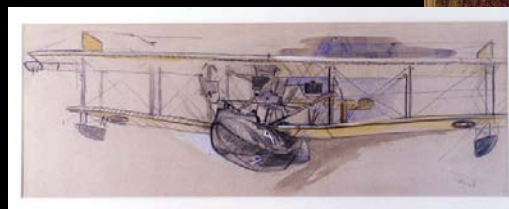
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Use the in-house finding aids...

- Reference Archivists
- Printed finding aids
- Databases
- Technical Reference



NASM Archives also provides assistance to researchers using the:



NASM Poster Collection

NASM Aeronautics Department

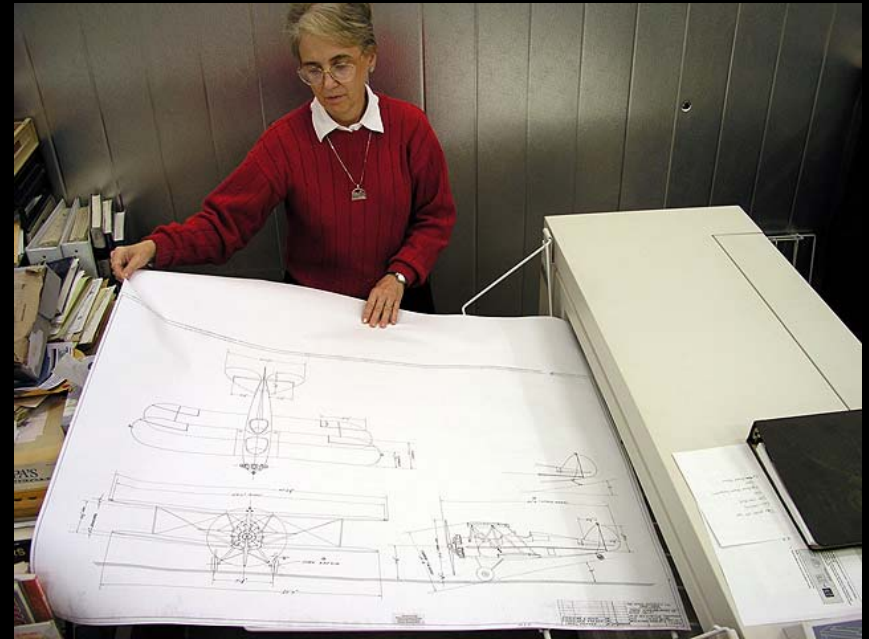
NASM Art Collection

NASM Aeronautics Department

How can people get
copies of materials in
the NASM Archives
collections?

Place an order with NASM Archives for:

- Photocopies of documents
- Large-format drawings on paper



- Microfilm
- Videotapes
- Sound Recordings





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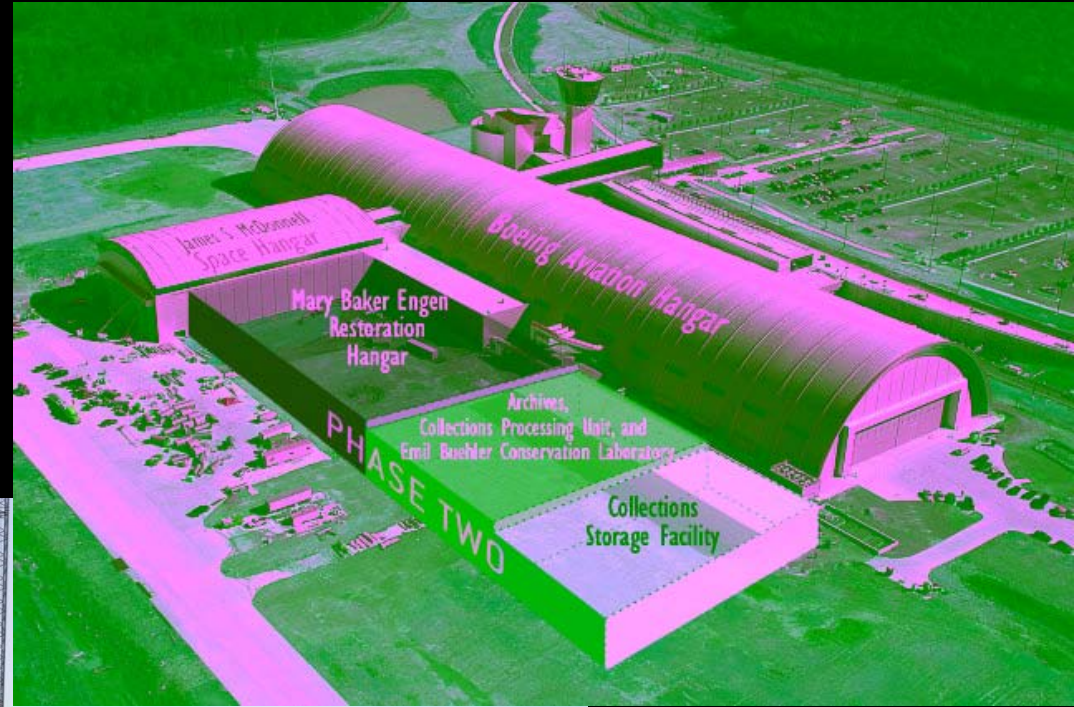


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Udvar-Hazy Center Phase II

(We're moving!!)



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