Inventory of the Sri Ratnam Swami Aerial Photography Collection
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creator: Swami, Sri Ratnam
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Physical Description: 9 boxes
Date (inclusive): 1934-1973; undated
Language of Material: Collection material is in English.
Abstract: This collection contains over 500 black-and-white aerial photographs of images taken mostly of the Southwestern United States; as well as color slides, negatives, and clippings belonging to Sri Ratnam Swami, a former employee of Fairchild Aerial Survey and Aero Service Corporation; and former lecturer at University of California, Santa Barbara.
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[title of item] Sri Ratnam Swami Aerial Photography Collection, Courtesy of the Department of Archives and Special Collections. University Library. California State University, Dominguez Hills
Scope and Contents
The Sri Ratnam Swami Aerial Photography Collection contains over 500 black-and-white photographs of mostly aerial shots taken in California, Mexico, and the Southwestern United States. Most of the aerial photographs are stamped with Fairchild Aerial Survey, Pacific Air Industries, and Geotronics logos on the verso. This collection also contains color slides mostly from the audio visual departments of University of California Santa Barbara and California State Colleges Los Angeles (California State University, Los Angeles). Featured images include: landscapes, people, architecture, buildings, and famous landmarks taken in Japan, China, South America, Europe, and other locations. Also included in this collection are clippings and magazine articles featuring aerial photography as well as a few negatives of aerial photographs.
Biographical / Historical
Sri Ratnam Swami worked with the Fairchild Aerial Survey from 1960-1963; was the chief map editor for the Aero Service Corporation from 1964-1967; and was also a lecturer in the geography department at University of California, Santa Barbara from 1967-1968.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Aerial photography
mapping (process)
geography

Box 1
Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.- aerial photographs March 15, 1950-April 7, 1964; undated
Scope and Contents
black-and-white aerial photographs of California, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, and other locations.

Folder 1: Aerial photographs of Shiprock Arizona; Stauffer Chemical Company plant; R.F.C. Midland; Rubber Company; downtown Los Angeles; and others. Numbers: 11419-13785 (approximate); and 22736-T3 March 15, 1950-January 30, 1957
Folder 2: Aerial photographs of Fairchild offices; Los Angeles; farmland; and others. Numbers: 13819-13839 May 16, 1957-August 8, 1957
Folder 3: Aerial photographs of Riverside Cement Company; Great Western Malting Company; and others. Numbers: 14056-14195 (approximate) May 5, 1959-March 29, 1960
Folder 4: Aerial photographs of Garden City Kansas; Colorado: La Junta, Pueblo, Durango, Farmington; Arizona: Glen Canyon Dam, Colorado River, Grand Canyon, and Flagstaff; Farmington, New Mexico; Jacob Hamblin Area. Numbers: 14428-144258 1963
Folder 5: Aerial photographs of mostly rural land. Unknown location. Number: 14589 undated

box 2
Aerial photographs- Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.; and others February 25, 1934-September 14, 1958; undated
Scope and Contents
This box contains black-and-white aerial photographs of farmland, factories, mountains, and other locations. Some, but not all of the photographs are stamped with the "Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc." logo.

Folder 1: Fairchild Aerial Surveys Inc: Meteor Crater Arizona (0-3977 and 0-3979 (A); Hopi Reservation, Arizona (0-4050 and 0-4055); Winslow Arizona (0-4171); Grand Canyon (0-5310); Meteor Crater (0-5834); Burning Tree Lower Colorado River (0-8280- A); Niagara Falls (0-56-3542); photographs of a city (55-4613)
Folder 2: Aerial photographs of mountain range. Unknown location. Number: 24660. December 12, 1964
Folder 3: Aerial photographs of farmland, mountains, and factories. Unknown location. undated
Folder 4: Aerial photographs of suburban areas. Unknown location. Number: C-13330 December 20, 1948
Folder 5: Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.-photo index map of Upper Missouri Basin Survey for Bureau of Reclamation undated
Unfoldered: Aerial photographs of mountains, farmland, and riverbeds. Numbers:
22915-11A; 22915-11B; 22915-12C; 22915-13A; 23130-78E September 14, 1958

box 3
Aerial photographs- Geotronics, Pacific Air Industries, and others February 2, 1956-January 20, 1973; undated
Scope and Contents
This box contains black-and-white aerial photographs from Geotronics, Pacific Air Industries, and other unknown companies. Images depict streets, buildings, and shorelines.

