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Abstract

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Creator

Duce, G. Grahame (Gordon Grahame), 1916-1952

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0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Biographical Note

Born in 1916 in Baltimore, Maryland, Gordon Grahame Duce worked as an insurance broker for multiple companies over the years in North Carolina and Maryland. Duce married Helen Rowe Gaddy in 1941. The couple had three children before Gordon's death in 1952 at the age of 36.

Duce was passionate about aeronautics throughout his life, a member of the Aero Club at Baltimore City College High School and continuing to conduct his own research well after graduation. Duce used this research to write manuscript articles on aeronautics as the president of Duce Aeronautical Research, located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

The papers are divided into folders by topic and are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Various notes

Unit Date 1920-1939

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New Paratroop Devices Incorporated in Packets

Unit Date circa 1947

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Alphabetical Index of Approved Aircraft

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Fastest Long-Ranger

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Martin XB-48 Makes its First Flight

Unit Date 1947-07

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Precedent Forgotten, Red Tape Cut in Building XB-48 in 14 Months

Unit Date 1947-07

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Airlines in the Red

Unit Date 1947

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New Pilot + Good Judgement = Long Life

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The Boeing XB-47 Stratojet

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