The Personal Collection of Willard Martin-Convair Special Collection
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**Physical Description:** 0.4 Linear feet1 Manuscript box

**Date (inclusive):** 1959-1977

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**
The collection was donated by Frank A. Lueke, Willard Martin’s step-son, on December 21, 2011.

**Scope and Contents note**
This collection contains the personal collection of Willard Martin, Convair Director of Public Relations. The collection includes photographs and other documents related to Convair operation and company literature, such as newsletters. There are also prints of Convair aircraft, and some of Martin’s personal company awards.

**Biographical/Historical note**
Formed after the merger of Vultee Aircraft and Consolidated Aircraft, Convair was an American aircraft manufacturing company. It later expanded into rockets and other spacecraft. Some of the aircraft manufactured included: Convair B-36 bomber, F-102 Delta Dagger, and Convair Model 48 Charger. The first Atlas rockets were also manufactured for the manned orbital flights as part of Project Mercury. This Atlas design also led to the Atlas-Centaur design. Convair was eventually sold to General Dynamics, and in 1994, to McDonnell Douglas and Lockheed. The dissolution of Convair happened in 1996. Willard Martin was a management employee of Convair, and served as Director of Public Relations in the 1970’s.

**Related Archival Materials note**
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