Folder 1:Geotronics, 22407 February 6, 1956
Folder 2: Geotronics, 22555 August 14, 1956-August 23, 1956
Folder 4: California Aero Topo Inc. January 20, 1973
Folder 5: Company unknown, Numbers: GS-VQT; SFV; AXJ-3k; 10890; 23305; 23130-75; 6-5-73 (no identifiers); 1-71 (no identifiers) May 22, 1949-June 5, 1973; undated
Folder 6: black-and-white photographs, location unknown. undated

box 4
Aerial photographs- Geotronics, Pacific Air Industries, and others September 23, 1958-November 28, 1965; undated
Scope and Contents
This box contains black-and-white aerial photographs from Geotronics, Pacific Air Industries, and others. Images depict streets, buildings, shorelines, and mountains.

Folder 1: Geotronics 205V and 24577 April 3, 1963-June 28, 1963
Folder 2: Geotronics 1533-13; Pacific Air Industries 24801 June 29, 1964- November 28, 1965
Folder 3: Geotronics C300 J236-J87 (approximate numbers) undated
Unfolded: "Apr. Run 7" 542-612 (approximate numbers). No company or location listed September 23, 1956

box 5
Aerial photographs- Compania Mexicana Aerofoto, S.A.; and others January 17, 1952-January 11, 1963; undated

Scope and Contents
This box contains black-and-white aerial photographs of buildings; a sports stadium; farm land; mountains; Ceyala and Motzorongo, Mexico; and other locations. Some photographs are stamped with the "Compania Mexicana Aerofoto, S.A." logo.

Folder 1: Compania Mexicana Aerofoto S.A. 8508; 13980; 6072 January 17, 1952; February 4, 1958; undated
Folder 2: Compania Mexicana Aerofoto, S.A. "Celaya". 1627-2-4 December 18, 1961
Folder 4: Compania Mexicana Aerofoto, S.A.- (2) 1; (22) 3; (23) 3; (35), 4; (36), 4; (3)1; (54)5; (53) 5 undated
Folder 5: Compania Mexicana Aerofoto, S.A.- unknown locations undated

Unfolded: aerial photographs of shorelines, buildings, suburban areas, and other locations. Some images stamped with: 11023 undated

box 6-8
Color slides undated

Scope and Contents
Three boxes of color slides containing images of geographic locations in Argentina, Southeast Asia, Egypt, Afganistan, Bolivia, Brazil, Europe, Japan, Vietnam, the Mediterranean, and others. Images depict landscapes, famous landmarks, architecture, maps, and citizens. Also included are aerial shots taken from space. Many of the slides indicate that they were part of the audio visual departments at University of California Santa Barbara; and California State College Los Angeles.

box 9, folder 1
Color slides containing images of geographic locations from around the world. Images depict landscapes, famous landmarks, architecture, maps, and citizens. undated

box 9, folder 2
Aerials of Colby, Kansas, Indonesia, and #502-194 (unknown location); and group photographs taken in a work area. Summer 1950, January 22, 1961, June 1972, undated

box 9, folder 3
Aerial photographs with markings on trace paper. Numbers Zk-5B 6, 13, 14, 43, 44, 47, 49, 51. September 23, 1941

box 9, folder 4
Partial and cut aerial photographs undated

box 9, folder 5
Ceylon Survey Department aerials. Some images are of Weligama Bay undated

box 9, folder 6
Proyecto De Aerofotogrametria de la O.E.A.- aerials numbered 65 8907; 65 8908 November 11, 1961

box 9, folder 7
Negatives of aerial photographs. Numbered 0-13722A, 0-13723-13727 August 16, 1956

box 9, folder 8
Negatives of aerial photographs. Numbered 0-13728-13733 August 16, 1956

box 9, folder 9
Negatives of aerial photographs. Numbered F-C-17 undated

box 9, folder 10
City of Santa Monica Department of Engineering- map June 26, 1968

box 9, folder 11
Photogrammetric measurement of bulls (24677)- photographs and documents December 1963

box 9, folder 12
Clippings and magazine articles featuring aerial photographs 1965-1968; undated