SCOPE NOTES
Donald E. Welzenbach graduated from Saint Ambrose College in the class of 1956. He retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after serving for almost 30 years as a historian. He had “tickets for all the super-secret” projects of the CIA during his service in Washington, D.C., and compiled a history of the U-2 spy plane program under Bill Casey, the director of the CIA. This history was published in 1998 along with Gregory W. Pedlow, a professional historian who graduated from the Johns Hopkins University, under the title CIA and the U2 Program, 1954-1974. Welzenbach’s book was one of the most authoritative sources on the CIA’s programs of reconnaissance. Welzenbach’s and Pedlow’s book covers the history of these reconnaissance programs, called Manned Overhead Reconnaissance Program (MORP), from its beginnings in the 50’s until the events of the 70’s. Donald Welzenbach’s research focused on the development of these programs during the tense atmosphere of the Cold War. The study has been cited by many new texts that deal with the CIA, most notably Philip Taubman’s book Secret Empire.

BIOGRAPHY
Mr. Welzenbach received his B.A. from St. Ambrose College in Iowa in 1956 and his M.A. from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. in 1958. Between 1949 and 1960 he was an editor with several newspapers and publications in Davenport, Iowa; Washington, D.C.; and Arlington, Virginia, including the (Davenport) Times-Democrat and the Northern Virginia Sun. From 1954 through 1955 he served as a Special Agent of the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps in Japan. Mr. Welzenbach joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1960 where he worked as an editor, scientific editor, and budget officer. He became a historian in the Office of the Historian, Central Intelligence Agency, in 1982, retiring in 1987.

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- John C. Fredricksen, 1996, w/reprint of his article Detachment 2 Goes to War from AAHS Journal. V41, #4
- William J. Ostapchuk, 1997
Folder 2 – Newspaper Article
- Newspaper article  4/10/1991 Washington Post: "CIA Ex-historian presses for a 30-year tale"
Folder 3 - Paper presented at symposium
The Anglo-American origins of overflying the Soviet Union - The Case of the Invisible Aircraft / D.E. Welzenbach, DCI History Staff

Folder 4 - Paper
- 12/18/1985 - Beginning of Overhead Reconnaissance

Folder 5 - Memorandum
- 8/11/1996 - DDI Requirements in connection with new reconnaissance system, from Bruce Clark

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- Research Memorandum -- Case studies of actual and alleged overflights 1930-1953, 312 pg.

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- A bibliography of selected Rand publications, SB-1024, August 1985; Arms Control, 51 pg.

Folder 11 - Reprints, works by Amron H. Katz
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- Air Force Photography, 1948
- Camera Shutters, 1949
- Aerial Photographic Equipment and Applications to Reconnaissance, 1948
- Observation Satellites: Problems and Prospects, 1960;
- Hiders and Finders: An Approach to inspection and evasion technology, 1961

Folder 12 – Early Drafts
- 1946: The Year Between the Wars, Chapter 1
- Lecture outline
- March 1989 letters of introduction for Welzenbach from J. D. Hill Deputy Under Secretary-Space Systems to persons as potential information sources.

Folder 13 - Letter

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Folder 15 - Memo from Katz to Buchheim
- 7/4/1958, notes on recce satellites for NAS
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- H. Katz to A. J. Wohlstetter, 10-6-1958; to Harry Good 12/31/1958; to J. L. Hult 5/11/1959

Folder 18 - Summary report

Folder 19 - Memorandum
- 6/19/1957 to E. J. Barlow from A. H. Katz re: Reconsideration of our Commitments to BMC (WDD) on 117L and related subjects.

Folder 20 - Meeting notes
- 7/7/1960 at RAND re RAND and Space Technology Laboratories augmenting Air Force satellite reconnaissance program.

Folder 21 - Memo

Folder 22 - Patent office booklet

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Folder 23 - USAF Project RR 1Project Rand
- Utility of a satellite vehicle for reconnaissance; Lipp, J. E. et al, 1951, 137 pg.

