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#### INTRODUCTION

Correspondence and clippings regarding the invitation of guests to the Whiteman Air Force Base Dedication. There are also newspaper articles referencing the event and the presence of B-47 bombers at the base at that time.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City on July 17, 1990 (Accession No. KA0590).

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#### RELATED COLLECTIONS

Microfilm reel: 47227 (*The Sedalia Democrat*, May 22, 1955)

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Allison Whiteman was a lieutenant from Pettis County, Missouri, and is considered the first casualty of World War II. Whiteman died on the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. On October 1, 1955, the Sedalia Air Force Base changed its name to Whiteman Air Force Base. In December 1955, a special group of dignitaries came to the base for a briefing and orientation.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged by type into two folders. The materials within the folders are arranged chronologically.

Folder one contains **Correspondence** and consists mainly of items regarding the invitation of Kansas City guests to the dedication ceremony at the Air Force Base. The correspondence is chiefly to/from prominent figures at the Air Force Base including, Captain John Herbst, Colonel A. J. Beck, and Aviation Commissioner G.R. Challinor.

Folder two contains **Clippings** and consists of material pertaining to the dedication and to the arrival of B-47 bombers at the Air Force Base.

It should be noted that a copy of *The Sedalia Democrat* from May 22, 1955, was removed from the clippings folder. A copy of this newspaper can be found on microfilm through the State Historical Society of Missouri.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Whiteman Air Force Base Dedication Collection (K0338)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST

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