Harold McMillan Bixby Papers
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Collection Summary
Title: Harold McMillan Bixby Papers
Span Dates: 1925-1962
ID No.: MSS51250
Creator: Bixby, Harold McMillan, 1890-1965
Extent: 400 items
Extent: 2 containers plus 1 artifact
Extent: .9 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm73051250
Summary: Airline executive. Correspondence, speeches, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to Charles A. Lindbergh. Includes letters between Lindbergh and Bixby and other material concerning Lindbergh's transatlantic flight of 1927.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974--Correspondence.
Lindbergh, Evangeline Lodge Land--Correspondence.

Subjects
Aeronautics--United States.
Aircraft industry--Kansas--Wichita.
Transatlantic flights.
Travel Air (Firm)

Occupations
Airline executives.

Provenance
The papers of Harold McMillan Bixby, airline executive, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Elizabeth C. Bixby, in 1967.

Processing History
The Bixby Papers were processed circa 1970. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status
Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harold McMillan Bixby are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Harold McMillan Bixby Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harold McMillan (1890-1965) span the years 1925-1962. The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to Charles A. Lindbergh and his transatlantic flight of 1927. Bixby, an airline executive and president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, was one of the group of that city's businessmen who backed Lindbergh in his solo flight to Paris in the Spirit of St. Louis. Bixby's bank, the State National Bank, issued the $15,000 loan that made possible Lindbergh's purchase of an airplane suitable for the flight. The St. Louis group also handled some of Lindbergh's fan mail and inquiries about public appearances and product endorsements.

Included in the collection in addition to correspondence between Bixby and Lindbergh are letters from Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh, the aviator's mother, to her son prior to and after the flight. Other materials include fan mail to Lindbergh, requests for appearances and endorsements, a financial report pertaining to the manufacturing company, Travel-Air, in Wichita, Kansas, the promissory note for $15,000, flight charts, press releases and printed memorabilia.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.
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