Folder 24 - Bibliography
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Folder 25 - Memorandums and project data

Folder 26 - Russian Borders and airspace violations.
- Transcripts of interviews with Russian pilots who intercepted U.S. planes in their airspace.
- Diagrams of aircraft.
- 1950 Navy list of documentation of border violations.

Folder 27 - Reprint
- A Tribute to George W. Goddard / Amron H. Katz, 1963, as reprinted in The Airpower Historian, 10/1963

Folder 28 - RAND document #D-4753-PR

Folder 29 - Research Memorandum

Folder 30 – Report
- RA-15032, Reference Papers Relating to a Satellite Study, Project Rand, AAF Project MX-791 / J. E. Lipp, 2/1/1947. Includes 8 papers which discuss various aspects of the satellite.

Folder 31 - Reprint - Project RAND
- Recommendation to the Air Staff re: An Earlier reconnaissance satellite system, 11/12/1957, 20 pg. (March 1984 abridged edition in folder 25)

Folder 32 - Reprint

Folder 33 - Lashmar Correspondence and Materials
- 1993-1996, includes several letters between Welzenbach and Paul Lashmar and reprints of articles shared. Those on unstable Fax paper, need recopied.

Folder 34 - Oxcart and SR-71 aircraft
- Bye, Bye Blackbird? / Jeffrey Richelson (stealth aircraft) 6 pg. paper.
- Color photo of sleek U.S. Air Force aircraft 06940.

Box 3
Folder 35 - Terry Isaacs, South Plains College
- Letters 10 & 12/1996 and June 1997 From Terry Isaacs, Associate Prof History, South Plains College to Welzenbach requesting information and thanking him for same re article Isaacs is writing about U-2.
- Letter to Jack Neufeld from Cargill Hall approx. 5/1997 re attached negative review of manuscript of article "Searching for Sputnik" (author unknown). Only hint review is connected to Terry Isaacs is a penciled name on note to Don from Carg stuck on letter about article.

Folder 36 - JFK Assassination Records Review Board Letter
- 2 copies of flyer explaining the Assassination Records Review Board
- Copy of Public Law 102-526 which created the Review Board
Folder 37 - Eisenhower Library correspondence
- 1995 Letters regarding requests for information from Eisenhower Library.
- May 1995 Letters from John Eisenhower to Dr. R. Cargill Hall re Cargill article about D.D. Eisenhower and to General Bernard A. Schriever from Cargill Hall re strategic reconnaissance.
- Pen & ink print by Richard V. Sebring, Home of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas.

Folder 38 - Strategic Air Command Symposium
- Email from Robb Hoover with draft copy & published program for Strategic Air Command Cold War Shield Symposium held May 1996, Omaha. Welzenbach, Historian, Retired, CIA and Cargill Hall, Office of the Air Force Historian, among presenters.
- Maps to Omaha and SAC, Dougherty Conference Center

Folder 39 - Correspondence 1994 - 1997
- Welzenbach as contributing author of book, Corona Between the Sun & the Earth: The First NRO Reconnaissance Eye in Space, and promo sheet.
- Letter from Edward C. Powels, AFC, RAF re his Spitfire secret reconnaissance missions from China.

Folder 40 - Correspondence, Worthman and others
- Copies of pages 384, 387-388, 394 from A Scientist at the White House.
- 1984 Letters to/from Worthman and Cargill Hall, Chief, Research Division, USAF, re his review of Hall's chapter on Space, Bibliography.
- On Writing History by R. Cargill Hall.
- 1986 Letter to Amron H. Katz from Welzenbach re 1986 opening of U-2 exhibit at National Air and Space Museum. (re-copied on nonacid paper)
- NY Times 12/30/1985 article "Man who set up C.I.A.'s Airlines is Honored.

Folder 41 - 1993 Air Power History Symposium
- Correspondence with Roger G. Miller preceding the symposium and thank you letters from others after presentation.
- Prepublication critiques and comments of the paper.
- Question cards submitted re the presentation.

