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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains 16 reel to reel audio tapes of various NASA projects from 1963 through 1966. These tapes include news conferences from Kennedy Space Center and pertaining to Projects Gemini and Mercury, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, and other astronauts. These tapes also include some recordings of launchings and landings from these projects.

### Creator

United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

### Extent

0.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

### Repository

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# Administrative Information

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## Processing Information

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# Scope and Content

This collection comprises 16 reel to reel audiotapes of various NASA projects and news conferences from the Kennedy Space Center from 1963 through 1966. The tapes pertain to Project Mercury and Project Gemini (3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11). Some tapes include audio of launching and landing from the projects. The crew members included from Project Mercury are John Glenn, Scott Carpenter, Walter M. Shirra, and L. Gordon Cooper, and the crew members from Project Gemini are Gus Grissom, James A. McDivitt, Edward H. White II, Eugene A. Cernan, Thomas P. Stafford, Pete Conrad, Gordon Cooper, Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and John Young.

# Keywords

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# Arrangement

The collection is primarily arranged chronologically.

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Audio Reel, Glenn #1

Audio 1 (box)

Container 1 (reel)

**Audio Reel, Glenn #2****Unit Date** 1962-02-20**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (reel)**Audio Reel, Executive Board, Glenn #3****Unit Date** 1962-02-20**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (reel)**Audio Reel****Unit Date** 1962-04-07**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (reel)**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Meeting

Side 2 - John Noble (?)

**Audio Reel****Unit Date** 1962-05-24**Unit Date** 1969-06-08**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 5 (reel)**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Carpenter #2 landing

Side 2 - Tennessee Ernie Ford

**Audio Reel****Unit Date** 1962-05-24**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 6 (reel)**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Second Astronaut, Carpenter #1

Side 2 - Little over 3 hours of flight, thru 11:41am

**Audio Reel****Unit Date** 1962-10-03**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 7 (reel)**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Third Astronaut (Walter) Wally M. Shirra

Side 2 - Walter M. Shirra - almost 1st half of 2nd side, Lots of Pete towards end

**Audio Reel****Unit Date** 1963-05-15**Audio** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (reel)**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - L. Gordon Cooper's take off

Side 2 - Grace Carr

**Audio Reel, Kennedy**

**Unit Date** 1963-11-22

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (reel)

**Audio Reel, Kennedy #2**

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (reel)

**Audio Reel**

**Unit Date** 1965-06-03

**Unit Date** 1965-06-07

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (reel)

**Scope and Content**

Gemini 4 flight take off about 10:15am, McDivitt, White - last part of the tape

**Audio Reel**

**Unit Date** 1965-06-07

**Unit Date** 1965-06-10

**Unit Date** 1965-06-11

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (reel)

**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Landing of Gemini 4

Side 2 - Last half - landing from Wasp and boarding plane for Houston, Very last - news conference

**Audio Reel**

**Unit Date** 1965-06-11

**Unit Date** 1966-06-03

**Unit Date** 1966-06-06

**Unit Date** 1966-09-12

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (reel)

**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - News Conference of McDivitt and White

Side 2 - Launching, Cernan and Stafford, Successful landing of Gemini 9, Gemini 11 - just a few feet left on end

**Audio Reel, Cooper and Conrad Gemini V, 9:00am, 8 day mission**

**Unit Date** 1965-08-21

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (reel)

**Audio Reel**

**Unit Date** 1965-10-25

**Unit Date** 1965-12-04

**Unit Date** 1965-12-18

**Unit Date** 1966-03-26

**Unit Date** 1966-05-18

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (reel)

**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Shirra and Stafford did not go, Atlas Agena did not go, Gemini VII Frank Borman - Jim Lovell, Splash down, 9:05am

Side 2 - News report of Neil Armstrong, David Scott, not all used, Agena - 10:15am lost the bird, Gemini 9 scrubbed for today

**Audio Reel**

**Audio** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (reel)

**Scope and Content**

Side 1 - Gemini III "Molly Brown", 2-man shot, Grissom, Young

Side 2 - Splash down, News conference