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PRELIMINARY CHECKLIST  
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RECORDS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE DIRIGIBLE DISASTERS  
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## INTRODUCTION

The Joint Committee To Investigate Dirigible Disasters was created by House Concurrent Resolution 15 of April 10, 1933 (73d Cong., 1st sess.). This resolution provided that:

There is hereby created a joint committee to consist of five Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and five Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Committee was authorized to select its own chairman and was directed to investigate the cause or causes of the wreck of the Navy dirigible Akron and the wrecks of other Army and Navy dirigibles, and to fix responsibility for the wrecks. The Committee was also directed to inquire generally into the question of the utility of dirigibles in military and naval establishments and to make recommendations to the Senate and House of Representatives regarding future use of dirigibles for military or naval purposes.

The resolution also authorized the Committee or duly authorized subcommittee thereof to hold hearings and to perform other necessary tasks in carrying out the investigation.

Senators William H. King, David I. Walsh, F. Ryan Duffy, Hiram W. Johnson, and Hamilton F. Kean were appointed as members on the part of the Senate. Representatives John J. Delaney, John J. McSwain, Dow W. Harter, A. Piatt Andrew, and Clifford R. Hope were appointed as members on the part of the House of Representatives. Senator King was the Chairman.

On June 14, 1933, the Committee submitted its report, which was printed as Senate Document No. 75, 73d Congress, 1st session, and as House Report No. 266, 73d Congress, 1st session. The records were received on October 22, 1941, as Accession 856. The volume is 1 cubic foot.

CHECKLIST

- GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS. 1921-33. 1 in. 1  
General and miscellaneous correspondence, memoranda, pamphlets, copies of Congressional bills, newspaper clippings, and articles, all relating to some aspect of aviation, with particular emphasis upon the development of dirigibles and lighter-than-air craft, both in the United States and elsewhere. Unarranged.
- AKRON DISASTER FILES. 1933. 7 in. 2  
Correspondence, memoranda, copies of statements and narratives, newspaper clippings and editorials, maps, illustrations, and other such material, all pertaining to the circumstances, causes, and facts of the disaster to the dirigible Akron off the New Jersey Coast in April 1933. Unarranged.
- SUPER-AIRSHIP VOLUME. 1909-30. 1½ in. 3  
One bound volume entitled "Key to the Development of the Super-Airship," mostly relating to the history of the development and uses of the lighter-than-air craft in Germany and elsewhere, with special attention given to the Zeppelin, airship patents, merits of various types of rigid airships, and similar matters. Arranged by chapters.
- NEW YORK SUN EDITORIALS. 1923-33. 3/4 in. 4  
Copies of editorials from the New York Sun on the subjects of the practicability of dirigibles and dirigible disasters. Chronological.