The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Boeing News Periodical Collection
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Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives
Title: Boeing News Periodical Collection
Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.10162
Physical Description: 8 Cubic Feet
This is a two box collection, both with measurements 18 x 13 ¼ x 3 inches. There are over 100 issues of “Boeing News.” 2 boxes with dimensions of 18 x 13 ¼ x 3 inches
Date (bulk): bulk
Abstract: The Boeing News collection is a one series collection that contains Boeing News periodicals dating from December 1997 to March 2002.
Biographical / Historical
Boeing is one of the world’s largest military and commercial aircraft manufacturers. Additionally, it produces electronic warfare systems, advanced defense and weapons programs, missile systems, and space and satellite technology. In 1916 William Boeing and Navy engineer Conrad Westervelt founded the Pacific Aero Products Company in Seattle, and they built the B&W seaplane. Westervelt was recalled for World War I and the company was renamed “Boeing Airplane Company.” In 1925, Boeing made a contract with the U.S. Post Office to distribute mail among cities between San Francisco and Chicago, all of which was transported by Boeing’s first commercial airplane, the Model 40. During World War II Boeing produced hundreds of the B-17 Flying. By 1944 the Seattle factory produced sixteen B-17 aircraft per day. Another aircraft was the B-29 bomber, the most famous of which was the Enola Gay that carried the first atomic bomb to Hiroshima on 6 August 1945. It was followed in 1952 by the B-52 bomber. Boeing’s business exploded in 1958 due to the release of the Boeing 707, which was a huge commercial success, and would be succeeded by the 727, 737, and 747. Eventually the 737 would become the best-selling commercial jet-powered passenger plane and the 747 the largest commercial jet. In 1961 the company diversified into other technologies, and it designed the first steps of the enormous Saturn rocket that brought the Apollo capsule to the moon. The first Jumbo Jet was built in 1970 with the 747 and could around 500 people. Despite the Jumbo Jet’s popularity, the enormous costs of development and manufacturing brought Boeing to the edge of bankruptcy. In 1973 Boeing had to let go almost 60% of its staff, but a revival of commercial and military orders revived the company. Today, Boeing is currently the largest supplier of NASA and provides electronics, rocket stages, and components for the International Space Station. After acquiring Hughes Electronics’ Space and Communications divisions, Boeing has become a significant contributor in the satellite manufacturing industry.
Conditions Governing Access
Collection is open to research by appointment.
Scope and Contents
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Related Materials
Boeing aircraft subject files. Boeing company files.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Boeing E-4B
Boeing 777
Boeing 767
Boeing 747
Boeing 757
Boeing Airplane Company

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