Folder 42 - Article reprint
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Folder 43 - Article reprint

Folder 44 - Lists of Staff

Folder 45 - Twining, Nathan F. - Transcript of Oral Interview

Folder 46 - Memo for General Erskine
- Re Unclassified 1997: Memo 11/18/1953. Overflights w/ letter from Cargill [Hall]

Folder 47 - Correspondence & publications
- 1986 - 1997 letters from R. Cargill Hall; copies of several papers published by Hall.

Folder 48 - 1996 Annual Meeting for Society for Military History
- Program book of and correspondence pre & post conference, Welzenbach's name badge from conference.
- Brochures: Society for Military History; Center for the Study of Intelligence; Arlington, Virginia area tourist brochures
- Conference presentation: From the U-2 to Corona. Text of Welzenbach's presentation for conference as submitted for security review and subsequent letter with requested security edits and suggested substitutions in text.

Folder 49 - Clipping, Chicago Sun-Times

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Folder 50 - Journal Reprint, Overhead

Folder 51 - Paper From the U-2 to Corona
- The Search for Invisibility / Welzenbach, Donald E., 10 p. (and materials about Corona and U-2 added Dec 2007)

Folder 52 - Reprint, Daring
- Those Daring Young Men and their Ultra-High-Flying Machines / Welzenbach, Donald E. and Galyean, Nancy, p 3-15.
Folder 53 - Photocopies
- February 1955 Report to the President by the Technological Capabilities Panel of the Science Advisory Committee, Meeting the Threat of Surprise Attack, p i-xi, 190.
- June 1983 Letter of transmittal from John E. Wickman, Director, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library.

Folder 54 – Note

Folder 55 - Report reprint
- Meeting the Threat of Surprise Attack, V.II, Part V, Intelligence: Our First Defense Against Surprise: Its performance, its possibilities, and its needs, p 133-152.
- Personal Note: To Don from Carg[i]ll Hall June 24, 1987.
- Memo for Secretary of Defense Forrestal from Harry Truman (photocopy) 9/24/1947 memo attached to attachment from Operation Majestic -12 re unidentified flying objects.

Folder 56 - Photocopy, NRO History (National Reconnaissance Office)

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Folder 58 - Conference Folders
- Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing, V.51, #6, June 1995, Highlight article-- CORONA: Success for Space Reconnaissance, A look into the Cold War, and a Revolution for Intelligence, pg. 689-720.
- Corona Presenters Biographical notes
- Declassified Imaging Satellite Systems (list w/specifications)
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Folder 59 - Observation satellites: Problems and Prospects
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- Weight Engineering, International Journal of Society of allied Weight Engineers, Inc. v. 47, No. 1, Summer 1987
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- Congress and the National Reconnaissance Office by Clayton D. Laurie, June 15, 2001.
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Folder 69 - Center for the Study of Intelligence Bulletin
- Center for the Study of Intelligence Bulletin Summer 2000, No. 11.
Folder 70 - Manuscript copy
- Black Lady of Espionage: the story of the U-2. Include request of 7/6/1984 from Lee S. Strickland to Deputy Director for Science & Technology to review it for security concerns and 11/26/1984 response with comments from James A. Cunningham Jr., Consultant, Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Folder 71 – Article Reprint

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• Printout of online article from website http://www.thespacereview.com/article/1602/1. Title "A bat outta Hell: the Isinglass Mach 22 follow-on to OXCART by Dwayne Day, 4/12/2010"

• Interview with James A. Cunningham, Jr; 4 October 1993 (photocopy) Printout of online article @ www.thespacereview.com. 7 pages of 10 included; PDF document printed from http://www.lazygranch.com/cia_declass.htm titled Interview with James A. Cunningham, Jr., Oct 4, 1983, "Concerning the U-2 engines..." (some material redacted, and an occasional "page denied"). Cover sheet + 44 pages.


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